Florida LMSC Annual Meeting

Open Water and Pool Long Distance Annual Report — 2026

2026 Accomplishments

- Promoted open-water, pool long-distance, and postal swimming opportunities through Florida LMSC communications.
- Encouraged swimmers to share accomplishments, race reports, training experiences, safety tips, and club activities through Florida LMSC communications and website updates.
- Highlighted Florida swimmers who participated in the 2026 USMS Sprint and Long Open Water National Championships in Sarasota—the second year our LMSC hosted this premier event.
- Identified opportunities to use USMS data to recognize Florida swimmers participating in virtual and postal events.

2027 Priorities

- Promote open-water, pool long-distance, virtual, and postal events through the Florida LMSC website and USMS event resources, including the 2027 USMS Open Water National Championships website: https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/open-water-national-championships.
- Recognize Florida swimmers' participation and accomplishments through LMSC communications and website updates.
- Encourage clubs to host safe, accessible, beginner-friendly events and provide event information through the Florida LMSC website.
- Improve coordination with clubs and event organizers to share schedules and increase participation through the Florida LMSC event calendar and communications.
- Promote 2027 virtual and postal swimming opportunities through the USMS Virtual and Postal Events page: https://www.usms.org/events/virtual-and-postal-events.

My goal is to make open-water and long-distance swimming more visible and accessible to Florida Masters swimmers. Through improved communication, recognition of achievements, and support for local events, we can strengthen participation and build a stronger swimming community in 2027.

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