



Swimmer profile - Peter Gibbs

After the rain and snow, yesterday was perfect, if a bit cold. I went for a long walk, admiring the calm seas and the many swimmers who were out there in water.

As I got to the yacht club carpark I ran into Terry Bone, who was just wandering down for a swim. At the water's edge we met Ben Van Dyke and Ben Marshall, who were just coming in from their swim of about 1500m.

We got talking about these swim profiles. I said it was a bit of a slog to get swimmers to replay to emails and all of them promised to get some information to me.

I've emailed a lot of swimmers, so I appeal to you to keep the ball rolling. Dob in your friends - everyone has a story to tell and I'm happy to do a phone interview to try to squeeze that story out of you.

It's been suggested I should post my own profile. I feel as if I have far too much to say anyway, but here goes.

I've been competing in swimming all my life and in triathlon from my early 30s. I'm now 71 and stopped running two years ago, so as a winter occupation I've taken up long walks.

A year ago I walked from St Jean Pied de Port in Spain across to Santiago de Compostela in Spain - a distance of just on 800m. The photo was taken somewhere near the start of that walk.

Right now I should be back there - walking along the northern coastline of Spain from San Sebastian, but instead I'm trudging around streets and trails much closer to home.

As far as my sporting background goes, I'll opt out and instead refer you to this story that someone else wrote seven years ago (Was it you Simon Bloomberg?)

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/our-people/8454206/Triathlon-man-looks-forward-to-a-break>