

Serpentine Swimming Club



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1. Tests over the years have shown that without chemical treatment bacteriological contamination can occur in the Serpentine. We are advised that swimming in contaminated water such as the untreated Serpentine may render the swimmer open to such diseases as:-

- (a) Salmonellosis or Shigellosis - at worst typhoid but more generally stomach upsets;
- (b) Amoebic dysentery;
- (c) Poliomyelitis;
- (d) Infective Hepatitis;
- (e) Sore throats, noses, ears etc caused by streptococci psseudomonads or staphylococci.

These are only some of the possibilities; there are others, including Weill's disease and botulism.

3. It has been agreed that members of the swimming club may continue to swim from the Lido between 6am & 9.15am when the water is untreated, but any club member who chooses to swim in the Serpentine in spite of the health hazards must do so entirely at his own risk. The Department will not be responsible for any injury or infection caused by the contamination of the water.

I have read and understood this letter. I realise that the water in the Serpentine may be untreated, contaminated, and unsuitable for swimming. I accept the risk of injury or infection if I choose to swim there in spite of this warning.

I wish to become a member of the Serpentine Swimming Club.

Name (block capitals)

date of birth

address

telephone no

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signed

..... post code

date fee paid