



# Polar Bear Swim

**BRONX RESIDENTS AND** others braved the frigid temps, and risked hypothermia, for the annual Bronx Polar Bear Swim at Orchard Beach co-hosted by BronxNet Television and BronxWorks. The annual Dip Against Homelessness on Feb. 9 doubled as a donation drive for the homeless, with BronxWorks collecting clothes during the event. Check out these photos by Miriam Quinones.



**NEW YORK CITY** Parks Department Bronx Commissioner Iris Rodriguez delivers remarks before the big dip.



**THESE PARTICIPANTS** bring out a temperature dial to see just how cold the water is.



**BRONXWORKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** Eileen Torres (c) gets a faux scare from two gentlemen dressed as sharks seemingly about to attack her.



**THE PLUNGE SEES** these swimmers in the background splashing away, but it's a little too much for the participant in the foreground.



**THE COLD WATER** was enough for this "shark" to scurry out of the water.



**THIS GENTLEMAN PLUGS** the Bronx Polar Bears, who have taken their annual mid-winter plunge for several years.