

Blue September swim

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Close to forty swimmers braved the chilly sea temperatures on Sunday and swam 600m to raise nearly \$2000 to support victims of Prostate Cancer.



Matthew Hansen



Angus Perham



Lucy Barron

Matthew Hansen cruised home in a touch over 8 minutes to claim victory over Angus Perham, but it was Perham who most encapsulated the spirit of the swim, raising nearly \$1000 for the charity through sponsorships from his Interislander ferry workmates.

Lucy Barron was next to finish, ahead of Jon Linyard and Jude Vincent.

With a large high tide still an hour away at race start, swimmers faced a tough battle as they headed south into the teeth of a strong current.

However, once around the southern mark it was a rapid journey back to the Nelson Yacht Club ramp and a welcome exit from the 14 degree waters.

Summer swim series sponsor Port Nelson backed Sunday's event, cooking up a mountain of sausages and crumbed fish, with proceeds from sales also going to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

After this chilly season introductions, swimmers will be gearing up for a full season in the sea, with the weekly Port Nelson series starting on November 7.