Suffering for fun?



Manhattan Island Marathon Swim (August 2013)





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PANTERS GET OF

"NOW IF YOU ARE GOING TO WIN ANY BATTLE YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE MIND RUN THE BODY. NEVER LET THE BODY TELL THE MIND WHAT TO DO. THE BODY WILL ALWAYS GIVE UP. IT IS ALWAYS TIRED IN THE MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT. BUT THE BODY IS NEVER TIRED IF THE MIND IS NOT TIRED."

- GEORGE S. PATTON



The Edge (entrance hall)

"Energy and persistence conquer all things"

Benjamin Franklin

Leder (1990: 149)

"the opposition of rational mind and body may be a misreading, but one which is motivated by the lived body itself."

www.marathonswimmers.org

Welcome to the MSF.

For those who aspire to swim the world's great bodies of water with just a swimsuit, cap, and goggles.

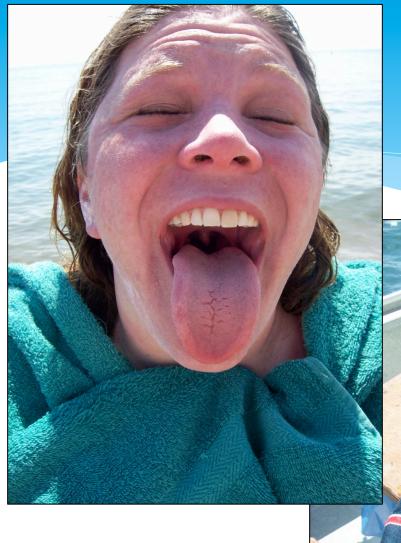


www.warwick.ac.uk/go/channelswimmer



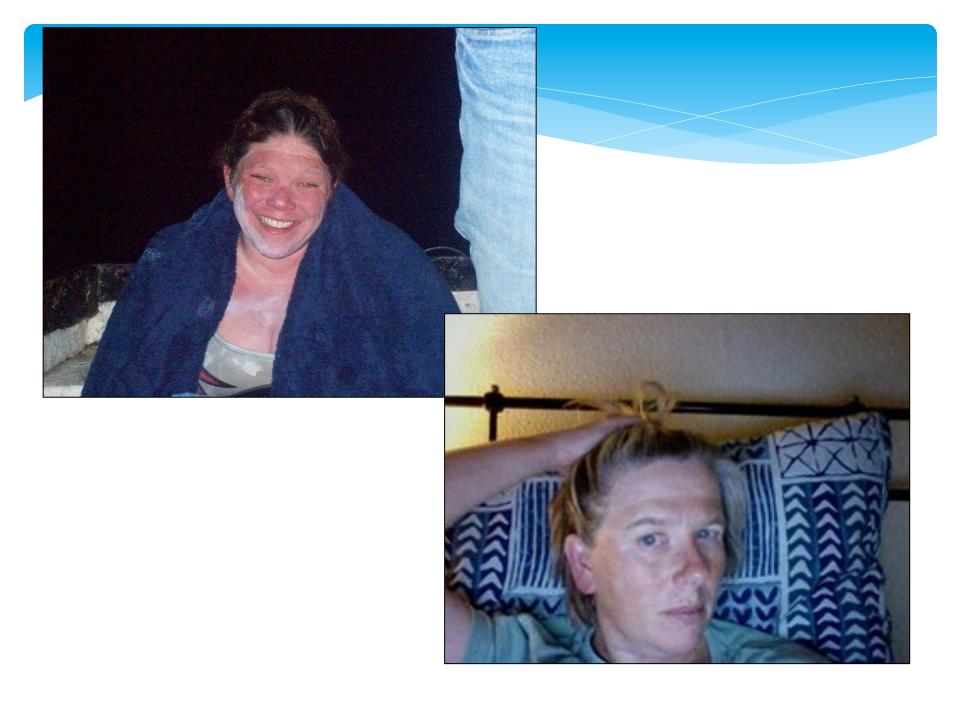
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Elaine Howley





Existential capital

"[...] comprises visceral pleasures, corporeal resources and a novel form of sociality..." Nettleton (2013: 209)





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"....the magic, memories, skills, frailties, dangers, pain and fun associated with the practice of fell running permeate the body..."