



Florida Aquatic Combined Team August 2026 Newsletter Report

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A few years since I've set myself up to do a newsletter and hope Meegan can put up with me. Our pool at the Long Center in Clearwater has been closed since February of 2025, but it officially opened August 1st. It's been difficult to keep track of everyone and their schedule. We recently lost our good friend and great competitor Pat Tullman. She had recently turned 89 and we were looking forward to the 90's and many records. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her daughter Deb and to Rob and of course the rest of the family.

I had been waiting impatiently for our Long Center pool, where I swam for 30 years, to open. I had hoped the August Dog Days Meet would be the first but apparently that's not on the docket. Those of us old folks are so used to the great facilities we had there and the loss for the last couple of years have caused many health problems I am sure. I managed to have a mini-stroke last Christmas time and am still dealing with the problem – getting back in the water I am sure will go a long way to correct it.

Noted the St. Pete Masters meet was last weekend and I would have loved to see everyone. I'm going to hope the Sharks in November will be a goal. Good luck to everyone the rest of the season and hope to see you soon.