



Safe crossing

Kayakers escorted swimmers across the Rappahannock River from Grey's Point to Willaby's on the Rappahannock

last Sunday morning. Some 22 swimmers made the two-mile swim for fun, fitness and personal satisfaction. Christine Johnson of Mathews County and her sister, Carolyn Quinn of White Stone, made the swim two years ago and were joined by about 20 others last year. The swim is not competitive, said Quinn. The group does however become a little more organized each year and recently had shirts printed indicating the swim is "the safest way to cross" the river. At right, Andrea Lattell of Irvington celebrates her finish, just ahead of swim organizer Carolyn Quinn. This year's swim was called "The Betsy" in memory of Betsy Chambers, who died last fall. Chambers completed the swim last spring, said Lattell.



Charlotte Hollings of Lancaster swam the Rappahannock in less than an hour. Photos by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi