

**SPMS Open Water Committee Report
USMS Long Distance Committee Report
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SPMS Open Water Committee:

1. Continuing to contact Open Water Event Hosts regarding possible 2021 dates and scheduling options given the lack of special event permit availability at this time.

2. Drafting SPMS Open Water Operations Manual. This will be located on the SPMS website under Open Water / Open Water Hosts. Note that the “Guidelines for Open Water Chip Timing” will also be located on this webpage. This will be similar to the documents for pool meet hosts and pool meet administrators that are located under the Meets web pages on the SPMS website.

3. Need to clean up SPMS Open Water Hosts web page as everything is currently out of date.

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USMS Long Distance Committee:

2021 USMS Middle-Distance Open Water National Championship

- Newport Pier to Pier Two Mile Ocean Swim – Saturday July 10, 2021

Working with the Host (NBOLA) on their potential options for this OWNC as the city is still not allowing the scheduling of any special events or the submission of special event permit applications at this time.

2021 USMS Open Water National Championships

To check the current status of the six 2021 USMS OWNC Events:

<https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/open-water-national-championships/2021-open-water-national-championships>

LD Rules Proposals (Part 3 of Rule Book):

- Elimination of USMS Open Water Committee
- Clarification of definitions for long distance pool and postal events.

USMS ePostal Working Group

- Main objective is to improve and modernize event to attract more participation.
- Discussing timelines and logistics for early registration and better coordination with Fitness Series.
- Other topics include strategies for event marketing and branding, along with streamlining communications.