



# SCOTT TAPLEY

## Solo Swim of the 2017 Jay Moriarity Memorial Paddle, “The Jay”

Date: June 17, 2017

Course: Capitola Jetty to SC3 to Santa Cruz Wharf to Mile Buoy to SC3 to Capitola

**Straight Line Swim Course Distance:** 11.5 miles, 18.4 Kilometers

**Distance Swam via GPS and course buoy markers:** 12 Miles, 19.4 Kilometers.

(The actual paddle race course is 12 miles marked with buoys, but measuring repeatable straight-line distance using only permanent markers along the course is 11.5 miles)

**Swim Duration:** 7 hours, 4 minutes

START/FINISH	LOCATION	LATITUDE/LONGITUDE	TIME
Start	Capitola Beach at the Jetty	<b>36° 58.273'N, 121° 57.011'W</b>	06:12:00
Turn 1	SC3 Permanent Marker	36° 56.341'N, 121° 58.120'W	07:42
Turn 2	Santa Cruz Wharf (outer end)	36° 57.432'N, 122° 1.035'W	09:29
Turn 3	Mile Buoy	36° 56.301'N, 122° 0.429'W	10:19
Turn 4	SC 3 Permanent Marker	36° 56.341'N, 121° 58.120'W	11:43
Finish	Capitola Beach at the Jetty	<b>36° 58.273'N, 121° 57.011'W</b>	13:16



**MBSA Observer 1:** Kim Rutherford

**Boat & Captain(s) & Navigation:** Jim Ready

**Crew and Paddlers:** Robin Rose and Emma Kelsey



**Sanctioning:**

This swim was observed and sanctioned by the Monterey Bay Swimming Association

**Swim Category:**

Unassisted Marathon Solo Swim

**Rules**

This swim was conducted following the rules for all Monterey Bay Relay swims as published by the [Monterey Bay Swimming Association](#).

This swim also followed guidelines defined by the [Marathon Swimmers Federation](#).

### Costume & Swim Gear:

1. Swimmer used swimwear that conforms to Monterey Bay Swimming Association and MSF definitions of standard equipment. One standard swim suit, one cap, and goggles.
2. Ear Plugs.
3. Single latex swim cap.
4. Speedo Vanquisher Goggles (Rx).
5. Vaseline for chaffing



### Feedings:

Scott fed from the Kayak every 30 minutes. Nutrition consisted of warm water, GU, Carbo Pro, and Baby Food packets.

### Weather & Ocean Observations:

**Wind:** Wind was calm for the duration of the swim and the sun was out from start to finish.

**Water Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit):** 59-63F

**Air Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit):** Low 62, High 72

**Swells:** Minimal

**Skies:** Clear, Sunny



## Observers' Narrative

We met Jim Ready at the harbor boat launch at 4:30 am. The sky was clear and cool and many stars were out. We launched and loaded the boat, then towed the Kayak out of the harbor, around Pleasure Point and over to the start at Capitola Beach. Scott jumped off the boat just outside the moorings and swam in to clear the water for the start.

At 6:12, Scott entered the water. The water was warm in the cove. 60F. Scott seemed to be very happy with the water temps. The sun was on the rise and the water was glassy. Scott swam strong all the way toward the outer kelp line at Pleasure Point. Scott's goal was to swim the official Jay course but also swim a documentable swim. To do this the course would require rounding all Jay Course markers (set by the race committee) and to round permanent markers so we'd have a measurable straight-line course. The straight-line course turned out to be 11.5 miles, and the Jay Race course measured just about 12 miles.

As we approached the point, the water temp dropped a lot, down to 57 and stayed there until we rounded the point on the way to the SC Wharf. By the time we got just off the SC harbor, the water was back up to 59. Scott asked the temp. He didn't believe it was 59. He thought it was colder. Lots of boats going in and out of the harbor may have been churning up the cold water. As we approached the SC Wharf, we could see the Jay Race leaders on their way from the point. They would likely catch Scott before he got to Mile Buoy. The Race camera boats were also on their way to Mile Buoy for photo opportunities.

Just before approaching Mile Buoy, the first elite level paddlers passed Scott. We could see Neal Pearlberg (KSCO Off the Lip Radio and One Hour Local Radio Show) in a boat with Terri Campion (Santa Cruz Boardroom). They were the photo boat and doing a live webcast from the Mile Buoy. They were quite surprised to see a swimmer approaching the turn at Mile Buoy, especially because the paddlers and committee boats had seen a few Great Whites in the area earlier. Scott stopped to chat with Neal and TC for a moment and then continued. By this time the masses were rounding Mile Buoy on their way back to the Point. Scott would stop occasionally to look for friends in the race. Once in a while someone paddling by would call out Scott's name with a Whoohooo, and other words of encouragement. Most people were perplexed that someone would actually be swimming the Jay.

Scott has paddled the Jay many time over the years and was involved in the very first races, which were much more low key and grass roots. Scott had always wondered if the course could be swum. Today he would find out. Scott was going well, but showing some signs of tiring. He said all of his food was too sweet and just wanted water. He still held a good pace all the way back around the Point. From the Point back to Capitola, the water warmed up again. The slower paddlers meandered by and Scott enjoyed swimming in the clear water along the kelp edge on the home stretch to Capitola.

By the time he landed, the last 12 miles paddlers had finished, and he arrived on a very crowded beach. The lifeguards were impressed and happy to see Scott finish in good health with a big smile. Scott had just become the first person to ever swim the Jay Moriarity Memorial Paddle Race course.

Swim Log	F	knots	SPM	
Time	Water Temp	Wind	Stroke Count	Observations
6:30	60F	1	59	Settling in.. Flat water, sun is on the rise.
7:00	58F	0	58	Carbo Pro
7:30	57	0	57	Stop to feed at the Jay turn buoy before heading out to round SC3
7:42				Right Shoulder SC3 – buoy is covered in muck.
				A little more texture on the water, but overall still great conditions. Sun is up
8:00	57	4	57	Water + Gu
8:30	58			Carbo Pro
8:45	59			Off the Harbor
9:00	59		57	Baby Food and Water
9:30	59		56	Carbo Pro and Gu Past the SC Wharf. Can see the masts of the Jay Race lead boats approaching behind us.
10:00				Quick Feed Water only before MB.
10:15			57	First paddlers approaching – staying wide (west) to stay out of the course.  We can see TC's boat out by mile buoy.  Emma is going to swap with Robin paddling.
10:19				Approaching Mile Buoy – yells coming from TC boat. It's Neal Pearlberg. Robin will stay with Scott around Buoy and the boat will go way out and around wide to meet him on the other side.
10:30	60		57	Scott stops to chat with Neal and TC from the water. Gu on the other side of mile buoy.
11:00	60	0	57	Baby Food and Water
11:30	62?		56	
11:43				Back to SC3. Now heading in and right of the marker at the point. Then home stretch.
12:00			57	Scott complains that his food is too sweet. Sugared out. Just wants water.
12:30	60	0	55	
13:00	62	0	57	
13:05	62+		54	Back at the moorings. Scott heads in alone with Kayak.
13:16				Finish on the beach at Capitola, just W of the Jetty. Beach is packed. It's a hot sunny day in Tola.  Swim Time: 7:04:00

