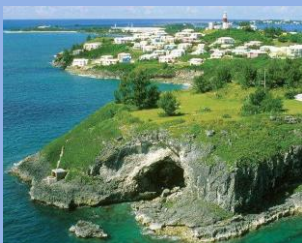


# Aqua Moon Adventures Newsletter

## Bermuda Round the Sound Swim



Greetings!

Wishing you an adventurous, exciting, happy, and healthy 2009.

Hoping you join us at one of our 2009 open water swimming events - stay tuned at [Aqua Moon Adventures](#).

-Randy

## Bonaire EcoSwim 1k; 3k; 5k & 10k Open Water Swims

October 18, 2009

Open Water swims in the following distances:

10K 7.25K 4K 2K and 0.8K

Information and Entry Forms are posted [here](#)

## Mount Everest



2009 date coming soon

Photo of two French Angels taken at the 2008 Bonaire EcoSwim and race-recap by **Patricia Sener**

Kralendijk  
12/6/08

Clear skies and a calm sea greeted sixty-six sleepy swimmers as they awoke to prepare

for the 8th Annual Bonaire Eco Swim. Ambling towards Captain Don's for their race number markings, participants happily swilled java and water and exchanged warm, slightly nervous greetings. People from all over the world-Venezuela, Canada, as well as Alaska, California, New York, and many



Brother Jim, adventurer and our legal advisor, at Mount Everest November 2009.

## 2008 Open Water Swimming Man and Woman of the Year

Announced by Steven Munatones [10kswimmer.com](http://10kswimmer.com)

After 5,641 unique online votes were submitted at [10kswimmer.com](http://10kswimmer.com), Randy Nutt of the Florida Gold Coast Masters was selected as the 2008 World Open Water Swimming Man of the Year and Edith van Dijk of the Netherlands was selected as the 2008 World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year.

Twenty-five accomplished individuals from 12 countries, covering all aspects of the open water swimming world, were nominated. Voters were asked to select one individual who embodies the spirit of open water swimming, possesses a sense of adventure, tenacity and perseverance that open water swimmers are known for, and who positively influenced the world of open water swimming in 2008.

places in-between-gathered together in an air of anticipation and bonhomie for the 10k, 5k, 3k and 1k races. The stellar water-famous for its amazing clarity, and beauty-waited in its 82F splendor. The colors ranged from a brilliant turquoise to rich cobalt, known locally as "the deep blue". Not without a touch of awe swimmers jumped in for the water start, just as the clouds kindly rolled in just in time to shade the fair-skinned swimmers. Boat support, generously provided the Bonaire Marine Park and Captain Don's, were already in place, as were the dedicated kayak support team. The air was a comfortable 83F as the countdown began. As swimmers started off towards their respective buoys, the race was occasionally interrupted by excited shouts of "turtle!" drawing swimmers off-course for a closer look. Sea turtles, giant blue parrotfish, great barracuda, and moray eels were some of the many exotic (at least to the non-locals) species that were encountered during the event. Bonaire, famous for it's exceptional sea life and coral reefs, also thankfully has very little in the way of nasty critters, making for an idyllic swim. Jimmy Wellborn, winner of the 10k swim, was rewarded with a frosty Polar as soon as his hand left the finish buoy. As swimmers left the dock, they gathered at Rumrunners for icy refreshment and to await the award ceremony. Afterwards, an impromptu dance party broke out, spurred on by the Venezuelans. Cave tours, a huge school of dolphin, groups swims (one to Klein Bonaire), eagle rays, a sunset snorkel aboard the very special Siamese junk Samur, octopus, seahorses, the famous flamingos-these were all part of the swimmers' experience of Bonaire. Shared laughter while watching for the green flash at sunset cemented many an old and new friendship, as swimmers vowed to return to paradise next year.

**And maybe stay a bit longer next time....**

**Edith van Dijk, a former six-time world open water swimming champion and 2005 Open Water Swimmer of the Year, came out of retirement after giving birth to a daughter to finish 14th in the Olympic 10K Marathon Swim. She closed out her remarkable career with three fourth-place finishes at the 2008 European Open Water Swimming Championships in the 5K, 10K and 25K.**

**Randy Nutt, a creator of boutique open water swims throughout the Caribbean through Aqua Moon Adventures, won both the World Open Water Swimming Man of the Year award and the U.S. Masters Swimming Dorothy Donnelly Service Award for his long-time volunteer activities in open water swimming. Over the years, Randy has directed the popular Swim Around Key West, the St. Croix Coral Reef Swim, the Bonaire EcoSwim and the Bermuda Around the Sound Swim.**

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