

Florida LMSC Open Water Chair Report:

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Current Virtual events:

2026 USMS 5K/10K Virtual Championships May 15 – Sept. 15

- Objective: see how fast you can swim 5K and/or 10K and compare your time to fellow Masters swimmers nationwide
- Location: any **50-meter** pool Cost: \$15 until Sept 15; \$20 Relays
- As an extra incentive, we will be offering a total of \$600. Highest total participation: 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100 (*Participation will be measured by the number of entries received by each club*)

<https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/virtual-championships/2026-virtual-championships/2026-5k-10k-virtual-championships>

2026 USMS 3000/6000-yard Virtual Championship to be held Sept. 15 – Nov. 15

All participants will receive a cool latex event cap. Clubs with the most participants can win up to \$300.

- Objective: Swim 3000 or 6000 continuous yards or meters. Individuals may enter both events.

<https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/virtual-championships/2026-virtual-championships/2026-3000-6000-virtual-championships>

No FL LMSC Open Water events (sanctioned by USMS) scheduled remainder of year.

Educational Volunteer Peer-to-Peer Communications

Presented by the LMSC Development Committee

Volunteers pose questions, discuss challenges, get answers, and share successes related to their roles. In turn, committees use the information shared to build a repository of best practices for coaches, instructors, and volunteers.

- **Volunteer Roles: Communication, Culture, Visibility, & Inclusion (Communications Chair, Awards & Recognition, Affiliated Organization Liaison, Diversity & Inclusion Chair, Membership Coordinator)**

Hosted by the USMS LMSC Development Committee

[July 30, 2026 08:00 PM \(Eastern Time\) Zoom Meeting link](#)

- **Volunteer Roles: Events & Compliance Ecosystem (Sanctions Chair, **Open Water Chair**, Safety Chair, Officials Chair, Top 10 Recorder)**

Hosted by the USMS LMSC Development Committee

[Oct 15, 2026 08:00 PM \(Eastern Time\) Zoom Meeting link](#)

Mark your calendars for the next educational Peer-to-Peer(s)

<https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/lmscs/peer-to-peer-calls>