Local raises $$

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition calls on citizens in Massachusetts to support breast cancer prevention by participating in the organization’s annual Against the Tide swim, kayak, walk or run fundraising event.

Retired Navy SEAL Willits Sawyer will be participating in this year’s Against the Tide event on June 18 to honor those who have battled with breast cancer. For this Cambridge resident, it will be his first time swimming to help MBCC. This is just one more impressive detail that he can put on his resume, right next to Navy Frogman, Navy SEAL and Vietnam veteran.

Cancer and breast cancer in particular has had a tremendous impact on Sawyer’s life. Dating back to his grandmother’s mastectomy in the late 1940s to his sister’s mastectomy 10 years ago and his wife’s parents, who both lost their lives to cancer, he seems to have dealt with breast cancer his entire life. This is why he is taking a stand in the fight against breast cancer prevention.