



SPMS
SOUTHERN PACIFIC MASTERS SWIMMING

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NEWSLETTER





OPEN WATER SEASON STARTS

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THE OPEN WATER CALENDAR

- **Date:** Sun, July 19th
- **Competition:** Newport Pier to Pier Ocea Swim
- **Location:** Newport Beach
- **Distance:** 2 miles

- **Date:** Sun, Aug 16th
- **Competition:** Naples Island Swims
- **Location:** Naples Island, Long Beach
- **Distance:** 1 mile or 3 miles

- **Date:** Sun, Aug 23rd
- **Competition:** CDM Don Burns Ocean Swim
- **Location:** Corona del Mar
- **Distance:** 1 mile

- **Date:** Sun, Sep 13th
- **Competition:** Swim the Avenues
- **Location:** Redondo Beach
- **Distance:** 1.2 miles or 0.5 mile

- **Date:** Sun, Sep 20th
- **Competition:** Mission Mile / Southwest Zone Championship
- **Location:** Lake Mission Viejo, Mission Viejo
- **Distance:** 1 mile or 0.5 mile

- **Date:** Sat, Oct 17th
- **Competition:** Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Open Water Championship – Masters/Open Division
- **Location:** Marine Stadium, Long Beach
- **Distance:** 1K or 5K

THE 2026 OPEN WATER SERIES RULES

RULES

- A swimmer must be a current SPMS registered USMS member prior to the start of the swim to score any points for that swim.
- The use of fins, pull buoys, webbed gloves, snorkels, audio players, watches for pacing and texting, or other swimming devices are not allowed.
- For swimmers who compete in the Wetsuit Division in a series swim, the swim shall count as one of their SPMS Open Water Series swims, however, they will not receive series points for that particular swim.
- For swimmers who compete as a One Event Registration (OEV) participant in a series swim, the swim will not count as an SPMS Open Water Series swim, and won't receive series points for that particular swim.
- It is possible to place fourth in an event, but score first place points – e.g. the three people finishing ahead of you are not SPMS registered.
- There are typos on all results. If you feel there is an error, go to the race link. Double check your results and email us the details. We will do our best to correct any errors.
- The recognized races are listed above. Only these races will count toward points.

AGE GROUP AWARDS

To qualify for an award, a swimmer must swim more than half of the recognized races listed above. All races of each swimmer will be tallied. The top three point winners in each age group (if they have participated in more than half the swims) will receive recognition.

HIGH POINT AWARDS

A high point award will be given to the top male swimmer and the top female swimmer overall. The more races you swim in the more apt you are to out-score the opponent. In case of a tie in points, the swimmer who participated in the most swims will be named high point. If both swimmers have won every race in their respective age groups (they have swum every race offered), a tie will be declared.

POINTS

First 22; Second 18; Third 16; Fourth 14; Fifth 12; Sixth 10; Seventh 8; Eighth 6; Ninth 4; Tenth 2 A placing higher than tenth (i.e., 11th, 12th, etc.) will be credited as a swim, but no points will be awarded.

TABULATION OF POINTS

To earn points, a swimmer must be USMS registered to SPMS and have participated more than half the SPMS recognized races. Please enter the race with the name you have on your USMS/SPMS registration, so that we can confirm your SPMS registration.

HOW WE TABULATE

Everyone is listed that has an SPMS sanctioned open water swim. SPMS membership is confirmed – every swimmer is checked individually against the registrar's official list. Non-SPMS swimmers, including OEVT participants, are removed from the rankings. Placing is reassigned according to SPMS swimmers only. Points are assigned to SPMS place. Those who have not swum more than half the recognized races are eliminated. Points are totaled for each qualified swimmer. In case of a tie, the swimmer who participated in the most swims will be named high point. If both swimmers have won every race in their respective age groups (they have swum every race offered), a tie will be declared.

ENTRIES:

The Balboa to Newport Pier to Pier July 19, open for entries!!
https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=2313&smid=22206

Naples Island Swims August 16, open for entries!!
<https://register.alohasignup.com/event/2026-naples-island-swim>

Redondo Beach Swim the Avenues September 13, open for entries!!
<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/RedondoBeach/RedondoBeachSwimTheAvenues>





REMINDER TO COACHES...

DON'T FORGET TO RECOGNIZE THE SWIMMER OF THE MONTH

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Coaches, please remember to recognize deserving swimmers by using the Club Swimmer of the Month Award.

Recent Club Swimmer of the Month Recipients are Andrew MacNaughton and Diane Smith from Conejo Valley, and Bev Montrella from Mission Viejo. Anyone can be a winner! Check out SPMS Website under awards for more information.

Coaches, please consider embracing your own club version of the check off challenge to encourage swimmers to enjoy all four strokes and all of the different pool events plus an open water swim of any distance. You can create your own certificate to recognize Club Check off Challenge Participants.

Please feel free to contact me to share ideas. Everyone likes to receive awards.

Please mark your calendars to save the date of November 22, 2026 for our next SPMS Annual Meeting where some awards are presented. There will be stroke clinics for both standard pool stroke techniques as well as an open water educational in water component. Seas the day!





SAVE THE DATE!

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Sunday, November 22, 2026 is the SPMS Annual Meeting with traditional stroke clinic as well as an open water educational component, free lunch, business meeting, SPMS Awards presentations, raffle ticket winners, and more! Don't miss this special SPMS event of the year! More details coming soon!



UPCOMING SPMS EVENTS

JUL
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JULY 12 | SUNDAY

- Patrick Moore Relay Meet hosted by MVN Masters
 - SPMS Coaches Call
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JUL
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JULY 16 | THURSDAY

- SPMS Committee Conference Call
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JUL
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JULY 19 | SUNDAY

- NBOLA Newport Pier to Pier 2-Mile Ocean Swim
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JUL
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JULY 24-26 | THU - SUN

- SPMS/SW Zone LCM Championships hosted by MVN Masters
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AUGUST 09 | SUNDAY

- SPMS Coaches Call
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AUGUST 16 | SUNDAY

- Naples Island Swims (1 or 3 miles)
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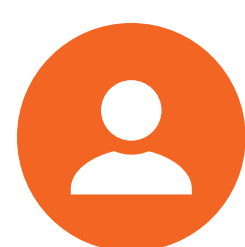
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AUGUST 23 | SUNDAY

- CDM Don Burns Ocean Swim (1 mile)

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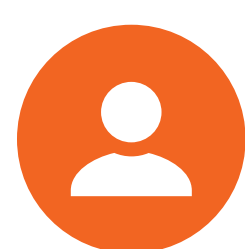


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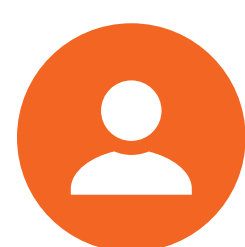
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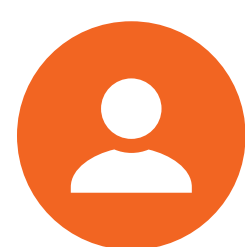


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