Dixon, Gehrman dominate Chena Splash - 7/17/10

Matt Dixon won overall and Diana Gehrman was the first female finisher in the 5 km event for the 2nd annual Chena Splash 1K/5K open water swim. Water temperature was in the low 70s on Saturday as racers swam either a 1 km or 5 km course at Chena Lakes, with separate divisions for those using a wetsuit. Melissa Head was 1st in the 1 km event overall, and David Schmidt was 1st without a wetsuit. In the 5 K event Drew Harrington stayed close with Dixon through the first 500 meters, but Harrington could not maintain the scorching pace and Dixon pulled away to win by over six minutes in 1:03:42. The first swimmers out of the water without wetsuits were Robert Herrick (fourth overall) in 1:19:36 and Gehrman in 1:19:50. The course was adjusted this year so that the 5K course was 5 km, as opposed to ~5000 yds last year.

Results:			
1 km distance			
<u>No Wetsuit</u>			
Schmidt, David	М	64	19:18
William, Kevin	М	54	25:15
Martin, Gayle	F	54	27:31
<u>Wetsuit</u>			
Head, Melissa	F	30	17:32
5 km distance			
<u>No Wetsuit</u>			
Herrick, Robert	М	46	1:19:36
Gehrman, Diana	F	19	1:19:50
Spann, Rita	F	19	1:29:32
Spann, Joe	M	50	1:29:44
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<u>Wetsuit</u>			
Dixon, Matt	M	47	1:03:42
Harrington, Drew	M	30	1:10:20
Young, Brian	M	37	1:12:46
Weis, Steven	М	57	1:20:05
Evans, Jamie	F	28	1:26:25
Peterson, John	Μ	54	1:26:40
Chamberlin, Gretchen	F	27	1:33:14
Haplau, Elinor	F	27	1:37:22
Lima, James	Μ	54	1:59:54