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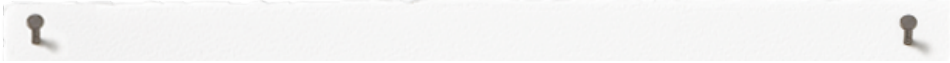
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[AUSSIE SWIMS THE NOT SO SCENIC ROUTE](#)

December 14th, 2009



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Sure, sure, some of you logic-oriented folks might argue that *swimming* from Japan to California is less efficient than, say, riding one of those big aluminum tubes with wings, but then I'll bet you can't say this about your fancy air travel: that it will [raise awareness about the environmental travesty](#) known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. So there!

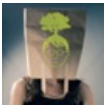
[As reported in the Sydney Morning Herald](#), Richard Pain, whose last name is hopefully not a harbinger of how well his wet suit will stand the cold, will be swimming the 9,000 kilometers (about 5,600 miles) from Japan to the U.S. inside of a six-meter long plastic bottle made from...thousands of plastic water bottles. Because, you know, hungry sharks don't like their humans wrapped in plastic. Ahem.

Pain, 45, is planning on making a film about his journey, which he hopes will be a sort of "Super Size Me" for ocean junk (rather than junk food).

No one has ever swum across the Pacific before—a fact that has apparently not deterred Mr. Pain, whose father was a bronze medal-winning rower at the 1952 Olympic Games.

In case you're worried about him getting lonely out there floating in a bottle all by himself, you should know that his shark-protection-bottle will be towed by a boat with his pregnant fiancée Natasha on board. Much more pleasant image now, isn't it?

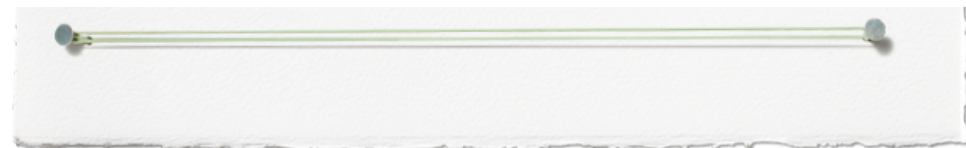
Pain expects the journey will take him about 45 weeks. He hopes to raise \$1 million for research into the North Pacific Garbage Patch.



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