

**ESMS OKTOBER SPLASH INVITATIONAL MEET**  
**October 20, 2013 – SHORT COURSE YARDS MASTERS MEET**  
**Fairhope, Alabama**

Sanctioned by Southeastern Masters Swimming for United States Masters Swimming, Inc., Sanction No. 153-S007

**HOSTED BY:** Eastern Shore Masters Swimming. Meet Director: Bob McLaughlin. Phone: 251-554-3430; Fax: 251-952-3199.  
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**MAIL ENTRIES TO:** Bob McLaughlin, 370 Francilla Cir. Fairhope, AL 36532.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entry deadline is Monday, October 14, 2013. Entries must be received, not postmarked, by the deadline. Late entries arriving by email and by fax after that date will be accepted at the discretion of the Meet Director up to Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> but will incur an additional fee of \$15. Entries received by October 10th will be seeded. Any entries after that will be considered deck entries and also incur an additional fee of \$15.

**DECK ENTRIES:** Deck entries will be allowed at the discretion of the Meet Director. We will try to accommodate deck entries but only if such entries do not require additional heats. Swimmers registering for the meet as deck entries will be asked to pay both the regular and the late entry fees.

**FACILITY:** The Fairhope Municipal Pool [http://www.cofairhope.com/ser\\_rec\\_cen.php](http://www.cofairhope.com/ser_rec_cen.php) in beautiful Fairhope, Alabama is an indoor 25 yard, 8 lane competition pool. 6 lanes will be used for competition and 2 lanes for warm-up available before and during competition. The pool uses ozone and bromine, not chlorine.

**RULES:** 2013 USMS Rules and Southeastern LMSC Safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will govern. Safety guidelines specify feet-first entry during warm-ups except for designated sprint lanes.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All swimmers must be registered with United States Masters Swimming, Inc. Please enclose a photocopy of your year 2013 USMS registration with your entry materials. If not provided in advance, you will be asked to show a 2013 USMS registration card when you check in. Swimmers will be able to register with USMS at the meet.

**ENTRIES:** A swimmer may enter up to 5 individual events for the meet, exclusive of relays. Please submit entries on the attached form. Entry times will be assumed to be in yards unless otherwise indicated. If you are using times for short-course or long-course meters, please so indicate. We will convert your time and seed you based on short-course yards equivalents (converted SCY times will be shown on the heat sheets). NT entries will be seeded as slowest times. Please avoid using NT times whenever possible, and please use realistic entry times.

**SCHEDULE:** Same day registration and check-in starts at 8a.m., warm-up at 9 a.m. with competition starting at 10am. A lunch break will occur during / after the 500 free.

**SCORING:** First 6 finishes in each event, by age and gender, will be scored as follows: Individual events 6-5-4-3-2-1; Relay events -12-10-8-6-4-2.

**RELAYS:** Relays will be deck-entered using forms provided at the meet. Relay team members must be registered with the same club. For purposes of awards and scoring, the age of the youngest relay team member shall determine the age group in the following age categories: 18+, 25+, 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+, 75+, 85+, 95+, etc.

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** High point awards will be given to top male and female swimmers in each age group based on points scored in individual events. A swimmer must swim in five individual events to qualify. Relay points will not count towards individual awards, but they will count for team awards.

**TEAM AWARDS:** Awards will be presented to the top teams in 2 divisions; large and small. The host team will not be a contender for team awards.

**EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT:** The phone number at the pool office is 251-990-0175. This number is for emergency purposes only during competition.

**DISABLED SWIMMERS:** An information sheet for disabled swimmers is available. This provides information necessary to prepare the facility and officials. Please contact Bob McLaughlin, Meet Director.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** There are a number of options for lodging in the Fairhope area;

**Bed & Breakfast**

[Away at the Bay](#), 251-928-9725

[Bay Breeze Guest House](#), 251-928-8976, 1-866-928-8976

[Bayside Guest House](#), 251-990-4810

[Church Street Inn](#), 251-928-8976, 1-866-928-8976

[Emma's Bay House](#), 251-990-0187

[Fairhope Inn and Restaurant](#), 251-928-6226

[Fairhope's Storybook](#), 251-928-4347

[Fellers Cove Bed & Breakfast](#), 251-928-4248, 251-928-1929

[Montrose Hideaway Bed-and-Breakfast Retreat](#), 251-625-4868, 1-866-443-3299

[Point of View](#), 251-928-1809

**Hotels**

[Holiday Inn Express](#), 251-928-9191

[Keywest Inn](#), 251-990-7373

[Marriott's Grand Hotel Spa & Resort](#), 251-928-9201

[Hampton Hotel Fairhope, AL](#) 251-928-0956

Marriott's Grand Hotel's is very nice but somewhat \$. Holiday Inn is good too and has free breakfast. Any of the bed and breakfasts are great. The Hampton is right in downtown Fairhope and is brand new.

**DIRECTIONS TO POOL:** When driving on I-10 (from Pensacola, FL or Mobile) exit on US Hwy 98 at exit 35A. Take 98 east toward Fairhope, continue on Hwy 98 approximately 8.5, miles pool is on the right. Physical street address of the pool is 801 N. Greeno Rd (Hwy 98), Fairhope, AL 36532

Volunteers needed. Please encourage your friends and family to attend. We always take good care of our volunteers.

