



THANET
SWIM CLUB

Speedo Festive Meet

Level 3

Sat 20th Dec & Sun 21st Dec 2025

Hartsdown Leisure Centre

Entry Fee:
£6 morning entry (covers all day), £4 afternoon entry

Programme included free
(under 12s admitted free of charge)



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**Thanet Swim Club are seeking
partnerships with local companies**

**Please contact us* if you are interested in working
with us to support childrens' swimming in Thanet**

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Conditions

Licence:

The event will be licenced to [Level 3](#)

Facilities:

This gala will take place at Hartsdown Leisure Centre, Margate, in a 25-metre pool with electronic timing, wedge blocks and anti-wave ropes.

Rules:

The meet will be run in accordance with Swim England Laws and Technical Rules and the conditions of this competition. The one start rule will be in operation throughout the meet with over the top starts. All swimmers must be registered with Swim England and be members of a club affiliated to Swim England. The gala promoter has the right to amend the programme to ensure the smooth running and fairness of the event.

Clubs are expected to provide sufficient poolside staff to manage their swimmers on poolside and comply with Swim England Team manager, Coach and Chaperone Policy, (SE1048 -16/05/23) which can be found by following this link: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/swim-england-relases-supervision-ratios-policy/>

Coaches and TMs must wear club branded kit, so they are clearly identifiable..

Age Groups, awards and additional prizes:

Individual age groups are [9/10](#), [11/12](#), [13/14](#), [15+](#).

Ages as of midnight on [21st December 2025](#)

The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female

Medals will be awarded to the first 3 placed competitors in each age group for each event.

Additional prizes: 'Hot Heats' will be selected at random throughout the event, winners of these heats will be presented with Speedo goodies.

Qualifying Times:

This gala is aimed at all competitive swimmers with Upper qualifying times. There are no minimum entry times but if the gala becomes over-subscribed the slowest swimmers will be rejected from each age group so that session times can be adhered to.

Events:

All events will be 'heat declared winner'. All events will be swum with all age groups combined, all events will be seeded by entry times, slowest to fastest. The last heat in each event may be spearheaded.

Entries:

This will be a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED GALA – OPENING DATE FOR ENTRIES SAT 29th NOVEMBER 2025** closing date for entries is midnight [6th December 2025](#) or once the gala is full if that is sooner. No late entries will be accepted. The entry fee is **£6.00** per individual event. Late/incomplete/illegible entries or those without the correct entry fees will not be accepted. Please e-mail lynngates@live.co.uk for the Entry File and complete the Consolidated Entry Form attached. BACS payment is preferred (Sort code: 30-96-93, Account: 01365850) please state Club name as a reference. Independent entries should use the BACS information above with the reference being the swimmer's name. Cheques are only accepted in exceptional circumstances, made payable to 'Thanet Swim Club'.

Withdrawals:

This will be a '[sign-out](#)' gala - Coaches must inform the steward's desk of any swimmer not competing before the start of the warm-up for each session.

Results:

Every effort will be made to provide full electronic results as the meet progresses via the club website: www.thanetclub.org. However, in the event of technical failure, this may not always be possible.

Coaches Passes:

Coaches passes will be issued at a cost of **£30.00** per weekend pass and this will entitle them to admission to



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all sessions, a programme and poolside refreshments. Entry to poolside will not be permitted without a pass; poolside coaches need to be Swim England registered and hold a valid DBS check.

One **free coach pass can be claimed by any club** providing two officials for each session – these should be named on the consolidated entry form.

Officials:

The event needs a minimum of 20 officials for each session. All clubs with 8 or more swimmers attending are requested to help with the running of the meet by supplying details of any licensed officials who are willing to assist at this gala. We note that if we are unable to fulfil the required number of licenced and qualified officials to ensure the competition meets the licence requirements, the meet may be downgraded to a lower licence level and the times recorded by swimmers would not be allowed into 'rankings' as at that date/level. If visiting clubs cannot assist with the provision of licenced officials, then Thanet Swim Club cannot guarantee the licence level required by the Swim England SER Licensing Board.

Spectators:

Adult spectator admission will be: **£6** per person per day (£4 for afternoon session only). The entry price includes a free programme. Children aged 12 and under will be admitted free. The venue's cafeteria should be open all weekend. The venue has car parking, which is free, please be sure to park in marked bays only, as parking wardens visit the site regularly.

Photography:

Anyone wishing to carry out video, zoom or close-range photography must be in accordance with Swim England 'Wavepower' guidelines.

It is likely that we will have our own club photographer present; s/he will take photos that focus on Thanet Swim club swimmers and prize winners, these may be used online and in promotional material. If there are any issues regarding this matter, please contact our Gala Manager, Sarah Hawkins (email below).

Mobile Phones/Item with photographic Capability:

Their use at the event is as outlined in Wave Power. This has further restricted all mobile use and other devices and now specifically prohibits the use of mobile phones in the changing area. This means:

- No Taking photos or videos
- No texting
- No making or receiving phone calls.
- No browsing the internet
- No browsing or posting on social media.

Data Privacy:

Entries may be held on a computer solely for the purposes of this competition and consent, as required by the General Data Protection Regulations 2018, to the holding of personal information on computer will be deemed to have been given by the submission of the entry. Personal Data will be available for inspection during the gala on application to the Promoter.

Your privacy is important to us. The reason we need your data is to be able to administer your competition entry. We will publish accepted entries, the event programme and results on our website and will pass such information to the governing body or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of licences or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Results may include (but not be limited to) name, any club affiliation, race times, and age category.

All data files and paper entries containing personal information in relation to the gala held by Thanet Swim Club will be deleted or securely shredded within 30 days of the last day of the gala. Results from this gala will be posted on the Thanet Swim Club website and retained for two years from the last date of the gala.

Further Information:

If you have any event related queries or require further information please email Sarah Hawkins (bowden308@hotmail.co.uk) or visit the 'Hosted Events' page on web-site: www.thanetsc.com



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