

# Joe Barr

## Manistique, MI



My name is Joe Barr, a lifelong resident of Manistique, MI. I have loved the water all my life. In high school, I was selected as an All-UP swimmer in 2018. Outside of the pool, I swam the annual Teal Lake Swim for Diabetes in Negaunee, MI, six years in a row from 2017-2022. A 2.25-mile swim, I won my age group in 2019 and raised awareness for diabetes research. Currently, I am a youth swimming coach for a club I founded last year, The Manistique Sharks. My hope is this swim will inspire my athletes and show them swimming can take them to amazing places. Other than that, I am a recreational scuba diver who has dove on many amazing shipwrecks in the Great Lakes such as the Cedarville and Eber Ward.

Like many other Yoopers, The Edmund Fitzgerald holds a certain aura and is respected by us all. I can't imagine a better way of paying my respects than by participating in this swim.