



## Vanuatu 11th -16th June

Entries are coming in for the Vanuatu Ocean Swim in Port Vila on June 12th, and the Espiritu Santo Aore Swim on June 15th.

The Vanuatu Ocean Swim will again feature a 3.2km and 1.5km swims in Port Vila's picturesque harbour.

The challenging 2.6km crossing of the Second Channel from Luganville to the beautiful Aore Resort awaits on Espiritu Santo.

Many swimmers, their family and friends are combining the swims with an extended stay in Vanuatu, exploring, diving or just relaxing.

More details can be found on the Pacific Swims [website](#).



## New Fiji swim series kicks off in style

The first two of the six event Fiji Ocean Swim Series took place in February and March at Yatule Beach Resort, on Fiji's famous Natadola Beach, with young swimmers from the Mako Swim Club dominating the first two series events.

The format of 700m and 2.5km on day one, and the 5km individual and 5 x 1km relay on day two is proving popular, with the shorter event providing an ideal introduction to open water swimming for younger and novice swimmers, and the longer distances offering a challenge to the more experienced swimmers.

As well as providing some valuable open water racing experience for Fiji's emerging swimmers and the growing number of locally based masters swimmers, the series is also raising funds for the Fiji Cancer Society as well as bringing focus to issues relating to the preservation of Fiji's marine environment.

There's growing overseas interest in the series as well, with swimmers planning holidays around some of the series events later in the year.

[Read more.](#)

## Swim Safaris proving popular

Our Swim Safaris are proving popular, with demand dictating a busy schedule throughout 2010 and more safaris planned.



Early March saw our first Swim Safari of the year in Fiji's Yasawa Islands, with some new swims introduced.

See our report and pictures on the Safari coming soon.

### Focus on our oceans

Doug Woodring, organiser of two of our partner events in Hong Kong, the Clean Half and the Sheko Challenge swims, was in Fiji recently with the Hong Hong Team competing in the annual Wai Tui Canoe Regatta.

Whilst in Fiji Doug got some media time focussing on another passionate interest and area of expertise of his, the plastics problem affecting our oceans.

Doug is a founding member of Project Kaisei which researches marine debris, particularly that resulting from the currents in the North Pacific Gyre.

The project aims to find ways to collect and recycle the massive amounts of plastic material collecting in our oceans as well as providing educational forums bringing attention to the damage caused to marine life from carelessly discarded plastics.

The project is also promoting World Ocean Day on the 6th of June, encouraging groups around the world to clean up their patch. See details on how you can help can be found at <http://www.projectkaisei.org/world.html>

Pacific Swims through its Fiji Ocean Swim Series, Vanuatu and Espiritu Santo Swims and Swim Safaris is promoting clean ups at a variety of venues throughout 2010.



See you in the water

Paul McCoy



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