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Posted by admin on Jun 16, 2011 in Blog | 2 comments



My nephew, Tim Wheeler, graduate of the prestigious Berkeley Journalism School, is making the documentary film of this Xtreme Dream of mine. The film is titled "The Other Shore" and Tim has followed me closely for two years not, with more than 200 hours of film already shot. He has award-winning camera, sound and editing people on his crew.

One of the side bars of this expedition is that, unlike most athletes who retire before the young people in their lives ever get a chance to see them at their world-class best, I actually have a number of my closest intimates involved in this Cuba Swim.....people who didn't even know me when I was younger and and in the heart of my athletic career.

My nephew Tim is the prime example. Tim was born in September of 1978, just a month after I had tried and failed to make it from Cuba to Florida the first time.

All his 32 years, he's been hearing about his aunt, who used to be the famous swimmer. Now he is in the thick of the action. How many 61-year-olds can return to the world stage of sports? It's rare. And

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- @blkberryswirl Back at ya! Have fun, be safe and take in the New Year with a blast! 08:13:41 PM December 26, 2011 from HootSuitein reply to BlkBerrySwirl
- @angelasmith_ Yes, I love the holidays. Hope you had a great Christmas. 08:13:03 PM December 26, 2011 from HootSuitein reply to AngelaSmith_
- @h2ornrspf Thanks for the mention. Hope your enjoying the Holidays 06:06:35 PM December 26, 2011 from HootSuitein reply to H2OrnrSPF
- @marystan55 Your very welcome. Keep pushing ONWARD into 2012 and beyond! 06:05:12 PM December 26, 2011 from HootSuitein reply to marystan55
- Just in case you havent seen my video yet, I wanted to make sure I got to say Happy Holidays to all of my followers!

one of the delights is to have Tim there with me. Similar situation with Bonnie.....and my sister....but more on them later.

<http://t.co/J2fZgmde> 05:16:24 PM
December 26, 2011 from HootSuite

I used to be an announcer for the US Open Tennis Championships. The year that Jimmy Connors made his heroic comeback, at age 39, in New York, his son Brett was then 7. So for one magical night, his actually got to see him wow the tennis world, as only Jimmy could, instead of simply hearing from

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others how great his dad once was. I am no longer a faded face on torn newspaper clippings of long ago to my dear hear nephew. I am a living, breathing, athlete of NOW. How very special to share this with Tim. His film is going to be a work of art. We'll let you know where it will be broadcast after the Dream is finally achieved.

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Ashley

June 20, 2011

Diana, I've been avidly following this latest adventure of yours, and am so inspired by your commitment to finishing this Great Big Swim (and can't wait to hear about your Next Big Adventure, too, once this one is complete!)

I recently came across this article about Penny Palfrey's swim in the Caymans, and while I totally admire her desire to fulfill her athletic goals, I'm opposed to the methods that were used to keep her "safe" in the process:

<http://www.practicalfishkeeping.co.uk/content.php?sid=4041>

It seems to me, as an athlete, that part of undertaking any challenge has to be surviving the natural habitat of whatever environment you've chosen for your particular goal — whether that's (in my case) running with mountain lions and bears, or (in your case) swimming in a body of water where sharks live. Killing the animals that inhabit the land/water of your chosen challenge just seems unsportsmanlike to me, not to mention completely cruel.

I know you're a nature lover and I can't imagine you'd allow your crew to kill sharks just so that you can complete this swim, but I wonder what your thoughts are on this.

Reply



Ashley

July 18, 2011

Diana,

I'm SO glad you have someone filming this exciting journey. I was reading the NY Times article earlier today and kept thinking 'I really hope there's someone filming this!' (I can't help it...it's the filmmaker in me...maybe the distance swimmer part of me too.)

Best of luck to you, your nephew, and everyone else on your team! You make me want to swim again!!

Cheers,

Ashley (different Ashley from the one who left the other comment)

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