

Southeastern LMSC Newsletter



2020 Auburn Invitational

Upcoming Meets and Events

Pool meets:

March 13, 2021: St. Patrick's Day Invitational.
Kingsport, TN. [Information.](#)

Open Water:

June 6th: 14th Annual Chattanooga Rat Race (5K).
Chattanooga, TN. For more [information.](#)

September 12: Swim Hobbs Island (1, 2, or 5 miles).
Huntsville, AL. For more [information.](#)

September 26th (tentative): Bridges to Bluffs (10K).
Knoxville, TN. For more [information.](#)

October 9th: Swim the Suck (10K) Chattanooga, TN.
For more [information.](#)

Other Southeast Zone Meets & Events:

<http://www.southeastzone.org/meets.html>

Other USMS Meets & Events:

http://www.usms.org/comp/event_search.php?utm_campaign=top_nav&utm_medium=events_and_results

Shortly after our last newsletter, one of our LMSC's final meets of the year was held at Auburn. For a review of the awesome swims, please see below!

A lot has happened since then, and yet, not much has happened at all. The big news is that we are still the Southeastern LMSC, but the name of our zone has changed; we are now in the Southeast Zone. We are the Southeastern LMSC (Alabama, Florida Panhandle, Tennessee) in the Southeast Zone (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee).

It's been more than eight months since our last sanctioned meet. When will we be able to see each other and race again? We have a partial answer below. And Kingsport is hoping to hold their St. Patrick's Day Invitational:

Come join the Kingsport Aquatic Center Viperfish on Saturday, March 13th, 2021 for the St. Patrick's Day Invitational (sanction pending). This meet will be held in the HMG competition pool at the Kingsport Aquatic Center. This is a great opportunity to try for qualifying times or Top 10 recognition. For more information please visit <https://www.swimkingsport.com/masters-swim-team/> or contact madisonqump@kingsporttn.gov.

Records Fall at Auburn SCY Meet (February, 2020)

by Conner Bailey (pictures courtesy of Michelle Smith)



A total of seven USMS National records were set at the 22nd annual Auburn Masters SCY Invitational February 1-2, 2020. All record setting swims are impressive, but none were more impressive than the 200 yard breaststroke race by 96-year old Marjorie Stone of Gulf Coast Pirate Swimmers. The old standard was shattered by nearly two and one-half minutes (2:25.78 for the detail oriented). Her record time was 6:31.11. Marjorie set the 50 and 100 breaststroke records at the 2019 Auburn meet. She also holds breaststroke records for the 50 and 200 breaststroke in the 90-94 age group.

At the other end of the spectrum, Sam Stewart of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, swimming unattached, set two USMS national records. His first came Saturday afternoon in the 200 fly, when he set a new 18-24 record for men with a time of 1:46.22. Sam came back Sunday afternoon in the 200 IM with a

new record in the 200 IM at 1:48.91. After one year at Auburn University, Sam finished his collegiate career at the University of Texas.

For sheer productivity, nobody at the Auburn meet outperformed Penny Noyes who set four USMS National records swimming for Swim Kentucky Masters. Penny started Saturday afternoon's first event, the 100 IM, with a new record of 1:07.03 for women 65-69, and turned around in the third event of the afternoon with a record 26.34 in the 50 free. She also set new records in the 50 and 100 butterfly races with times of 29.38 and 1:05:47, respectively.

There were of course many other excellent swims that did not produce records.

The annual Auburn meet continues to be one of the largest meets in the southeastern U.S., drawing 191 swimmers in 2020. Ten different LMSCs and 27 teams were represented, including 94 swimmers from host Southeastern LMSC. Georgia Masters won the large team trophy with a total of 1,101 points. Gulf Coast Pirate Swimmers won the medium sized team trophy with 822 points followed closely by the Madison Titans (750 points) and the Atlanta Water Jocks (504 points). Team winners in the small team category were Tennessee Aquatics Masters Swimmers (397 points), Eastern Shore Masters Swimming (283 points), and Central Alabama Master Swimmers (276 points).



WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO RACE AGAIN?

by Conner Bailey, Auburn Master Swimmers
Sanctions Chair, Southeastern LMSC

For those among us who enjoy Masters meets and events, the past nine months have been tough! How long will it be before we can get together with our friends – people we've been racing against in friendly competition for years or even decades?

By way of a partial answer to that question, there are two developments worth noting. First, USMS is promoting "virtual" competitions – meets follow a specified order of events which take place at different venues over a 10 day period. The meet director merges results into a single report. Each venue needs to follow facility, municipality, state, and federal health and safety guidelines, as well as guidelines laid out by USMS, which are detailed online (<https://www.usms.org/events/covid-19-event-resources>). The 2020 USMS Virtual Championships (August 12-31) attracted participation of 1,500 swimmers, suggesting there is demand for such events.

The second option involves single-venue USMS-sanctioned meets where meet directors also develop and implement strong safety plans and adhere to the same guidelines as virtual competitions. One difference is that single-venue meets, because they attract people from different communities to one place at one time, create greater risks to swimmers and volunteers. Meet directors have to develop or enhance detailed safety plans to minimize risks.

Whether virtual or in-person, meet directors and swimmers need to understand that conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic can change between the time a sanction is issued and when the competition takes place, creating the need to modify or even cancel an event.

We are in the midst of a period of uncertainty. At this point, it appears that one or more effective vaccines will be approved and widely available by spring or summer 2021. However, there are uncertainties regarding distribution and public acceptance. As I write this, we are experiencing a major surge in COVID-19 cases and many medical professionals are expressing concerns about even more cases as we move into winter.

At the local and national levels, USMS is working to move us towards a future when we can all resume swimming and coming together for what some people call meets or events, but are more accurately described as celebrations of life. We may need to call on yet more patience before we can get there.

The USMS Southeastern LMSC (www.southeasternlmsc.com) covers Alabama, Tennessee, and the Florida Panhandle.

For 2019-2020 Season, we had 1,022 members, 41 clubs

For the 2020-2021 Season, as of the end of November, we already have 88 members and 29 clubs!

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