Fisher School Alumnus Arnie Bellini Nearly Completes English Channel Crossing

Fisher School Alumnus Arnie Bellini (BSAc ’80) spent 13.5 hours in the frigid waters of the English Channel, and came up just 4 miles short in his effort to complete the 21-mile swim from England to France. He trained for about 20 months swimming 20 to 25 miles a week in open water, and several weeks ago prepared for the Channel’s chilly water temperatures by flying to Provincetown, Mass., and swimming 18½ miles in 64-degree water.

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ConnectWise is used by over 4,000 IT services companies across the Globe. With over 49,000 users, ConnectWise automates the full life cycle of IT services delivery – from sales and service to project tracking and back-office functions. ConnectWise has continually incorporated important new technologies, such as streamlining managed service operations and integrating mobile devices for field service operations.

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