Swimming the Golden Gate was an amazing athletic feat at the turn of the century. On August 20, 1911, the South End Rowing Club rowed from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Presidio, a distance of 3.5 miles.

From Bill Pickelhaupt's book, Club Rowing on San Francisco Bay, 1869-1939, Featuring the South End Rowing Club, published in 1995, we learn that the South End Rowing Club was founded in 1873 and was one of the oldest athletics clubs in San Francisco.

The San Francisco Bay in September is typically around 60 to 62 degrees Fahrenheit (15 to 17 degrees Celsius). This is a large body of water with a significant influence on the climate of the city.

In 1869, the South End Rowing Club was founded and quickly became one of the most prominent clubs in the city. They held races and regattas that were attended by many of the city's elite.

The Club Rowing on San Francisco Bay, 1869-1939, Featuring the South End Rowing Club, is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of rowing in San Francisco.
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