



TROPICAL SPLASH OPEN WATER SWIM

Dixie Zone Championship

Saturday - October 6, 2012

Off Beautiful Siesta Key Beach - Sarasota, Florida

Sanctioning Bodies: Florida LMSC for USMS, Inc. Sanction # pending
Florida Swimming for USA Swimming, Inc. Sanction # pending

Hosted By: Sarasota YMCA Sharks Masters & South County Family YMCA

Event Directors: Rick Walker (941) 346-7946 / Fernet Ramnath (610) 368-0496

Event Times:

6:15 a.m.	Registration/Check-in – Beach Pavilion
7:00 a.m.	Registration/Check-in closes
7:20 a.m.	Pre-Race Meeting on the beach
7:30 a.m.	1K Start
7:35 a.m.	5K Start
7:40 a.m.	2.5K Start

(Pre-Race Meeting and Race start times are approximate)

About Siesta Key: A gorgeous barrier island adjacent to Sarasota, **Siesta Key Beach** was **ranked the #1 beach in the in the United States** for 2011, providing world class dining and shopping along with outstanding accommodations. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a great race and a special weekend.

TROPICAL SPLASH OPEN WATER COURSE FOR 2012



USMS & USA Swimming races offered:

1K **walk to start** **1 length course** **beach finish**

2.5K **beach start** **1 loop course** **beach finish**

5K **beach start** **2 loop course** **beach finish**

ADDITIONAL RACE DETAILS INFORMATION AND FACTS

Water Temperature: Expected to be 78-82 degrees.

Safety: The course will be protected by emergency personnel on watercraft. Medical staff will be on site. In case of inclement weather, unusually adverse surf conditions or any additional factors which may arise, an event committee composed of the event directors, referee, and a senior member of the YMCA may modify starting times or cancel events.

Pre-Race: Two pre-race meetings will take place on the beach. One for the 1K swimmers at their start location (1K south of finishing line) at approximately 7:20 a.m., and one for the 2.5 and 5K swimmers at their start location (finishing arch) at approximately 7:25 a.m. **All participants must attend.** Please refer to course map.

Equipment: All participants will be provided with a **swim cap which must be worn during the race.** Wetsuits are not permitted. Support craft other than designated event craft are not permitted. Persons allergic to latex should plan to wear a silicone cap beneath their race cap.

Check-In: Check-In will take place at the Siesta Key Pavilion immediately prior to the pre-race meeting. Racing chips will be issued to all competitors. Please note that **racing chips must be worn on your ankle when crossing the finish line** in order for your time to be properly recorded. If you carry your chip in your hand, or any place other than your ankle, the equipment will not detect your finishing time, and as a result, you will not receive a finishing time or a place.

Rules: Current 2012 U.S. Masters Swimming rules will govern the event. All distances will be swum "Open." Final results will be posted by age group.

- Eligibility:** The race is open to all athlete members of U.S. Masters Swimming and USA Swimming. One-time event forms must be completed by anyone not currently registered with U.S. Masters Swimming or USA Swimming.
- Time Limit:** **Maximum time permitted to complete the race is 2 ½ hours.** Swimmers still in the water after 2 ½ hours will be notified the race is over and they need to leave the water. Results will show their time as “Incomplete.”
- Age:** The age of the swimmer on the day of the swim will determine the age group.
- Entries:** **Only first 500 entries accepted.** Online entries will be accepted until Thursday October 4, 2012. **NO RACE DAY ENTRIES.** Only the first 100 entries are guaranteed a race t-shirt unless received prior to the early registration deadline. Early registration entry deadline is Friday, September 21, 2012. Entries will be accepted by Club Assistant at clubassistant.com
- Registration Fees:**
- Early – \$35 (up to 9/21/12) includes post race snack and limited edition t-shirt
 - Late – \$45 (9/22/12 to midnight 10/4/12) includes post race snack and t-shirt if still available
- Scoring:** No team scores will be kept.
- Awards:** Awards will be given to the overall winner, male and female, for each race 1K, 2.5K, 5K for both USMS and USA Swimming divisions. All participants who finish will be awarded a finisher medal.
- Presentation:** Siesta Key beach gazebo located near the finish line. Post race food and beverages provided by Clayton’s Siesta Grill, The Broken Egg, Panera Bread and Gecko’s.
- Race Referees:** Mark Davis, Bill Wall
- Race Marshall:** Rick Walker
- Directions:** Interstate 75 to Sarasota exit #205 (Clark Road). Take Clark Road west approximately six miles. You will cross US 41 and continue across the bridge. Stay right after the bridge and take a right on Midnight Pass Road. Continue north on Midnight Pass Road to Siesta Key Beach. There is ample parking and registration is at the Beach Pavilion.

