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Meet Rogerio and Eric

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These two local dive-boatmen in Puerto Morelos are in charge of my safety and decisions as to where we train while here in Mexico. It's a bit tricky, in that the Yucatan Channel flows at a fierce speed to the North. Closer to shore, where the currents are not so strong, there's a long, long reef and when it's wavy, it's dangerous to swim too close to it, in fear of being thrown up onto the sharp coral.

Now, it's certainly not the same as being with my close friends Mark and Angie Sollinger who run my training camp in St Maarten. That's family....along with our intrepid teammate Fred Steele there. But to meet these two for the first time the day before our first 13-hour swim and then to witness them help handlers Bonnie and Allison with every possible detail all day long.....to see their wonderment and respect for someone working so hard.... to have them take me out into the strong currents and waves but somehow still time it, to the second, that we arrive back at the starting beach in 13 exact hours, they're impressive...and I'm grateful for their professionalism and their enthusiasm.



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jean golden

May 4, 2012

I remember those reefs. I rubbed a coral and got deathly ill. Glad you are done and home safe. Take care, Diana. Sending love.

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Kathe

May 4, 2012

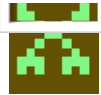
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I live about 4 hours south of Puerto Morelos and follow you on Facebook. I love my hat and t shirt from your 103 mile attempt. Good luck in all your endeavors.

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Laura B.

May 4, 2012

It sounds as if you are in good hands with them, I'm happy that they will keep you safe! 13 hours in the water is fantastic! Keep up the good work, Diana! Take good care.

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that we can dream big, live life
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