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News From Our Florida Chair

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Happy Spring, and spring time means Championship Season.

Getting the championship season started was the 2025 USMS Sprint-Distance and Long-Distance Open Water National

Championships that were held April 4-5, 2025 at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida. These events were run alongside USA Swimming's Open Water National and Junior Championships, which made for an exciting weekend. Congratulations to all who competed!

Next up is the 2025 USMS Spring Nationals being held in San Antonio, TX April 24-27, 2025. The last short course yard championship meet is the 2025 Masters YMCA Nationals being held in Orlando, FL May 8-10, 2025. Good luck to all Florida LMSC'ers competing at these meets.

Another opportunity to swim short course yards is at the 5th Annual Show Your SWAG meet in Gainesville FL April 27, 2025. Coach Karyn Austin and her amazing group of volunteers always provide a fun atmosphere.

Last but not least, I'd like to announce that Eileen Sedacca of the Lake Gators has been named our new Records Chair. Thank you Eileen for volunteering your time!





2024 Florida LMSC Awards Celebrating Excellence in Our Community

Ryan Kloppe

We are proud to recognize the outstanding achievements and inspiring stories from our Florida LMSC members. Please join us in congratulating the following 2024 award recipients:

Coach of the Year

Sean Abbey, Bolles School Sharks Masters Swimming

Nominated by Justin Powell, Sean has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and passion in coaching, making a profound impact on his athletes and the Masters swimming community.

Sue Moucha Overcoming Adversity Award

Steven Gold, Bolles School Sharks Masters Swimming

Nominated by Coach Sean Abbey, Steven exemplifies resilience and determination, overcoming personal challenges while continuing to inspire those around him in and out of the water.

Florida LMSC Service Award

Richard "Mike" Whaley, Sarasota Sharks



L-R: Justin Powell, Sean Abbey, Steve Gold, and Head Coach Peter Verhoef



Richard "**Mike**" **Whaley** (L) receives the Florida service award from **Jack Mitchell** (R).

Nominated by Carol & Jack Mitchell, Mike's years of tireless volunteer service and unwavering commitment have helped strengthen and grow our LMSC community.

Leather Lung Awards

Awarded to swimmers who competed in all events in at least one of the pool courses or postal events:

SCY, SCM, LCM, and/or postal events

- Cheryl Kupan, St Pete Masters (SCY, SCM, LCM)
- **Christopher Stickle**, St Pete Masters (SCY, SCM, LCM, Postals)
- Sarah Swoch, St Pete Masters (Postals)
- Steven Gold, Bolles School Masters Swim Club (Postals)

Congratulations to all our honorees for their dedication, perseverance, and contributions to Masters swimming!



By Ryan Kloppe

The swimming world is buzzing with excitement because on April 9, 2025 the International Olympic Committee has officially added the **50-meter Butterfly, Backstroke, and Breaststroke** events to the **2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games** lineup!

This long-awaited change marks a thrilling shift for the sport—bringing more speed, specialization, and electrifying finishes to the world stage. Sprint specialists now have the opportunity to shine in their signature strokes, and fans can look forward to even more high-intensity action in the pool. The swimming medal count now increases from 35 in 2024 to 41 in 2028.

Swimmers and coaches alike are celebrating the decision, calling it a major win for the sport's growth, event diversity, and global appeal. From grassroots clubs to national teams, the countdown to LA 2028 just got a whole lot more exciting! Let the sprint era begin!

While many are happy about these additions since it will add more sprint events to the agenda and draw more viewership, there are some drawbacks. The Olympics currently has a roster cap of 26 athletes per gender per country. With 6 more events added in swimming, it may be more difficult to decided who can compete, and since there will be prelims, semifinals, and finals, the meet will run longer.

The 2028 Olympic swimming pool events will take place at the SoFI Stadium in Inglewood, CA where NFL games are played. The pool will have to be built in the stadium which will hold around 38,000 spectators, more than any other Olympic swimming competition. This is probably good due to the increase in the number of swimming events.

