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Swim PEI announces the third annual East Coast Short Course Swim Championship will be held in Charlottetown February 25 to March 1, 2009.

The CARI Pool will host upwards of 350 swimmers from the Maritimes, Newfoundland and Ontario. Island clubs will be competing alongside the best in Eastern Canada. The clubs include the Montague Seahawks, Charlottetown Bluephins, Summerside Dolphins and the UPEI Varsity Swim Club.

Swimmers will compete in a full range of events from the high-energy 50 meter freestyle to the high endurance 1500 meter and the rowdy, raucous relays. As in previous years, swimmers with disabilities will be part of the competition and this year the Championship will welcome Special Olympians who will swim in their own events.

Tom Crowell is Chair of this year's East Coast Short Course Championship. He says, "This year will be bigger than last because we'll have swimmers from Newfoundland attending." Crowell adds, "I expect we'll see a number of PEI swimmers claiming medals and making personal bests."

Crowell sees the East Coast Short Course Championship as a major part of Swim PEI's on-going preparations for the swim events at the Canada Summer Games.

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