

September 2017 Open Water Chair (Sherry Brooks) Report



2017 has been a successful season for SPMS with five hosted open water events, including six different races. All events have been well attended. Our next and LAST race of the year will be the Lake Mission Viejo one-mile swim.

All open water results are current and have been posted via hyperlink on the SPMS Open Water webpage. <https://www.spmastersswim.org/open-water-results/>

COMPLETED SPMS 2017 OPEN WATER SWIMS

May 2017

- May 20th 4th ANNUAL SoCAL CUP - CASTAIC LAKE (1-mile swim)

June 2017

- June 13th 48th ANNUAL SEAL BEACH ROUGHWATER (1- and 3-mile swims)

July 2017

- July 8th BALBOA to NEWPORT Pier to Pier (2-mile swim)

August 2017

- August 19th CDM Don Burns OW – Corona del Mar (1-mile swim)

UPCOMING SPMS 2017 OPEN WATER SWIM

September 2017

- September 24th (Sunday) Lake Mission Viejo OW Swim (1-mile swim)

The SPMS Open Water Chair received donated neon swim caps for the Pier-to-Pier, Don Burns, and Lake Mission Viejo Open water swims. Hammer Nutrition graciously donated nutrition products and SBR Sports reps also donated packages of their swim line products for four of our swims.

The number of new USMS Open Water Certified Safety Directors is steadily increasing (required for USMS-sanctioned open water swims as of 2017).

The Open Water Chair attended the USMS Convention in Dallas this year, and participated in Long Distance and Open Water breakout sessions regarding new OW rules and policies by USMS. Main topic of discussion was regarding swimmer disqualification re swimmer and crafts (e.g. kayaks, etc.) during race. LD 19; USMS Rules 303.9/303.3.2A/303.3.3A. Meant to allow event hosts to conform to USAT rules.

SPMS Open Water Series award winners' names and places, request for corrections, and request for contact info of award winners will be posted on the SPMS webpage after final event results are confirmed and newsletter is sent out.

Pictures and information regarding past relevant 2017 open water swims were sent to newsletter editor and included in newsletter.

The **tentative** calendar for 2018 is in the works. Dates TBD.

Come out and swim the Mission Viejo swim on Sunday! The water is VERY warm!

For questions, please email Sherry Brooks: OpenWater@SPMasterSwim.org