Get to Know Your Florida LMSC Board Members



Cindi Wood

Coach Cindi is a member of Lake Gators Swim Club in Clermont. She began swimming at age 45. Since learning to swim, she has participated in an impressive 107 USMS (U.S. Masters Swimming) events at both local and national levels with no signs of slowing down! Her achievements include two top-10 relay finishes, one of them, the 800 meter freestyle event, received prestigious All American honors.

In addition to competing, Coach Cindi is very active in the swimming community. She is a certified Level 1, 2, & 3 coach, a certified official, and an Adult Learn-to-Swim instructor. She serves as the Membership Coordinator for the Florida LMSC (Local Masters Swimming Committee) and recently was appointed the Florida LMSC Officials Chair. She is a current member of the USMS National Coaches Committee.

Cindi co-founded the Lake Gators Swim Club (Clermont, FL) which has grown to 98 members in 2024 since its establishment in 2020. Coach Cindi continues to compete at both local and national meets, with recent appearances in Sarasota, FL (2023) and San Antonio, TX (2025). She is living proof, and an inspiration to many, that it's never too late to start swimming!



Ryan Kloppe

Ryan Kloppe is a members of Blue Dolphins Masters. He was appointed the Florida LMSC Awards Chair in 2025.

Since 2014, Ryan has 107 Top Ten swims. He has achieved 10 Individual All American honors, and 6 All American Relay accomplishments.

Hello fellow chlorine addicts! As a passionate advocate for lifelong fitness, I'm thrilled to be part of the USMS LMSC community. With a background in accounting, I appreciate the discipline and focus that swimming demands. Outside of the pool, I enjoy spending time with my wonderful wife and kids 4 and 6, and exploring new ways to stay active. I'm excited to contribute to our LMSC's mission and connect with fellow swimmers who share my enthusiasm for the sport. Currently I'm recovering from a SLAP tear with rigorous determination to seeing more lifetime bests.



Pineda Crossing Christmas 2024 Light Show

Kirk Clear, Florida LMSC Vice Chair, and a member of Swim Melbourne Masters is a certified Level 1 & 2 Coach. He has 30 Top Ten Individual swims, 61 Top Ten Relay swims, indluding one All American Individual honor, and 12 All American Relay honors.



Each year Kirk creates animated light shows using synchronized music, one during Independence Day, and one during the Christmas holiday season. The Christmas light show starts the day after Thanksgiving and is a vehicle to accept donations to support a local veteran charity. He selects one each year.

In 2024 he selected the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center, and had the honor of presenting them with a \$700 donation at one of their board meetings.

Go here and enjoy!

http://www.youtube.com/@ClearChristmasCable



Kirk presents his check to Dean Schaaf, President of Brevard Veterans Memorial Center

News From Our Florida LMSC Clubs





Kelly Palace

Certified Level 1&2 Coach

Club Contact for Dream Team Masters A Virtual Masters Team

The Champion's Mojo Podcast

The Champion's Mojo Podcast is an award-winning podcast for Masters swimmers, adult athletes, and health and wellness seekers striving for personal excellence. Join your host, world-record-setting Masters swimmer, former NCAA Division I swim coach, best-selling author and health coach Kelly Palace, as she dives into inspiring stories, expert insights, and proven strategies to help you unlock your champion mindset. A podcast that champions you!

Catch fellow LMSC members' interviews in the recent episodes with Alison Hayden (EP 268), Tricia Good (EP 260) and Zena Courtney (EP 249). Find these and all episodes at www.championsMojo.com



APRIL 2025 FACT NEWS Joannie Campbell

Back to the drawing board for News, which is welcome and needed in our LMSC. I dragged out some information for many of our new members just to reintroduce them, and will tack on some current news so we have a starting point.

Our club is: Florida Aquatic Combine Team (FACT). Our LOCAL MASTER SWIMMING COMMITTEE is <u>www.floridalmsc.org</u>. We have one Workout Group: Clearwater Long Center FACT. In addition, many swim as just FACT.

