

SPMS Open Water Committee Report
Thursday May 17, 2018
Submitted by Robin Smith, Chair

---Participated on USMS Peer to Peer conference call for LMSC Open Water Chairs held Tuesday May 8, 2018. Topics included the new rule and requirement for certification of Open Water Event Referees and the rising cost of hosting open water events.

---Submitted open water article for SPMS Newsletter.

---Would like Committee to consider a proposal for SPMS to cover the cost of the USMS OW Sanction Fees and Surcharge upon a written request, including an explanation of financial need, received from a prospective SPMS OW Event Host. This would mean that SPMS would not bill the event host for the sanction fee and the per swimmer surcharge.

---Exploring possibility of offering SPMS-hosted Open Water Clinics. Currently identifying tentative locations and drafting an estimated budget. Will bring a proposal forward to Committee for discussion and approval if this opportunity looks viable.

2018 SPMS Open Water (OW) Series Events:

- Saturday June 23rd – 49th Annual Seal Beach Rough Water Swim– 1 mile and 5K
- Saturday July 14th – Newport Beach Pier to Pier 2 mile Open Water Swim
- Saturday August 4th – Don Burns 1 mile Ocean Swim (Corona Del Mar)
- Sunday September 23rd – 2nd Annual MVN Mission Mile (Lake Mission Viejo) – 1 and 2 mile

*****Note: 5th Annual SoCal Open Water Championships (Castaic Lake, Saturday May 19, 2018) is CANCELLED*****

USMS Long Distance Committee:

---Long Distance Rules/Legislation proposals are continuing in conjunction with USMS Open Water Committee. Use of safety buoys in open water races is one topic under discussion.

---Bids are open for the 2020 Open Water National Championships and ePostal National Championships. **Due date: Sunday July 1, 2018.**

Links to NEW USMS website pages for more information and bid forms:

<https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/open-water-national-championships>

<https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/epostal-national-championships>