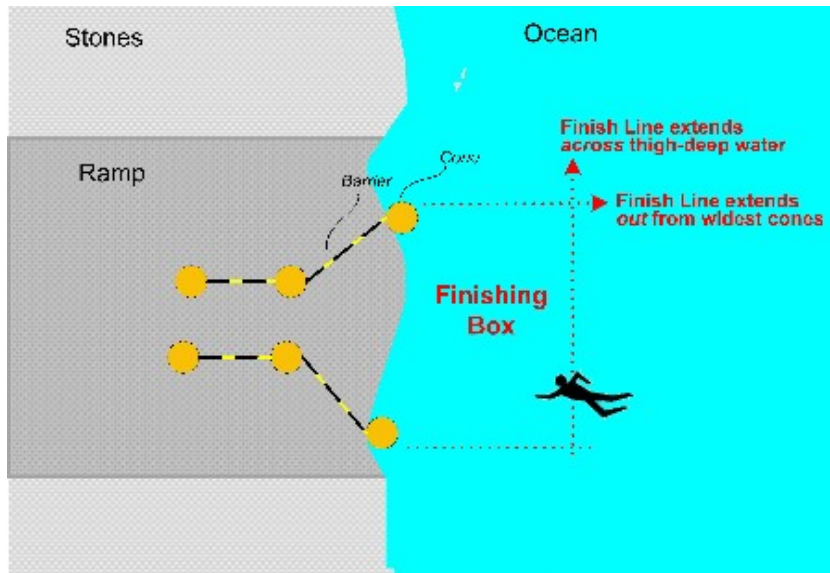


Swim finish procedure



The finish line for the sea swims is in the water as the ramp is too slippery to walk or run up as part of the race. The finish line extends across thigh-deep water - the last place to which you can reasonably swim - and is a Finishing Box created from "virtual" lines intersecting *across* thigh-deep water, and *out* from the widest cones placed on the ramp, as shown below.

Note that:

- You must enter the Finishing Box by crossing into thigh-deep water, between the cones, to finish the race
- *Remember* that you must be in thigh-deep water, and you must be between the cones, to be placed and timed
- Your time and placing will be recorded when you enter the Finishing Box - thigh deep water between the cones - whether you enter by swimming or by walking
- You may enter the Finishing Box by swimming or by walking but where you stand up will not affect your result - standing up behind a swimmer as they enter the Finishing Box will not place you in front of them!
- An athlete (either swimming or walking) who enters the Finishing Box will be placed and timed in front of an athlete (either swimming or walking) who has not yet entered the Finishing Box
- The "thigh-deep water" line will be the shallowest water into which you can reasonably be expected to swim, and generally, athletes who keep swimming will enter the Finishing Box ahead of those walking
- The "widest cones" line will extend out from the two cones on the ramp which are closest to the water, generally approx. 3 - 4 metres apart
- Note that it is generally safer to swim in as far as possible - in particular, please don't try and walk along the shoreline as this is very slippery
- The Finishing Box is formed by "invisible" or "virtual" lines set by the finish line referees so you will not see these lines!
- The finish line referees watch the Finishing Box very carefully to call the finish order but the referee's decision is final!

