In 1998, Ben Lecomte became the first person to swim across the Atlantic Ocean. He is now ready for his next challenge: the Pacific Ocean, swimming 8h a day for 6 months, a total of 5,500 miles from Tokyo to San Francisco. He will be accompanied by his support boat Discoverer and her 9 crew members.

The Longest Swim will also be the first citizen science expedition of its kind, as Ben and his crew will collect valuable data on the ocean and human body for 8 research projects directed by 13 scientific institutions, including NASA and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.