



Name of Committee: SCS Open Water Committee

Name of Committee Chairperson: Robin Smith

Date of Report: September 9, 2020

Actionable item(s):

None

Committee Report:

1. Education

- Draft Plan for “Introduction to Open Water Long Distance Swimming” webinar presentations appended to this report.
- Preliminary planning for 2021 Open Water Clinics including Age Group Open Water Camp currently in progress. Limiting factors include whether or not large gatherings will be allowed and availability of special event and use permits for venues.

2. Competition

- Sat Sep 12th: Las Vegas Open Water Invitational (Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, NV)
- Sat Oct 17th to Sun Oct 18th: West Coast Open Water Championship (Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, NV)
- USA Swimming Open Water Series proposed for 2022 with a possible soft opening in 2021
 - a. Three Levels – Pro/Elite, Futures (Jr Nationals/Zones), Age Group/Grassroots
 - b. Opportunities for SCS participation in all levels
- Preliminary planning for 2021 Open Water Calendar currently in progress. Limiting factors include whether or not large gatherings will be allowed, availability of special event and use permits for venues, and approvals for meet sanctioning.

3. Support

- Certification of Open Water Officials in SCS

4. Other

- Committee meetings are 2nd Wednesday of each Month (start time changes).

Respectfully submitted,

Robin M Smith, Committee Chair

PLAN FOR OPEN WATER WEBINAR PRESENTATIONS

OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES
(VERSION SEPTEMBER 9, 2020)



GENERAL PLAN

- START WITH THREE WEBINAR PRESENTATIONS
- PLAN FOR 30 MINUTES PRESENTATION/15 MINUTES Q&A (TOTAL TIME 45 – 60 MINUTES)
- TARGET AUDIENCE IS COACHES, PARENTS, ATHLETES, OFFICIALS
- SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE SCS COACHES AND ATHLETES, POSSIBLE OPEN WATER OLYMPIAN
- TIMING WILL BE CONTINGENT ON OTHER SCS ACTIVITIES

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE SPORT OF OPEN WATER LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING
- TO REVIEW SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR OPEN WATER VENUES
- TO DEFINE ATTRIBUTES OF SUCCESSFUL OPEN WATER ATHLETES
- TO OFFER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPEN WATER SKILLS, RELATED DRILLS, AND PRACTICE SETS FOR POOL AND OPEN WATER PRACTICES
- TO PRESENT INFORMATION REGARDING OPEN WATER OFFICIATING
- TO REVIEW NEXT STEPS FOR INTERESTED ATHLETES, COACHES, PARENTS, AND OFFICIALS

FUTURE PLANS

- WEBINARS ON ADDITIONAL TOPICS RELATED TO OPEN WATER SWIMMING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LSC
- GUEST SPEAKERS ON SPECIFIC OPEN WATER TOPIC(S)