

THE MARYLAND LMSC OF UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING PRESENTS:

# The Carol Chidester Memorial Swim Series

The 2007-2008 Swim Series will be similar to last season. Listed below are the main highlights:

- All six meets of the season will be free to all registered USMS Maryland LMSC swimmers, other LMSC swimmers are welcome, but it will cost them \$10 per meet. Registration forms will be available at the meet.
- Each meet will use an electronic timing system, if available.
- Each meet will have 50-100 of each stroke, 100-200 IMs and 200 Freestyle. The 500 free and 400 IM will be done at two of the meets.
- Each swimmer will be allowed to swim up to 3 individual events and 1 relay per meet.
- Meets results will be submitted to USMS's Results.net

We would like to encourage you and your teammates to attend the swim series. The meets are low-key and fun. The first meet will be held at the Talbot County YMCA on Saturday, October 13.

*The annual Maryland USMS membership meeting will take place before the November 10<sup>th</sup> meet at UMBC. This meeting will be held on the UMBC Campus (exact location to be announced later) from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.*

All the swim meets will be deck entered. You will be required check in with the meet registrar to verify your current USMS registration (forms available to register will be at the meet). You will then be required to sign a waiver and given 3 meet entry cards. You will be required to turn in all your cards prior to the beginning of the meet to improve the seeding process.

All teams are asked to provide timers at each meet, not just the host team. Everyone needs to pitch in and help to make these meets enjoyable for all Masters. We will not be able to start the meet until we have adequate timers/runners.

The **Swim Series Challenge** for this year will only include the first five meets of the seasons (#1 to #5). An award will be given to each swimmer who competes in any 12 different individual events or who competes in all five meets. The awards will be presented at the swim social following the FINALE meet on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

## MEET SCHEDULE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>WARMUP TIME</u>	<u>ORDER OF EVENTS</u>
October 13	Talbot County YMCA	4:00 PM	#1
November 10	UMBC	4:30 PM	#2
December 1	Towson Univ.	4:00 PM	#3
January <del>12</del> or 19	AOSC	TBD Noon	#4
February 9 *	Severna Park	5:00 PM	#5
March 29	USNA	TBD	FINALE

\*A meeting at 3:00pm will precede the meet in February for everyone who is going to YMCA nationals with AACY.

## CONDUCT:

- All meets will be sanctioned and have two officials, which will be paid for by the LMSC. The officials will be arranged by the LMSC, not the host team.
- All the meets are sanctioned due to insurance requirements, meaning that all participants must be registered with **United States Masters Swimming (USMS)**.
- If electronic timing is used, one timer per lane is sufficient. If not, there must be a minimum of 2 timers per lane.
- A swimmer is limited to 3 individual events and 1 relay per meet.
- Everyone should volunteer to time, not just the host team.
- There will be a \$10 charge to swim in each of the six meets if you are **NOT** a **Maryland LMSC** registered swimmer. Please bring exact change.
- Cards **MUST** be turned in at the seeding table before the start of the meet. Before each event, pick up your card which will indicate your heat and lane assignment.



**Directions to Swim Series Meet Locations:**

**Talbot County YMCA:** From West: take route 50E into Easton, MD. Just past the Easton airport, turn slight right onto MD 322 (Easton Bypass). Go 3 miles and turn left onto Peachblossom Rd. YMCA is immediately on the right. From East: take route 50W toward Easton, MD. Just past car dealerships (Volvo, Honda, Toyota), turn left onto MD 322 (Easton Bypass). Go 2 miles and turn right onto Peachblossom Rd. YMCA is immediately on the right.

**UMBC: From Rt.95** Take Exit 47 Catonsville (Rt.166/195) East toward Rt 166t. Follow the exit ramp over the bridge and bear right onto the campus follow signs to UMBC. The pool is directly ahead of you at the stop sign. The pool is located in the fieldhouse which is to the right of the high rise building please enter through the doors at the bottom of the steps.**From the Baltimore Beltway(Rt. 695)** Exit 12, Wilkens Ave West. UMBC is 1/2 mile on the left. Turn into the first entrance by the police station Walker Ave. Take a right at the stop sign at the top of the hill. Go through the next stop light. The pool is at the foot of the high rise building at the bottom of the hill.

**Towson University – Burdick Hall Pool:** From 695, take Charles St. south. Turn left on Towsontown Blvd. Turn right at the second light on Tower Dr. The pool is in Burdick Hall on your right. Park in the first lot on your right.

**Arundel Olympic Swim Center:** From 695, take Rt. 97 south to Rt. 50 east. Take the first exit #22, Aris T. Allen Blvd/Rt. 665. Take the first exit onto Riva Rd. south (right). Go thru 3 lights. The Arundel Olympic Swim Center is about 50 yds. ahead on the right, next to Annapolis High School.

**Woods Community Aquatic Center:** (Formerly Severna Park YMCA) From 695, take Rt. 97 south to Benfield Blvd. east. Take a right on Evergreen Rd at the traffic light at the Severna Park High School. When the road ends at Baltimore Annapolis Pike, Woods is straight ahead. Take a right, then 2 lefts to parking.

**United States Naval Academy:** Take US Route 50 towards Annapolis and get off on MD-70/Rowe Blvd., Exit 24. Take Rowe Blvd. 1.6 miles to where it dead-ends at College Ave. - make a left turn. Go to the first stop light, this will be King George St. - make a right turn. Follow King George St. for two blocks and you will see Gate 1.

**PARKING:** Only vehicles with DoD stickers or a guest pass are allowed on the Yard. All others will need to park outside the Academy and walk in through Gate 1 with a valid ID.

**The pool at Lejeune Hall** Located in the first building on left just past Visitors Gate #1.

**The pool at MacDonough Hall:** Take the 1st left after Visitors Gate #1 and follow the road until it ends in a parking lot. MacDonough Hall is the large building on the left.

*For question or comments please contact the Swim Series Meet Director, Steve Hicks at [mdtopten@gmail.com](mailto:mdtopten@gmail.com)*