Our Zone is Southeast Zone: <u>www.southeastzone.org</u>. Our National Organization is United States Masters Swimming: <u>www.usms.org</u>.

Our facility at the Long Center on Belcher Road in Clearwater is closed for the year and thus our Long Course pool to practice is not available. Many of us are using other Clearwater facilities such as Ross Norton and Morningside (all outside and short course), and I run into other swimmers at facilities outside the Clearwater area – anyplace with a warm pool and a place to SWIM.

The Short Course Nationals in San Antonio are always a great meet. Hope to have a few members there. I am skipping it this year for YMCA Nationals in Orlando – a little closer.

I had planned on Singapore for World's in August, but my hunt for someone to travel with came up with nothing, and the World situation is rather iffy.

The Senior Games Nationals are in Des Moines Iowa from July 25th thru 28th. You must have been prequalified last year.

The Long Course Nationals are to be held in Federal Way Washington, August 6th through 10th. I've attended a couple of those and they have been great fun. Washington is a great host.

See you at the pool – in a new age group (95-99). I will wait till July for Bob Beach to catch up (ha ha).

And here we are back again at Rowdy's October 18-21 – hopefully better than last year!!



News From Gulf Coast Ginger Tompkins

Level 1&2 USMS Certified Coach



Ginger Tompkins & Tomas Rodriguez at the Southern Cross 5K Open Water Swim on December 7, 2024

Tomas Rodroguez (20-29) $1^{st} - 5K - 1:25:44$ Ginger Tomkins (50-59) $1^{st} - 5K - 1:26:36$ Sharon Grantham (60-64) $1^{st} - 100$ IM, 2:44.03 $1^{st} - 200$ Free, 4:59.07 $1^{st} - 50$ Free, 1:06.79 Kathy Kellar (70-74) $1^{st} - 100$ IM, 2:31.39 $1^{st} - 50$ free, 55.83

Our team continues to support each other and our community with the goodness and health of swimming.



Sharon Grantham and **Kathy Kellar** were Gold Medal winners at the Lee County Senior Games on March 1, 2025.



Tomas Rodriguez – Silver medal in the 200 Fly and Mixed Medley Relay and Bronze Medal in the Mixed Free Relay at the US Paralympic Championships, December 13-15, 2024 in Orlando



Swim Melbourne Masters B.J. Graham Certified Coach, Level 1,2,&3

2025 USMS 1 mile and 5K Open Water National Championships

Swim Melbourne Masters showed up big time at the 2025 USMS Sprint (1-mile) and Long Distance (5k) Open Water National Championships on April 4-5 — and left with some serious hardware and major bragging rights!

The event took place at the beautiful Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, FL, and this year's turnout was incredible — in fact, there were more USMS entries than USA Swimming Nationals, which ran at the same time. That's a huge win for Masters swimming and a great sign for the future of the sport! Our Mahi crew made a strong showing in both distances.

Check out these awesome results:

1-Mile Sprint Results:

Zena Courtney -1^{st} (65-69) 0:23:53 B.J. Graham -2^{nd} (45-49) 0:22:23 Tom Richard -3^{rd} (50-54) 0:24:33 Boone Brewer -4^{th} (50-54) 0:25:46 Joanna Dagenais -6^{th} (35-39) 0:25:46 Gina Benivenga -6^{th} (45-49) 0:30:44 Courtney Chubb -1^{st} (55-59) 0:22:22 (Mahi at heart, racing under another team for now)

5K Long Distance Results:

Zena Courtney -2^{nd} (65-69) 1:28:52 Jade McKiernan -2^{nd} (30-34) 1:33:18 Tom Richard -3^{rd} (50-54) 1:30:13 Joanna Dagenais -2^{nd} (35-39) 1:32:15 B.J. Graham -4^{th} (45-49) 1:20:45 Boone Brewer -5^{th} (50-54) 1:40:01



L-R: Boone Brewer, B.J. Graham, Jade McKiernan, Joanna Dagenais, Zena Courtney, Stephanie Havelka, and Thomas Richard.

