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Give us a wave: Sam Miller, Salina Rash and Conor Cameron prepare for the Rottneest Channel Swim. Picture: John Mokrzycki

# Water babies set for Rotto swim

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Most parents struggle to get their teenagers off the couch, but not Sue Cameron.

Her 13-year-old son Conor's determination to compete in the Rottneest Channel Swim on February 25 makes him this year's youngest swimmer.

Conor, who has been swimming competitively since he was 10, will celebrate his 14th birthday on Saturday, making him old enough to satisfy the minimum age requirement.

"My dad's done it so I thought



I'd follow him," said Conor, who is hoping to beat his dad's time.

The teenager has entered the race as part of the Younguns team. He plans to cross the finish line with teammates Salina Rash, Sam Miller and Jonney Sammut, who are all also 14.

Salina was the youngest competitor last year, completing the race as part of a duo.

"It's a really long day and it's a really good feeling when you're close to shore and you're doing your last leg," she said.

The team train six times a week with Fremantle Port Swimming Club and three times a week with surf lifesavers.

Salina and Conor said they were not worried about sharks and were more concerned about avoiding stingers and getting sunburnt.