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.

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

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 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.