

**February 19, 2008**

**To: LMSC Chairs, Editors, Webmasters and OWLD Chairs; Open Water & Long Distance Meet Directors; USMS Open Water Committee; USMS Board of Directors**

Greetings. The 2010 USMS Open Water Long Distance National Championship bid form is attached. We encourage all interested organizations to bid, particularly those that have not previously hosted a national championship.

With this Bid Form, the Open Water Committee has adopted a new spreadsheet format to streamline the bidding process for both the bidders and our committee.

Please fill out the attached bid form, including dates for the event if available, and **email** to me no later than Friday, August 1, 2008. Site/host selection for the 2010 events will occur at the 2008 USMS Convention in Atlanta, Georgia but committee review and discussion will take place prior to Convention, thus requiring email submission. Accordingly, bids received by mail or fax will not be accepted. Attachments to the bid form are not required and only a total of three will be accepted.

It is advisable to secure an electronic receipt or a confirmation email to insure that your bid form was received.

Selection will be based on the suitability of the bid received, the area in which the event is to be held, the timeliness of the submission, and how the entire annual event schedule works as a whole. Untimely bids (those received after August 1st) will not be considered if a qualified, timely bid is received for the same event. Bid presentations at Convention are strongly recommended but not required and each presentation is strictly limited to 5 minutes. If you choose not to make a presentation, we suggest that a representative be present to answer any questions that the committee might have. Bidders will be alerted as to when these presentations will take place at Convention.

The current USMS Open Water calendar includes both open water and pool long distance events. For examples of current events, this calendar is available at: <http://www.usms.org/comp/ldcalendar.php>.

We encourage you to add your Open Water and Postal events to this calendar by filling out the form at: <http://www.usms.org/comp/eventform.php>.

Feel free to copy this email to any interested party and to contact me if you have any questions. Note that we used several email lists, so you may receive multiple copies of this communication.

Swimcerely,

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