

## **August 2016 Open Water Chair (Sherry Brooks) Report**



So far 2016 has been a successful season for SPMS with five hosted open water events, including seven different races. All events have been well attended, and an increase in participation. Results are current and have been posted via hyperlink on the SPMS webpage. (Thank you Dan.)

### **COMPLETED SPMS 2016 OPEN WATER SWIMS**

#### **May 2016**

- May 22nd SoCAL CUP CASTAIC LAKE (1-mile swim)

#### **July 2016**

- July 1<sup>st</sup> BIG WAVE Santa Barbara Swim (400 m)  
(Not included in SPMS Open Water Series)
- July 2nd SEAL BEACH ROUGHWATER SWIMS (1- and 3-milers)
- July 9th BALBOA to NEWPORT Pier to Pier (2-mile swim)

#### **August 2016**

- August 20th CDM Don Burns OW (1-mile swim)

### **SCHEDULED SPMS 2016 OPEN WATER SWIM**

#### **September 2016**

- September 18th Salt Creek Rough Water Swim (1- and 2-mile swims)

The SPMS Open Water Chair received donated swim caps for the Pier-to-Pier and Don Burns Open water swims to all participants in an effort to get timing systems secured for both swims at a lower cost. Hammer Nutrition also graciously donated nutrition products for all participants for three of our swims.

The Open Water Chair will be attending the USMS Convention in Atlanta this year, and will be participating in Long Distance and Open Water breakout sessions regarding new OW rules and policies by USMS. Presently, the SPMS Open Water Chair is a member of and participates monthly with the USMS Open Water Committee.

Proposed OW budget for 2017 was submitted to the Treasurer.

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 in September after all races in the OW Series are tabulated.

The **tentative** calendar for 2017 is in the works. Dates TBD.

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