Conditions were solid with a slight chop, the water temp was just right, and our team energy was through the roof. Whether racing for a podium spot or just out there to challenge yourself, every single swimmer made us proud, it was an unforgettable day.

Sarasota Sharks Masters



Anna Lea Matysek

Level 1 & 2 Certified Coach

USMS 2025 Open Water Nationals

The USMS Sprint-Distance (1-mile) and Long-Distance (5K) Open Water Nationals were held on April 4 and 5 at Benderson Park in Sarasota.

These races were held in conjunction with the USA Swimming Open Water Nationals, held on the same course earlier each day. Over two hundred Masters swimmers from all over the country participated in one or both races.

Here is Sarasota Sharks Masters head coach **Rick Walker** swimming into the finish chute of the 5K swim.

New Pool Progress





Work on the new, 25yard by 25-meter pool at the Shark Tank (the Selby Aquatic Center) continues!

It's starting to look like a swimming pool.

2025 Bumpy Jones Classic: Be sure to join us on June 7 and 8 for the annual Bumpy Jones Classic long course meet! Entry is now open at this link.

Florida LMSC SCY Records Set in 2024

Men

Time Record Holder Club Event Age 25-29 50.81 Jake Gibbons BSS 100 Back 35-39 50 Free 21.44 Alexander Forbes UC14 45-49 50 Back 25.1Chris O'Sullivan SHARK 100 Breast 01:00.36 Ryan Ruddy MELB Chris O'Sullivan 100 IM 55.31 SHARK 70-74 500 Free 05:46.94 Jeffrey Boatright SHARK Marc Middleton 50 Back 31.24 LMSC 100 Fly 01:05.81 Kevin McCormack SHARK 200 IM 02:28.59 Jeffrey Boatright SHARK 75-79 27.24 Lee Childs 50 Free SHARK Lee Childs 100 Free 01:00.52 SHARK 200 Breast 03:06.37 J Nathan Leech VMAS 50 Fly 29.25 Lee Childs SHARK Lee Childs 100 Fly 01:11.26 SHARK 100 IM 01:11.54 Lee Childs SHARK Women 50-54 200 Fly 02:25.38 Alison Hayden SPM 400 IM 05:11.74 Alison Hayden SPM 55-59 100 Back 01:08.38 Karen Westerman SPM 60-64 50 Free 28.03 Kelly Parker Palace MELB 100 Free 01:00.69 Kelly Parker Palace MELB 02:08.29 Kelly Parker Palace 200 Free MELB Kellv Parker Palace 500 Free 05:38.86 MELB 1000 Free 11:31.05 Kelly Parker Palace MELB 1650 Free 19:24.90 Kelly Parker Palace MELB Paige Gill 50 Back 31.6 SHARK Paige Gill 100 Back 01:09.95 SHARK Paige Gill 50 Fly 30.27 SHARK 100 Fly 01:08.79 Paige Gill SHARK Paige Gill 100 IM 01:09.89 SHARK 200 IM 02:34.76 Paige Gill SHARK 400 IM 05:27.60 Kelly Parker Palace MELB 70-74 50 Fly 35.14 Linda Fulton LMSC 80-84 50 Breast 51.45 Jeanne Hackett FACT

Please visit our website to see all Florida LMSC Records. <u>https://floridalmsc.org/meets-results/</u>



Above is an image of the homepage of the Florida LMSC website: www.floridalmsc.org

You will find information about our Board of Directors meetings there. All Florida members are invited to attend. Currently, our upcoming meetings are:

- May 21 (Wednesday), 7 pm
- August 21 (Wednesday), 7 pm
- November 19 (Wednesday), 7 pm Annual Meeting

Any changes and Sign-in information will be available before each meeting on the *Board Information* page.

Our next newsletter will be August with a July 15 deadline for club news and other information. I hope to hear from everyone.

