

26th Annual One Hour Postal Swim 2003 United States Masters Swimming Long Distance National Championship Sanctioned by the Oregon

Sanctioned by the Oregon LMSC for USMS, Inc. Sanction Number: 373-P01 **Date:** All swims must take place during January 2003.

OBJECTIVE: To swim as far as possible in one hour. The total number of yards swum determines the order of finish. If two or more swimmers complete the same distance, a tie will be declared.

<u>VENUE:</u> Any pool 25 yards or longer. (For events swum in meter pools, multiply the distance swum by 1.0936 and round down to the nearest five yard increment. Submit the distance in yards.)

ELIGIBILITY: Each participant must be registered for 2003 with USMS or if non-US a similar body in the swimmer's country. A COPY OF YOUR 2003 REGISTRATION CARD MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ENTRY!

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: Men and women separately will compete as individuals in the following age groups: 19-24, 25-29,, 100+. The swimmer's age on the day the event is swum determines the entrant's age for the One Hour Swim.

RELAY EVENT: Two team relay events will be contested: 1) a 3 swimmer, same gender team and 2) a mixed 4 person team (2 men & 2 women). The team with the greatest total yardage will be declared the winner. The age of the youngest member determines the age group of the team: 19+, 25+,, 95+. Each team member must also have entered the individual event for his/her age group. All team members must be registered with the same club. Unattached teams are not permitted. Team entries must include copies of the individual entry forms if they are not submitted with the originals.

<u>CLUB</u> <u>EVENT</u>: Each club will be entered automatically in the club event. The three clubs accumulating the most yardage in each division will receive an award. Three divisions will be recognized based on the number of swimmers entered in the event from each club, as determined by the event host and Long Distance Committee chair. Relay yards will not be counted.

AWARDS: USMS Championsip medals will be awarded in each age group to the top 10 swimmers in the individual event and the top 6 relay teams in each age group relay team event. First place finishers in individual and team relay events also receive USMS Champion patches. Distinctive awards will be given to the top 3 Clubs in each division of the Club event.

RULES: Drafting, floatation and propulsive devices (pull buoys, fins, paddles, wet suits, etc.) are not permitted. To ensure that drafting does not occur, no more than two swimmers may share a lane. If two swimmers share a lane, they should each swim on one side of the lane during the entire race (i.e. no "circle" swimming). USMS Long Distance Swimming rules require a starter/referee be present during the swim. Each swimmer must have a verifier to count lengths, record cumulative splits and time the event with a stopwatch. The verifier must sign the official entry form. Distances are to be rounded down to the nearest completed five yard increment (i.e., round 2764 yards to 2760). (See Venue section for conversion from meters to yards.) Swimmers who change age groups during January may enter twice but must swim the event twice, once in each age group. No adjustment may be made for swims completed at altitude. Split sheets must be kept for each swimmer and a copy included with your entry. Using a stopwatch, record cumulative split times to the nearest second and tenth or hundredths for each 50 split.

FEES: Individual entry fees are US \$5 per swimmer for US (\$8 for non-US swimmers). Team entry fees are US \$15 per relay (\$18 for non-US entries). All fees are non-refundable. Make checks payable to Tualatin Hills Barracudas and mail entries to the address below. International entrants please submit US funds via international money order or bank check drawn on a bank with a US Affiliate. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED by February 10, 2003. Swimmers submitting incomplete entries will be contacted by collect phone call or email.

<u>T-SHIRTS:</u> A 2003 USMS One Hour Postal National Championship T-shirt is available at a cost of \$15. (International orders please add US \$5 postage for each shirt.)

MORE INFO: Address questions to

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email: onehour@swimoregon.org Additional entries / info: www.barracudas.org

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Please note: An individual entry form (next page) and individual event entry fees for each team participant must accompany this team entry form with the team entry fee. Individual Entry Form: Use only for individual entries.

2003 USMS One Hour Postal Swim National Championship Individual Entry Form

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