

# Michelle Howard

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I was born and raised in Middleville Michigan. I attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where I received a BS in Mechanical Engineering in 2015. While at the University of Michigan I took a 1 credit elective course "Shipwrecks in the Great Lakes" from professor Guy Meadows. His passion for the subject was infectious and I ended up working for him in the Marine Hydrodynamics Lab and then the Perceptual Robotics Lab where I worked with deep water side scan sonar robots that are used to find and map shipwrecks.

I have had a passion for the water from a young age. I started swimming competitively at age 8 and continued through high school. Since becoming an adult I have shifted from pool racing to open water endurance races. I have completed several 5k and 10k open water swims.

I am very excited to be part of this historic event!