



Hello Madswimmer Fans and Friends

It's already the month of love and 2017 is almost a distant memory – **but here's a quick wrap in** case you missed out:

Last year saw the team travelling far afield for some incredible swims - the USA and Mexico, The Balearic Islands, Mozambique and even Port Shepstone! Our efforts raised another R1.5mill raised, we reached over 8000 fans on FB, had over 100 people in the water swimming for a cause and we supported 12 incredibly worthy charities.



**Our biggest challenge last year was the Great Shark Swim ...** ([watch the swim here](#))

A logistical triumph, with a support team of over 20 - medics, oceanographers, shark fundis, the **Defence Force, SAPS, solo kayakers, boats, photographers and land lubbers ...**

The team of 21 swimmers set off from Park Rynie to attempt a 100km swim, hoping to pick up the South Aghulas Current, to get to team to Port Edward – almost 30kms off shore. Thwarted at all angles by the current and the weather – our biggest challenge was a massive forest of Blue Bottles – and the final straw in a 9hr, 24km swim. Medics called it around 3pm and the teams returned to shore.

**BUT, as we all know, it's about picking ourselves up and trying again –** so please, watch this space – we are back in negotiations with the support team and authorities and there will be **another Great Shark Swim ...**

AND HERE IS THE FIRST OF OUR BIG SWIMS FOR 2018 ...

- \* An epic 2-day challenge on the Orange River
- \* Distance between 20 and 35kms per day
- \* R2000 per swimmer
- \* R2250 for people wanting to paddle
- \* Relay teams welcome
- \* Swimmers will need to link to Back-a-Buddy
- \* To enter contact Mona Van Eeden

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**MADSWIMMER**  
**The Orange River Dash**  
IN AID OF MADSWIMMER CHILDREN CHARITIES  
Funds raised will be in aid of Swim4Sadie (which supports children with rare diseases)

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**SWIM: 2 DAY SWIM 24 /25 (20KM & 35KM) MARCH 2018**  
**ENTRANCE: R2000 EXCLUDING TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION**  
More details: [www.madswimmer.com](http://www.madswimmer.com)  
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#swim4sadie

## OTHER SWIMS ON THE CARDS FOR THIS YEAR ...

The Dassen Island Swim ( 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 )

- \* An estimated CHILLY 24km swim, from Yserfontein around Dassen Island and back.
- \* Costs to be confirmed – this swim is being facilitated by Big Bay Events – details to follow
- \* Swimmers will need to link onto Back-a-Buddy for their donations to charity
- \* To enter contact Kamini Moodley ([kamini.moodley@madswimmer.com](mailto:kamini.moodley@madswimmer.com))

The Antarctica ICE Swim Expedition ( 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 )

- \* A kilometre ICE swim off the expedition Ship Akademik Loffe
- \* Costs to be confirmed
- \* Sailing from Ushuaia, Argentina
- \* Co-hosted by Madswimmer and Expeditions Online
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## Who is Madswimmer?

To those unfamiliar with our brand, Madswimmer is a proudly South African organisation involved with daring, unusual and first ever open water swims and challenges - all to raise funds for underprivileged children and children's charities.

We don't take ourselves too seriously but constantly push the boundaries to do more.

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