



2008 Open Water Festival

Masters Mile & 10K Open

www.openwaterfestival.org

Sanctioned for USMS, Inc. by Florida LMSC, sanction # 148-010OW

HOST: Lee County Parks & Recreation and SWIM Florida

DATE: Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, 2008

LOCATION: Fort Myers Beach, Florida (Estero Island)

RACE TIMES

1-MILE (Saturday, May 31)

Check in:.....10:45-11:45 A.M.

Final beach briefing:..... 11:45 A.M.

Race begins:.....12:00 noon

10K OPEN (Sunday, June 1)

Check in:..... 6:45-7:45 A.M.

Final beach briefing:.....7:45 A.M.

Race begins:..... 8:05 A.M.

COURSE: The Masters Mile course is one loop around a yellow buoy (800m north from Lynn Hall Park, 800m back). The 10K course is four (4) circuits around a 2.5K rectangle clearly marked with large orange marine buoys at each corner and halfway on the 1K legs. Swimmers must turn the corners with the buoys to their right. Course maps plus tide and water information is posted at www.openwaterfestival.org

FACILITIES: Average water temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico at the start of June are normally in the 80-84 degree range. Men's and women's restrooms are at Lynn Hall Park for changing. Outdoor showers are at the start of the boardwalk to the beach.

TIME LIMIT: Maximum time permitted to complete the 10K race is four (4) hours. Swimmers still in the water after four hours will be notified that the race is over and they need to leave the water at that time. Results will show their time as DNF (Did Not Finish).

ELIGIBILITY: The race is open to all swimmers currently registered with USMS. A copy of your 2008 USMS registration card **MUST** be included with the entry form. Foreign swimmers must present a letter of introduction from their national Masters organization.

One-event entries (OEVT): OEVT registrations are acceptable for non-USMS members. The OEVT registration form and fee must be returned with the race entry form. **NO** race day OEVT entries will be accepted. Open and print a OEVT registration form at www.openwaterfestival.org.

ENTRY LIMIT: Swimmers may enter either or both individual events.

RULES: 2008 USMS Rules and Regulations govern this event.

AGE: The age on the day of the race determines the age group.

PRE-RACE MEETING: Please check www.openwaterfestival.org for more information.

EQUIPMENT: Wet suits are NOT permitted. Support craft other than designated Race Craft are not permitted.

REGISTRATION, DEADLINE: Register on-line at www.active.com/swimming/; in the search box for state/zip code, type **33931**. On-line entries close at midnight, Monday, May 26, 2008. Paper entries must be received by Friday, May 23. Send entries and fees to
SWIM Florida
15275 Collier Blvd. #201
PMB 135
Naples, FL 34119

ENTRY FEES

Masters Mile.....\$ 27.00

10K Open.....\$ 37.00

Masters Mile and 10K Open.....\$ 52.00

Late entries including race day entries pay double the regular fees. Swimmers entering on-line at active.com must show their 2008 USMS registration card and sign the liability waiver at check-in.

RESULTS: Results will be posted at www.openwaterfestival.org

AWARDS:

Masters Mile: Awards to top five in four categories: 44&Under male/female and 45&Over male/female

10K: Awards to the top ten overall male and female swimmers and special awards for the overall male and female winners.

SOCIAL: A hospitality table will be open for the 10K.

Competitors in the Masters Mile are invited to a free social with food and libation at the conclusion of the Masters Mile.

T-SHIRT: All entrants will receive a goodie bag and a 2008 National Open Water Festival T-shirt at check-in.

PARKING: There is *very* limited parking at Lynn Hall Park. There are adjacent public parking areas, but they have parking meters.

LODGING: For discount rates, call (888) 529-6588. Ask for accommodations near Lynn Hall Park.

TRANSPORTATION: All major airlines serve the greater Southwest Florida area. The Regional Southwest International Airport (RSW) is about 15 miles east of Fort Myers Beach. The Tampa and Fort Lauderdale airports are each about two hours away.

RENTAL CARS: All major rental car companies are available at RSW airport.

INFORMATION: www.openwaterfestival.org

MEET DIRECTOR: Gregg Cross (239) 462-3322 or gregg@openwaterfestival.org



Official Entry Form

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Individual Entry information

Name _____ USMS Registration # _____

Address _____ DOB ____/____/____ Age (race day) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Gender (circle) **M** **F** Club _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

T-shirt size: small medium large x-large xx-large

USMS Release: I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of the risks inherent in Masters Swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES

CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE, THE CLUBS, HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEET OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS. Finally, I specifically acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Open Water swimming and agree to assume those risks.

Signature _____ Date _____

Entry Fees and Deadlines

MASTERS MILE (\$25.00) \$ _____

(OR)

10K OPEN (\$35.00) \$ _____

(OR)

MASTERS MILE & 10K OPEN (\$50.00) \$ _____

PLUS

MEET SURCHARGE \$ 2.00

Only if applicable:

One-event USMS registration (\$17) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$

If entering the Masters Mile, please check the appropriate box below:

- I am registered with the Florida LMSC
- I am registered with the Florida Gold Coast LMSC
- I am registered with another LMSC

Mail this entry/release form, with your check (payable to **SWIM Florida**), and a copy of your 2008 USMS Card to

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PMB 135
Naples, FL 34119

email: gregg@openwaterfestival.org
phone: 239-462-3322

United States Masters Swimming www.usms.org		REGISTRATION CARD AND TRAVEL PERMIT 2008
USMS NO		CLUB NO
CLUB NAME		
NAME	Attach a legible copy of your 2008 USMS Registration Card here.	
ADDRESS		
REGISTRATION DATE	EXPIRES DEC. 31, 2008	
DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	SEX