

WAIVER

I understand that swimming across the Straits of Mackinac is a potentially hazardous activity that may expose me or others to serious, permanent injury or death, and I should not participate in any capacity unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with swimming in the Great Lakes including, but not limited to, any bodily injuries, damaged or lost personal property including bags, swim buoy/dry bags and their contents, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I waive any claim that I might otherwise have against any person or organization described in this paragraph arising out of my participation **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions.** I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, hereby agree to defend and hold harmless Nautical North Family Adventures, all staff, volunteers, emergency medical professionals, lifeguards, Nautical North Family Adventures operators and crew (henceforth including charter boat Captains, First Mates, private vessel operators, deck hands, and volunteer spotters), from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, arising out of my participation in swimming in the Great Lakes. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to broadcast or use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of my participation in swimming the Great Lakes. I understand that swim organizers, Nautical North Family Adventures staff, the U.S. Coast Guard, other applicable law enforcement entities, emergency medical professionals and anyone acting under the direction of the aforementioned, have full authority to make safety decisions which could prohibit participants from entering the water or force swimmers out of the water without financial reimbursement or compensation. I understand and agree that if I am unable to swim the distance there will be no refund. I warrant that I am currently of legal age (18 years or older) and that I have read and fully understand the foregoing terms, and by signing my name below, I agree to abide by all and any of the rules for the swim, written or verbal as mandated by Nautical North Family Adventures staff.

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____