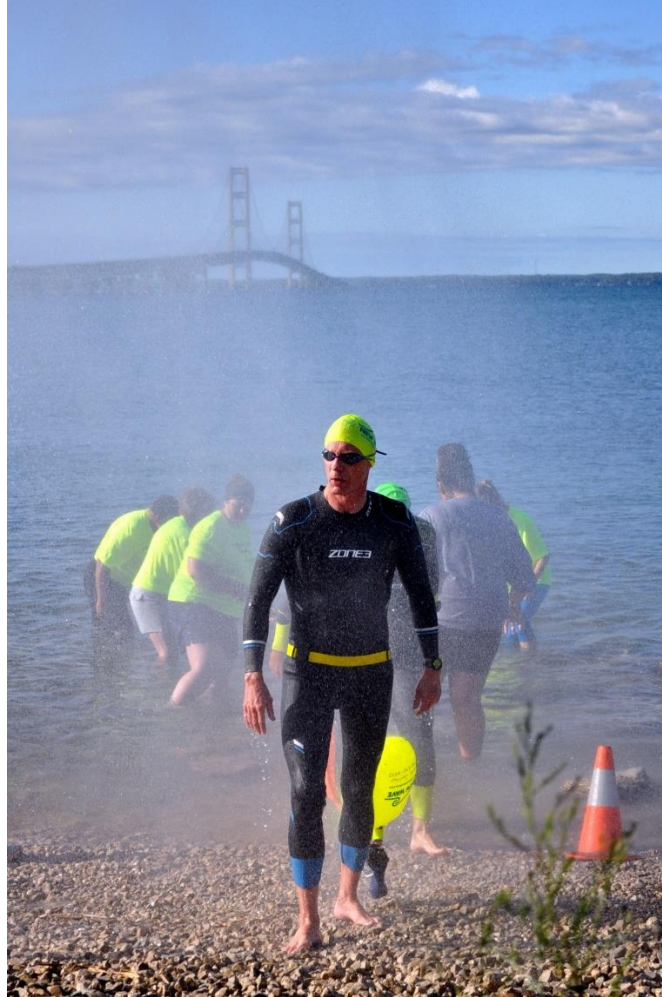


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I am a 60-year-old lifelong Michigander (and Wolverine) who loves swimming, the Great Lakes, the lake freighters that traverse them, and the lighthouses that watch over them. I grew up near Lake Saint Clair and, throughout my childhood, I was lulled to sleep by the sounds of freighters announcing their location. I'm a husband, the father of four grown children, a commercial litigation attorney with the international law firm of Clark Hill, and a former competitive swimmer who began open water swimming at the age of 59. My first open water swimming event was in 2023 when I swam across the Straights of Mackinac, which I repeated in July 2024. I am swimming the Stage 8 relay, a 26-mile stretch of Lake Huron from Presque Isle to Alpena. As a child I attended a summer camp near Presque Isle and I have great memories of that beautiful part of the state. I am thrilled to be part of this unique swimming adventure, honoring an important yet tragic event in Michigan history and fundraising for a historic Michigan lighthouse.