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Disability: Salvatore Cimmino, first test in the open sea with *Swim Miami 2016*

In preparation of the Cuba - Miami crossing in mid September

- **Swim Miami 2016 will be held on Sunday 17 April in Miami**
- **It is one of the most important open sea swimming competitions in the United States**
- **Olympic swimmers, triathletes, celebrities and beginners alike are involved in the event**
- **The competition will cover 10 kilometres of the Florida city's coast**

Miami, 15 April 2016 – It is the most important **swimming marathon** organised in the United States. **Swim Miami 2016** will be the test ground of the long weeks of training undergone by Salvatore Cimmino, who's been in Florida for two months now to prepare to the great challenge: swimming across the stretch of ocean separating **Havana (Cuba) and Key West (Florida, United States)**.

Swim Miami 2016 will be held on **Sunday 17 April**. From the beaches of Miami, beginners, professional swimmers, triathletes and celebrities will all dive in to swim different distances, according to their athletic abilities: from 800 metres to 10 kilometres in the open sea.

Salvatore will take part in the Miami competition swimming the longest distance, **10 kilometres**, competing against professional swimmers. This is a first endurance test for Salvatore who will swim with one leg, that is, without being aided by high-performance prosthetics.

Salvatore arrived in Miami in February and is undergoing an intense training programme entailing **20/22 kilometres** a day split into two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. He is training for a historic feat, scheduled for **mid September** when he will swim in the Ocean, **from Hemingway's beach, in Cuba, to Key West, in Florida**, for about **72 hours**, non-stop, only taking mineral salts integrators.

"Everyone can do everything" is the message that Salvatore launches, which Finmeccanica also bears through its direct commitment to the challenge, with the aim of encouraging to overcome any physical and social barrier, to allow all Group employees to fully integrate into its productive activities.