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Tomorrow, Diana will discuss more fully what she experienced with the man of war stings and the devastating effects those stings had on ability breath and function. For now, here some photos of those stings, taken aboard the boat back to Key West.

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Your purchase of a Wristband, Hat, Polo or T-Shirt will help bring Diana, one stroke at a time, across the ocean from Cuba to Florida!



40 Comments



Barbara

September 25, 2011

My gosh... Take Care Diana, I can't imagine the pain you have and are enduring. Hoping you create some time for yourself to rest and relax. You've put your time in... may your whole crew get a good nights rest soon!
Take gentle care...

Reply



Carol Moore

September 25, 2011

So many have no clue what you experienced swimming definitely not me, I am so proud of you and I hope to meet you one day!

Reply



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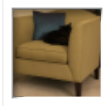
September 25, 2011

You are incredible, Diana. As a queer athlete, you are truly my hero. In such an isolating sport, too. Keep it up lady! I can't wait to share your story with my class (I teach Kindergarten). Thanks!

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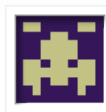


Julia Wolfe

September 25, 2011

I don't know that she has identified herself that way and I think we need to be respectful of her choice. (But I could be wrong about identifying herself that way publicly.)

Reply



Name

September 26, 2011

What?

Reply



Krisie

September 25, 2011

Ouch!!! That looks painful and I know it was worse than that. To think that you kept swimming after the first attack still floors me. I think the previous post about you have chutzpah you have is one of the best explanations. As my old vice principal said last night, you are a W-O-M-A-N! Go Diana, go! Thank you for sharing your engery and dream.

Reply



AnnaCico

September 25, 2011

Terrible terrible.... blue bottles are so common in Australia too. I know how much they hurt and the ones you got must have been the very big ones with long tentacles which wrap around you. You are brave and awesome, every which way.

Reply



Kori

September 25, 2011

Ouch ouch ouch! You are one tough lady!

Reply



Clare

September 25, 2011

So sorry for the stings but SO VERY PROUD of the distance you covered. Hope your recovery is fast.

Reply



Alicia

September 25, 2011

Sending you best wishes for a speedy recovery! You are an amazing woman!

Reply

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Laura Miller

September 25, 2011

So sorry for the pain you endured. So elated with your accomplishment. You were my hero back in 75 and I am very proud to say you are still in 2011. Just amazing! You bring so much joy and inspiration to anyone that familiarizes themselves with your courage. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!! 3> It must feel amazing to leave behind a legacy such as yours. Dream on!

Reply



Lt. D. Young

September 25, 2011

Ms. Nyad,

Let me say, since it seems like I'm the only MALE who would dare post here... I am inspired by your strong will, determination, and sheer UNF! It is not every day that a woman of your caliber does something extraordinary. I am also proud to see that a woman as young as you are, in today's world, still has DREAMS, and the gumption to go out and at least attempt something that, in all honesty, at 26 years old, I would probably never try. Combat is one thing, however, what you did, goes beyond what I know that I am capable of. I wish you a speedy recovery and hope and pray that you do not give up yet. CARPE DIEM!

Reply



Pete Habel

September 26, 2011

Not so Lt D Young! I have been posting here since Diana started her swim. I was inspired by Diana in '78, she showed me at my young age that dreams are possible and put me on a life of swimming. Now in 2011 she has reenforced my desire to return to the water. An amazing woman, winner all around. Will. Determination. Perserverance. Guts.

Reply



Neena Hallock

September 25, 2011

Well said Lt. . . I am a 60 year old women who thought of Diana as my mentor since I was a young girl. I even inscribed a T-Shirt with her name. I am also a retires US Marine. Speedy recovery Diana!

Reply



Katherine Tracey

September 25, 2011

Oh my gosh – those look so painful, I can't imagine how you kept going. I am so inspired by your story. You are an incredible woman, and an amazing athlete;

your determination will continue to motivate so many people. Congratulations on another heroic swim.

Reply

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Rabbi RuthAdar

September 25, 2011

Diana, you have inspired me for years. Those welts look excruciating. I wish you healing of body and spirit. Your athleticism challenges all of us over 50 to dream higher and to reach higher towards those dreams.

Reply



Sandra

September 25, 2011

You should be very proud of your self as we are proud of you. I wish the best for you and take care.

Reply



Mel

September 25, 2011

Wow, and you're still standing...? bravo again and again... where you get the will to stand up again I have no idea, but good on ya, I'm so proud of you and what you are doing and the example you are setting... may your owies be better soon soon soon.

Reply



April Riddell

September 25, 2011

I am aw struck and amazed at your strength, courage and perseverance. You are an amazing woman and you continue to inspire me.

Reply



Hope

September 25, 2011

FEAKIN OUCH! I hope you are comfortable now and on the mend.

Thanks for all you do to keep the rest of us "master athletes" inspired. Though your positive demeanor and willingness to take on the hard stuff of life is an inspiration to all human beings..athletes or not. Your perseverance and grace in pursing your dreams sets an example for the rest of us.

