

SPMS OPEN WATER REPORT

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Sunday 21 July - Newport Beach Two Mile Open Water

Everyone loved the swim and the swag and the bling (tshirt and medal).

121 swimmers entered. 103 finished the race.

This was the first SPMS Open Water Series race of the summer.

I think we would have had more entries, but moving this race to a Sunday instead of its traditional Saturday caused a conflict with San Clemente Ocean Festival.

San Clemente had 128 finishers in the One Mile and 46 in the Run Swim Run. If possible, we really need to encourage Newport to go back to a Saturday. Many of those 128 (based on a quick scan of the names) were past Newport P2P swimmers.

Sunday 18 August - Corona del Mar Don Burns One Mile Open Water

Entry link is posted on SPMS website and there is on the sand registration allowed. Again, this race moved from Saturday to Sunday, and it is in direct conflict with the Naples Island swims. We need to encourage Newport to move back to Saturdays.

Sunday 22 September – Lake Mission Viejo The Masters Mission Mile Open Water

https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=964&smid=18878

Entry link is posted on SPMS website.

This is a co-sanctioned event with USA Swimming and USMS. The Masters will be offered a one mile swim.

Saturday 19 October – MPSF Open Water Championship – Marine Stadium Long Beach Masters 1k and 5k options (only one, they go off at the same time)

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/CA/LongBeach/MPSFOpenWaterChampionships>

The MPSF will be holding its second annual Collegiate Open Water Swimming Championship, which will include NCAA Division I, II, and III schools with last year's race attended by more than 100 student-athletes. It is a wonderful venue for viewing our college swimmers go head-to-head in open water.

Entry link is posted on SPMS website

This is a new addition to the SPMS Open Water Series. This swim is not sanctioned by USMS but is approved to be listed in their calendar of Open Water. This allows us to include it in our Series, as well as tout SPMS/USMS to those NCAA swimmers that would be our target audience when they age out of NCAA swimming.

Open Water Web Pages

I have proofed and edited the Open Water web pages. We are beginning to update Open Water web page information and to re-connect broken links.

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