

Central Valley swimmer sets Tahoe record

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Clark Bird became the first person in open water history to swim the length of Lake Tahoe at night without a wetsuit.

Delayed by 24 hours because of adverse weather conditions, Bird completed the 22.1-mile swim from Incline Village to Camp Richardson on the south shore on Monday morning.

He finished in 13 hours, 23 minutes unofficially, said close friend Bob Natcher. Bird's time of record was not available by press time.

He is just the fifth person in history to complete the trans-Tahoe swim without a wetsuit, according to multiple Lake Tahoe-area publications, joining Ken Harmon, Patti Bauernfeind, Karen Rogers and Tom Linthicum.

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