



## Southampton Dolphins Swimming Club

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About the Club.

Frank and Val Perry founded West End Swim School in a garage pool in 1969. Both were from swimming families. They built Shirley pool in 1974 and Shirley Swimming Club was formed. A competitive club, "West End", took the best children and was successfully producing club level swimmers.

Dolphins was started in the spring of 1993, again inviting the best swimmers from Shirley Swimming Pool to take part in local competitions. By 2009 Shirley Swimming Pool had become the largest swimming lesson provider of its kind in Southampton.

In February 2010 the club re-affiliated with the ASA. With continued success in local competition and ever increasing numbers, the pool operator decided to offer swimmers who wanted to progress their swimming the chance to remain at Shirley Swimming Pool. The club was restructured in to squads with the Top Squad being offered more sessions and land training.

The aim is to provide a safe, friendly environment where children can develop their water skills to their full potential. This means that we will try to select promising swimmers, gently introduce them to competitive swimming and provide broad and highly skilled water fitness that will last a lifetime.

David Perry

Chairman