Florida Pool & Open Water Events Zone & USMS Championships

Apr. 23-24 / **SCY:** The Villages Senior Games. The Villages FL <u>Information &</u> <u>entry</u>. *Senior meet for 50+*. *USMS-recognized*

Apr. 24-27 / **SCY:** USMS Spring Nationals. San Antonio TX. <u>Information & entry</u>. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Monday, March 3*

Apr. 27 / **SCY:** Show Your SWAG Meet. Gainesville FL. <u>Information & online entry</u>. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Sunday, April 20*

May 8-11 / **SCY:** YMCA Masters Nationals. Orlando FL. *MUST BE A Y MEMBER BY APRIL 10 TO ENTER*. Information & online entry. Entry deadline: online entry closes Thursday, April 24. USMS-recognized

May 24 / SCY: FAA Paradise Sprint. Boca Raton FL. <u>Information & online entry</u>. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Wednesda*, *May 21*

May 31: Southeast Zone Open Water Championship/Bussell Island Swim (1-mile, 2.6K, 5.2K). Lenoir City TN. Information & registration. *USMS sanctioned: YES*

June 7-8 / **LCM:** Bumpy Jones Classic. Sarasota FL. <u>Information & online entry</u>. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Monday, June 2*

June 28-29 / **LCM**: June Krauser Summer Splash. Ft. Lauderdale FL. <u>Information & online</u> <u>entry</u>. *Entry deadline: online entry closes Tuesday, June 24*

July 12-13 / LCM: SPM Long Course Championships, St. Petersburg FL

July 25-28 / **SCY:** National Senior Games. Des Moines IA. <u>Information & entry</u>. *Entry deadline: online and paper entry closes Thursday, May 15. Senior meet for 50+. Will be USMS-recognized*

Aug. 2 / LCM: Dog Days of Summer. Augusta GA.

Aug. 6-10 / LCM: USMS Summer Nationals. Federal Way WA.

Sept. 13: Swim for Alligator Lighthouse (8-miles). Islamorada FL. <u>Information & registration</u>. *USMS sanctioned: NO*

Sept. 21 / SCY: Rob Curry Pancake Pentathlon. Clermont FL Information copied from Southeast Zone website (http://www.southeastzone.org/meets.html).

2025 Florida LMSC Clubs

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FLORIDA CLUB	LOCATION	CLUB CONTACT	#
Unattached 14 (UC14)			432
Forever Swimmers (4SWM)	Port Orange	Anne P Grams	3
Ask4pierre (A4P)	Clermont	Pierre Ouellet	0
All Day Endurance Masters (ADEM)	Naples	Aubrey Aldy	4
Space Coast Aquanauts (AQNT)	Sebastian	Dr. Edward H Nessel	3
ATAC Masters (ATAC)	Tallahassee	Frances Gilbert	25
Avalon Swim Club (AVSC)	Clearwater	Wendy J Rexroad	11
Blue Dolfins Masters BDO	Oviedo	Charles Rose	32
Shanna and Bryan Glazer JCC (BGJCC)	Tampa	Yurily Nazarko	4
Blue Marlins Aquatic Club (BMAC)	Winter Haven	Ana Pizarro	10
Bolt Aquatics Masters (BOLTS)	Vero Beach	Karen Fuss	19
Bolles School Sharks Masters Swimming (BSS)	Jacksonville	SEAN ABBEY	32
Clearwater Aquatic Masters (CAM)	Clearwater	Tom Kennedy	85
Carrolwood Village Masters Swim Team (CVMST)	Greater Carrollwood	Shelley M Walz	1
Dream Team Masters (DREAM)	Rockledge	Kelly Parker Palace	0
Florida Aquatic Combined Team (FACT) Clearwater Aquatic Masters workout group FACT	Clearwater	Joan K Campbell	34
Flagler Fluid Swim Team (FFST)	Flager Beach	Carrie Purdy	8
Florida League Of Aquatics (FLA)	Tallahassee	Bruce E Meintjies	2
FAST Falcons (FLCNS)	Ocala	Michael Marshall	6
Gulf Coast Swim Team Masters (GCST)	Fort Myers	Don Henshaw	26
Gator Swim Club (GSC)	Gainesville	Christie Pinter	27
Greater Tampa Swim Association	Татра	James C Kiner	6
Hydro Swim Club Masters (HYDRO)	Ormond Beach	Scott Bay	9
Jacksonville Area Warrior Swimmers (JWS)	Jacksonville	Margaret R Dodson	36
ake Gators Swim Club (LG)	Clermont	Cindi L Wood	46
ake Highland Masters Swimming Club (LHM)	Orlando	Kevin M Jacobs	35
egends Masters Swim Club (LMSC)	Winter Park	Andy Kroupa	49
Swim Melbourne Masters (MELB)	Melbourne, Cocoa Beach	B.J. Graham	126
Airacle Swimming School for Adults (MSSA)	Sarasota	Melon Dash	0
North Florida Swimming (NFS)	Jacksonville	Katie D Chiang	20
Patriot Aquatics (PALB)	Altamonte Springs	Gillian Rhein	4
Palm Coast Piranha Club (PCSC)	Palm Coast	Alma Rock-Yanochko	3

