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Kane Radford was the first to the finish line of the 10th Annual RCP Tiburon Mile, Sept. 13. The New Zealander, who won a cash prize of \$10,000, finished the 1.2-mile swim across San Francisco Bay in a time of 22 minutes, 13.2 seconds—a comfortable five seconds ahead of last year's top finisher, Trent Grimsey. (See story, page 8.)

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