

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES**

NAME _____ USS REG. No. _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

EMAIL _____

RACE ENTERED: 5 Kilometer _____
 2.5 Kilometer _____
 1 Kilometer _____

CLASSIFICATION/CATEGORY: _____ Physical Disability (S-3 through S-10), Blind (S11-S13) and Hearing Impaired (S14). If you do not know your classification please describe disability and classification will be determined before the start of the race.

CLUB _____

COACH NAME _____ PHONE _____

I certify that I have personally observed the above swimmer complete 400 M () or 500 Y (). I believe that he/she is capable of completing the race entered.

NAME SIGNATURE _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER (~) _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Travel to AC (plane/car):

Race day transportation: have _____ need _____

Wheelchair level:

Other needs or concerns _____

Entry form due to meet director by July 27, 2002,

MAIL TO: Dennis Smith, 14 Royal Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234, (609) 927 6812

In consideration of your accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against United States Swimming, Middle Atlantic Swimming, Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation, The City of Ventnor, The Egg Harbor Township Seahawks Swim Club T. I. Kayaks and their representatives successors assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me at the said event. I further attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for the completion of this race.

SWIMMER'S SIGNATURE _____

PARENT (if under 18 Years) _____

TRANSPORTATION: All swimmers are responsible for transportation to and from the Atlantic City area. Transportation is available to and from the race site upon request. Please fill in special request section on entry form.

COURSE: 2.5 Kilometer Race - The race will start and finish at the Viking Rowing Club in Ventnor, New Jersey. Course will be marked with orange turn buoys following an East then North direction.

COURSE: 5 Kilometer Race - The race will start and finish at the Viking Rowing Club in Ventnor, New Jersey. Course will be marked with orange turn buoys following an East then North direction. Swimmers will touch the Albany Street Bridge and return.

RULES: All applicable USA Swimming RULES, REGULATIONS, and SAFETY REQUIREMENTS will be enforced. Radio equipped hats for the visually impaired swimmers will be allowed. The race will officially terminate one hour after the first 2.5k or 5k swimmer completes the course; Swimmers not yet finished will be required to retire and places awarded on the basis of distance completed.

ESCORT CRAFT: Escort craft will be provided for all swimmers. The no escort-no swim rule applies. The point where escort boats will meet their swimmers will be announced at pre-race meeting. Only non-motorized escort craft will be allowed.

TRAINER/COACH: Escort craft will provide swimmer with drinking water and course direction. All swimmers should consider bringing a land-based coach/trainer to monitor swimmer progress and provide any special equipment needed by the swimmer. This person will also be responsible for assisting the race management determining safety and well being of the athlete during the race.

SAFETY: In addition to the personal escorts there will also be a number of craft and safety personnel assigned to general area coverage and to provide safety for the novice race.

PRE-RACE MEETING: A mandatory pre race meeting for all participants will be held one hour before the start of the race at the Viking Rowing Club.

FOR INFORMATION:

SAFETY DIRECTOR:
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Warrington, PA 18976
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Entry Fees: no entree fees will be required-Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation has agreed to cover most of the meet expenses.

AWARDS: Middle Atlantic Open Water Disabled Championship Medals will be presented to all finishers in each classification.

ENTRY DEADLINE: entry form must be to the meet director by July 27, 2002

MEET HOTEL: Ramada Ltd., West Atlantic City, NJ 1-609-646-5220 (mention swim for rate)

2002 Middle Atlantic Open Water Disabled Championships

SPONSORED BY: Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation
Egg Harbor Township Seahawks Swim Club
T. I. Kayaks

SANCTIONED BY: Middle Atlantic Swimming (Sanction Number 0278 OW)

LOCATION: Back Bay Area – (Calvert & Surrey Avenues) Ventnor, NJ

DATE: Friday August 16, 2002 at 9:30am

CATEGORIES: Men and Women: S-3 through S-14
(Physical disability, blind, hearing impaired)
All others considered on a case-to-case basis

DISTANCES:

5.0 Kilometers	S7, S8, S9, S10, S12, S13, S14
2.5 Kilometer	S3, S4, S5, S6, S11
1 Kilometer	(limited entries)

CHECK IN/PRE-RACE MEETING: A mandatory check-in/pre race meeting for all participants will be held one hour (8:30am) before the start of the race at the Viking Rowing Club, Calvert & Surrey Avenues.

RACE STARTS: 9:30AM

ELIGIBILITY: Race is open to all USA Swimming registered swimmers with physical disabilities. Foreign entries are eligible, subject to their FINA Affiliated federation rules and regulations. For information concerning becoming a member of USA Swimming please contact your Local USA Swimming Committee. Local swimming clubs may also provide this information. If you encounter any problems please contact USA Swimming in Colorado Springs, Colorado for assistance.

Swimmer may enter any distance. The meet management reserves the right to change the distance if in their estimation the swimmer could not finish within one hour of the winning time at a particular distance. As a general rule swimmers in the S7 and higher above are encouraged to enter the 5 kilometer or shorter distance events, swimmer S6 and lower are encouraged to enter the 2.5 kilometer.

ENTRY TIMES: Swimmers must provide proof of having swam 400 Meters/500 yards in the time indicated for their disability classification to participate and have a qualified person certify that they are able to complete the 5 or 2.5 kilometer distance.

The minimum disability classification entry times for the 2.5 and 5 kilometer for 500 Yards/400 Meters are:

S3, S4;= 25 Minutes	S7, S8, S11,S14; =15 Minutes
S5, S6;= 20 Minutes	S9,S10, S12, S13;=10 Minutes