Swimmers continue trek across lake

Marathon swimmer Colleen Shields of Georgetown and her teammates have had to contend with strong winds and waves as they make their way across Lake Ontario from Kingston to Burlington.

The 305-km never before attempted marathon swim relay was expected to take about five days, ending at Burlington's Spencer Smith Park on Saturday. However in an online chat with the *Toronto Star* Wednesday afternoon one of the swimmers, Samantha Whiteside, 23, of New Hamburg, said it may take them longer to get to Burlington.

"Depending on how things go over the next day we are more realistically landing on Sunday," said Whiteside.

The women— Shields, 61, 47-year-old Nicole Mallette of Hamilton, Whiteside, Rebekah Boscariol, 18 of Markham, and another 18-year-old, Mona Sharari, of Richmond Hill— dove into the lake about 10 a.m. Tuesday and by about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday had passed Prince Edward Point.

To track the team's progress visit http://www.becausegirlscan.ca/ and click on the Swim Tracker.

Wednesday Shields told the *Toronto Star* she got out of the water 10 minutes ago and they were about halfway to Cobourg.

"The winds and Mother Nature haven't been kind to us," said Shields. She said some people had been experiencing seasickness.

Whiteside said the water temperature was about 20.5C and waves were about a foot high.

"The wind is really doing damage to the crew though. No one can get/stay warm and



Marathon swimmers, from left, Mona Sharari, Rebekah Boscariol, Samantha Whiteside, Georgetown's Colleen Shields and Nicole Mallette.

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it's become a real challenge not just for the swimmers, but for our volunteer crew. This wouldn't be possible without them and we really appreciate everything they're going through for us right now," said Whiteside.

Last night the team had to put the relay on hold briefly due to a storm.

The women have dubbed the relay "Because Girls Can" and hope to raise \$300,000— for the Because I am a Girl project, a global gender equality, anti-poverty and girls' rights initiative.

Follow them at https://twitter.com/BecauseGirlsCan

To make a donation to Because Girls Can go to https://www.facebook.com/pages/Because-Girls-Can/344362399012459?i d=344362399012459&sk=app_180151919 38, through the link on the team's blog at http://blog.becauseiamagirl.ca/marathon-lake-ontario-swim-to-support-because-i-am-a-girl/ or at any Scotia Bank by mentioning they want to donate to the Because Girls Can Swim relay.



APPLICATION FOR NOISE EXEMPTION HEARING – TOWN OF HALTON HILLS August 7th, 2013 at 2pm

This notice is to advise you that Halton Hills Thunder Minor Atom Hockey Teams have applied to the Town of Halton Hills for an exemption to the Noise By-Law 2010-0300 Part 2, Schedule "A" for August 24th, 2013 from 7:00pm to 1:00am for a fundraising dance with the expectation of 800 attendees with live music. As per requirements under Section 5.2.9.1 this notice is being sent to all property owners within 60 metres of the establishment.

THE MEMORIAL ARENA

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Gary Carr Regional Chair

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During your travels around Halton, you may have come across one of our red light cameras. With some already in place for over a year, this summer we're adding another five cameras across the Region to help improve intersection safety on our roads.

Red light cameras are about saving lives. Together with residents, Halton Region and the Halton Regional Police Service work hard to earn the distinction of being named the safest place to live in the GTA and the Safest Municipality in Canada. We will continue to implement and enhance a variety of road safety initiatives to make our roads even safer. For more information, please visit **www.halton.ca/stoponred**.

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

rebate, we thank you for participating in the program.

Meetings can be viewed at www.halton.ca/meetings

August 5 Offices closed for Civic Holiday

There are no meetings scheduled for August

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