

Open Water Coordinator Report

Ben Hair Meet May 17 went well. We had 178 swimmers. Next year's meet is already in the planning stages.

Eastern Zone Meet was held June 7th. 79 swimmers participated. Norah Hunt won the 5K and is eligible to go to USA Swimming Open Water Nationals. We really needed more lifeguards and safety boats on the course for this meet. 2 of the guards scheduled to work were no shows because of a family death; hard to plan for that.

Open Water Nationals - Jessica Arnold from SMAC competed in the 5K 13th place and 10K 26th place.

OBX open water meet July 6th is not a sanctioned meet. OBX used VSI's e-mail list to send put out info to VSI Club teams. Does VSI want to put out an e-mail stating that this is not a USA Swimming sanctioned meet?

Smith Mountain lake meet in September is not sanctioned. Doug Fonder contacted me but published his meet without putting in an application. Again does VSI want to publish that this meet is not sanctioned?

New equipment: Based on recommendations from Dr. Miller and Kurt Thiel, I would like to purchase 4 Marine radios and 3 more guard tubes for use in open water. Radios about \$150 each. Rescue cans about \$50 each. I would also like to purchase a blow up start/ finish arch; cost \$720 plus tax. I would also like to purchase safety fencing; cost \$50.