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Encountering Extraordinary Animals

Posted by Xtreme Dream Team on Sep 24, 2011 in Blog | 37 comments



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Diana's Tweets



- After over 40 hours of swimming and two Portuguese Man-of-War stings, Diana ended the swim at 11am
<http://ow.ly/6EbfY> about 4 hours ago from HootSuite

This afternoon – it is stunning to actually witness – Diana is swimming stronger and stronger. Her strokes are up to 50 per minute, she is eating pasta, gobbling bananas, bits of peanut butter sandwiches, along with high-carb & high calorie liquid concoctions. Bonnie Stoll has not left her side.

Conditions remain calm beyond expectations. Angie Sollinger, a crew member, said she has lived in the Caribbean for 27 years and has rarely witnessed this extensive period of the Doldrums.

Around 1pm – and don't everybody get excited here – an [Oceanic white tipped shark](#) was spotted near Diana in the midst of the three boat flotilla. Diana is deeply committed to the safety of these extraordinary animals. It was a testament to the talents of her safety divers as they approached the shark. Rob MacDonald, one of the divers, swam towards the shark, where they faced off within 10 feet of one another. "I guess he thought I was more aggressive than him, and he turned in the other direction," said MacDonald. Everyone else, it must be said, breathed a huge sigh of relief.

At 3:15pm today, Diana is now 35 statutory miles from Havana about one-third of the way to Florida.

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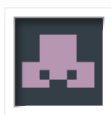
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Your purchase of a Wristband, Hat, Polo or T-Shirt will help bring Diana, one stroke at a time, across the ocean from Cuba to Florida!



37 Comments



Jeff

September 24, 2011

You're an inspiration! We're all watching and pulling for you!!

Reply



Diane

September 24, 2011

We second what Jeff said, we're all watching and pulling for you too!!!! 😊 DT,
Boise, ID

Reply



Linda

September 24, 2011

awesome,Diana
So many are with you...

Reply



Deb

September 24, 2011

You are on our minds and we are thinking and wishing you nothing but the best!
You inspire me!

Reply



Bo Chamberlain

September 24, 2011

Amazing!

Reply



Anne

September 24, 2011

Pulling for you every stroke of the way. You are fearless and totally awesome.

Reply

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Cindy A.

September 24, 2011

This is a perfect time for your amazing grit and determination. You are a role model for everyone. You will make it!

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Dave Wyman

September 24, 2011

Some people settle in life, taking only the responsible path. Some destroy themselves with passion. And some, like Diana Nyad, have figured out how to combine what we have to do in life with what we want to do with our lives.

I am in awe, and not just for the goal, but for her making the difficult journey to reach her goal.

Reply



Sharon O'Dell

September 24, 2011

Wow, what a beautiful shark – dangerous, but beautiful.

Diana you are a MACHINE! (I mean that in the best of ways)

Keep it up girl, You are on time, on track and AMAZING!

Sending you energy, love, power, strength!!

Reply



Janet R

September 24, 2011

Keep up the good work, Diana, we are all cheering for you here! Thank you for the inspiration!

Reply



Mimi

September 24, 2011

Diana,

I really want this for you and for all women, especially those of a certain age.

Reply



Swimming Vacation

September 24, 2011

Go Diana GO! The sea, team, everything is now with you!!!

Reply



Charlene Bell

September 24, 2011

Key West Conch Traders are pulling for you 500%!!

Reply



Blonde Seashell

September 24, 2011

You soooo rock, Diana! I am in awe of your mindset and your guts. Sending you positive vibes, prayers, and best wishes for a safe, and successful completion of your dream. You go girl! 🍀

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George Park

September 24, 2011

You are doing well, keep on stroking. You may remember me from the old days. You swam in a few of the swims just as I was giving up the marathon swimming circuit in the late sixties and early seventies.

Reply



Calvin

September 24, 2011

You are an inspiration to all of us, but especially those of us over 40. You rock, and we will see you in Florida. God Bless You.

Reply



Lines of Beauty

September 24, 2011

I am spellbound.
All my best to Diana and the crew!

Reply



Lisa

September 24, 2011

Keeping up with your extraordinary swim here in South GA! You are amazing!

Reply



Marc

September 24, 2011

You are in inspiration and you got me fired up again after I fell off the wagon... thanks Dear...God Bless you Beloved!

Reply



Laura Kumin @MotherWouldKnow

September 24, 2011

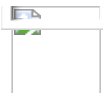
Awesome. For anyone who has ever had a dream, you're an inspiration beyond compare. Keep swimming, but way more importantly – keep dreaming! We're with you.

Reply



Jillian G

September 24, 2011



Go diana!!! We are wholeheartedly believing you will succeed. Thanks for your dedication and hard work. You are an amazing inspiration to all of us!!!!

Reply

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K

September 24, 2011

Very impressive – amazing accomplishment. Have a great swim....will be following you.

Reply



Amanda

September 24, 2011

You will do it!

Reply



Jay S

September 24, 2011

You're gonna do it this time!! Rock on!

Reply



Catherine

September 24, 2011

You are inspiring to many people, especially "baby boomers." I'm praying for you and I'm hoping to see a photo of you in Florida after you accomplish your goal!

You can accomplish your goal!

Reply



Rob Macpherson

September 24, 2011

I have followed you with amazement and such pride. You are truly an amazing woman! Our family is praying for strength and endurance as you come in to your second night. I'm amazed how you are able to go so long with no sleep.

Reply



Gail Arakelian

September 24, 2011

You are awesome! I will turn 60 in Jan. You make it less scary. Rock on!

Reply



paul thomas

September 24, 2011

Like Bannister breaking the 4 min mile when no one ever thought it was humanly possible to run that fast – if you do this Diana you are going to break open the minds of older people who have settled in to THINKING that at their age – these things cannot be done. AGE MATTERS NOT. It's the POWERFUL THINKING MIND that makes amazing things like this happen.

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TC

September 24, 2011

You so rock Diana. Send you lots of love and strength

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Sully

September 24, 2011

POWER ON GIRL!! YOU ARE AMAZING!!! 3 days without sleep. 3 days in water.

100 miles – thousands of strokes! at 62!!! WOW — gotta be one of the great athletic achievements in history.

Reply



Barbara

September 24, 2011

You are an inspiration to all ages.....go Diana!

Reply



Terrie wurzbacher

September 24, 2011

You've encountered everything and are continuing to conquer! Keep it up Diana!

You and your team are phenomenal

Reply



Maggie

September 24, 2011

FANTASTIC! You've got the heart to build bridges over troubled waters! Truly an inspiration!!! Go Diana Go!!!

Reply



Linda Lange

September 24, 2011

Even the marine life KNOW you are SUPER WOMAN!!! You are doing awesome!

Reply



Amanda Suiti

September 24, 2011

DESDE NICARAGUA, MUCHO APOYO Y NUESTROS DESEOS DE BUENA VOLUNTAD EN ESE EMPEÑO EXTRAORDINARIO!!SEGUIREMOS AL TANTO DE ESA HAZAÑA!

Reply



MaryAnn Sheridan

September 25, 2011

Godspeed Diana!! Swim on sista!!!

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MARIA ANTONIA

September 25, 2011

NO MATTER IF USA POLITICS HATE THE CUBAN NATION : WE THE CUBAN PEOPLE WILL BE ALWAYS WITH YOU!
THANKS !

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