

SPMS Open Water Committee Report
Thursday April 19, 2018
Submitted by Robin Smith, Chair

SPMS 2018 Open Water (OW) Calendar:

- Saturday June 23rd – 49th Annual Seal Beach Rough Water Swim– 1 mile and 5K
- *DATE CHANGE*-Saturday July 14th** – Newport Beach Pier to Pier 2 mile Open Water Swim
- *DATE CHANGE*-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: Still no word regarding event STATUS for 5th Annual SoCal Open Water Championships (Castaic Lake, Saturday May 19, 2018)**

---Have heard back from other local event hosts regarding their 2018 OW events. The cost of the USMS open water sanction continues to be an issue.

Would like Committee to consider a proposal for SPMS to cover the cost of the USMS OW Sanction Fees upon a written request, including an explanation of financial need, received from a prospective SPMS OW Event Host.

Note: **USMS OW Sanction Fees** for 2018 include a \$100 sanction fee plus a \$5 per swimmer surcharge (not to exceed \$1000).

---All USMS Open Water National Championship Events have now been added to the SPMS Open Water Upcoming Schedule web page.

USMS Long Distance Committee:

---Long Distance Rules/Legislation proposals are continuing in conjunction with USMS Open Water Committee.

---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>