			03/30/2
FLORIDA CLUB	LOCATION	CLUB CONTACT	#
St Augustine Reef Sharks (SARS)	St. Augustine	Clark B Pace	5
Sun City Center Sharks (SCCS)	Sun City Center	Martha J Cesario	5
Sea Dragon Aquatics Masters (SDAMS)	Port Charlotte	JR Whaley	0
YMCA of Southwest Florida Masters Hurricanes (SFYH)	Venice	David Back	1
Sarasota Sharks Masters (SHARK)	Sarasota	Rick B Walker	263
Swim Like A Pro (SLAP)	St. Cloud, Celebration, Clermont	Sara L McLarty	23
WAHOOS OWSLEO (SPBA)	St. Pete Beach	Coach Leo Briceno	7
Space Coast Masters (SPCO)	Indian Harbour Beach	Tasha Camps	15
St Pete Masters Inc (SPM)	St. Petersburg	Brooke Bowman	194
SwimRise Aquatics (SRA)	Jacksonville	Junior Temotio	15
Sarasota Tsunami Masters (SRQM)	Sarasota	Ira Klein	27
Swim-Start (STRT)	Winter Garden, Orlando, Clermont	Gina Gattuso-Espinel	0
Swamp Water Aquatics Gainesville (SWAG)	Gainesville	Karyn A Austin	40
Swim Florida Masters (SWIM)	Fort Myers	Jeanne Epps	13
Swim Out (SWOUT)	Orlando, Clermont, Winter Park	Joe Clauson	38
Suncoast YMCA Masters Swimming (SYMS)	Lacanto, Palm Harbour, Largo, New Port Richey	Tas Pepito	20
T2 Naples Masters (T2NM)	Naples	Maria Sunyak	52
Treasure Coast Aquatics (TCA)	Stuart	Patrick D Toner	9
Tampa Elite Aquatics - Manta Rays (TEAM)	Lutz	Ryan M Gober	1
Tekmasters	Ocala	Aaron Aiken	2
Triton Masters Swim Team (TMST)	Tampa	James C Kiner	0
Tampa Tarpons Masters (TTM)	Tampa	Bret Hamlin	13
Team Windfall (TWFL)	Clearwater	Mark H Smitherman	1
Tampa Y Swimming Masters (TYSM)	Tampa, Valrico	Alexis C Mendenhall	19
United Swim Club (USC)	Tallahassee	Pavel Sankovich	8
/illagers Masters Aquatic Squad (VMAS)	The villages	Michael Uriarte	41
Wahoos of Jacksonville (WAHOO)	Jacksonville	Carlos Mejia	7
West Florida Lightning Masters (WFLM)	Largo	Cashel Mack	5
Wahoo 2.0 (WH2)	Wellington	Dvonte L Washburn	2
			1924

Coming soon – Club information will be posted on our website on the Board Info page.

Florida LMSC 2025 Board of Directors

Elected Board Positions

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