Reply



Jess

September 25, 2011

I can't imagine how painful those stings were/are! It is unbelievable to me that you had the courage to jump back in the water after that. Sending love, energy, and strength to heal well!

Reply



Sabi

September 25, 2011

Well if it's REALLY about your own finish line and your own other shore, then why did you want the whole world to know about it?

Reply

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Amanda

September 26, 2011

Sometimes it can be inspiring to others for someone to share such a big goal, dream, or accomplishment with the world. If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all. I don't see you out there doing what she's done....

Reply



Michelle

September 25, 2011

Diana-

You never cease to amaze!!! We all are once again inspired by your physical and mental toughness! You are truly an incredible woman, and an amazing athlete. You are the Epitome of Determination and Commitment. I was only 13 years old in 1978, when you first attempted this crossing. Now at 46, I am once again in awe and motivated by your latest journey. You gave all you had, and I, like so many others, am extremely proud of you! You have undoubtedly mastered "Mind over Matter"! Thank you for sharing your dream and showing the world that age does not limit you. Congratulations on yet another heroic swim! I wish you a speedy and complete recovery. I will continue to send positive energy and healing thoughts your way! Namaste!

Reply



Mirella

September 26, 2011

This looks very painful. Your determination, strength, courage are of such an inspiration. I've been following your every stroke and I'm constantly overwhelmed by your power to overcome any obstacle standing in between you and your dream. Thank you and good luck!

Reply



Elizabeth

September 26, 2011

I am a 63 yr old woman who has been inspired beyond words by your strength & perseverance & fearlessness. There are many times when I think about things I would still like to accomplish, then fear & self-doubt creep in. You have inspired me to overcome the fear & live my life to its fullest. This might be the best time of my life!! Thank you, Diana! With highest regards....

Reply



Swimming Holiday

September 26, 2011



It looks nasty and you must be super strong to cope with this stings all over your body. Heal well!

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Name

September 26, 2011

Is it possible that she may decide to post just because her strength gives others strength? Her perseverance is commendable and we should all be as talented as she. She obviously has a lot of followers and people that want to be kept informed about her dreams. Yours is the only negative comment on here, and I think that is saying a lot right there.

Reply



Na'ama

September 26, 2011

Wow, Diana, these look ouchy—but YOU, my friend—you look amazing. You are YOU. And that's gorgeous. 😊

Reply



George

September 26, 2011

Boy, I thought you meant you met Sting, the musician...not jellyfish...

Reply



Deege

September 26, 2011

Diana, You continue to inspire us all! I can relate to those damn man-o-war stings! I had the pleasure of meeting you on the Kona shoreline in February 1982 after my battle with the man-o-war...Great to see you're still pushing and inspiring us all!!

Reply



Pat

September 26, 2011

Holy crap! (pardon my French) How in the name of all that is holy (crap) did you keep going after the first sting let alone the second?!? Ciminy! You're determination is awe inspiring!

Reply



Sam

September 26, 2011

It has been amazing to see all of the publicity that you have received over the years for not really accomplishing much in the marathon open water swimming world. You attempted the English Channel three times in your prime and failed. Maybe you are simply a media fascination because you are an openly queer athlete. But oh how you can get sponsor money in your pocket!! \$500,000 to swim a channel was simple greed on your part.

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Johnson

September 26, 2011

Sam, you are absolutely correct. Nyad is an OPENLY QUEER

athlete that is a media hound. She is a self aggrandizing promoter that has pimped the world into believing she can do something that she could never possibly accomplish. For God's sake, how about she finishes the English Channel. Like you said Sam, real open water swimmers know the real story on Myad and that is why there had to be Steve Munatones on board to authenticate any claim by Myad. She's been that way all of her life – even in age group and high school swimming. What a sad pointless life she has led. Just go away Myad and stop.

Reply

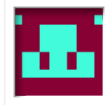
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JHM

September 26, 2011

My god, does the word 'homophobic' spring to mind? What sexist, pointless drivle. Keep your comments for your personal diary.

Reply



Name

September 26, 2011

Sam—and what have YOU done with your life? Just askin'

Reply



Kristina

September 26, 2011

WOW, what a disgusting comment! Who gives a tinkers damn if this athlete is gay. She tried really hard to make this swim and I doubt many people could do 1/8 of what she accomplished. It takes money for a team of experts like she had.

Reply



Johnson

September 26, 2011

Kristina, real open water marathon swimmers know the real story here. How about her wearing fins in the past? Do a little research and you will see that she can't hold a candle to those that have completed the real channel (cold water) swims like the English Channel. Give those women like Lynne Cox, Penny Dean, Penny Palfrey and Alice Streeter a little more credit. 80+ degree water for Myad is like a swimming pool – no biggie in the real world of open water swimming.

Reply



Name

September 26, 2011

Really, Johnson—is this the time and place to be expressing YOUR bitterness?

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JHM

September 27, 2011

Diana, set your sights on the next dream – there are always the naysayers whose sole purpose is to extoll their own lack of virtue and, sadly, do it publicly. There are many more who wish you – and every other person with dreams – the positive power to accomplish what you will, and inspire others to do the same. We'll look forward to the continuation and/or genesis of your (and others') stories.

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