

The Racine Quarry Open Water Challenge-U.S.S. Open Water Meet
Saturday, June 30, 2001
U.S.S. Sanction # 2001-55

Sponsor: South Eastern Aquatics - Racine YMCA Swim Team

Location: Quarry Lake Park / 3501 Northwestern Ave. / Racine, WI 53404 / (262) 637-6179 – Emergency Only. Directions: I-94 to Hwy K (East) to Hwy. 38 (Northwestern Ave.). Turn right. Go east and cross Hwy. 31 and Hwy. MM. The park will be on your right after you cross the bridge.

Facilities: The Lake: 18 acres. A spring-fed body of water located in an old rock quarry. A favorite place in Racine for swimming, fishing, and scuba diving. The Park: 40 acres, surrounding Quarry Lake. Sandy beach, bathhouse with air conditioning, flush toilets, showers, lockers and concession stand. Picnic tables and grills. Volleyball area. Parking for 275 vehicles. Excellent view of the lake from the picnic area and beach. Bring your lawn chairs and binoculars!

Entries: A separately sanctioned Masters 1.2 mile swim will immediately follow the events of this U.S.S. sanctioned Open Water Meet. Although both meets are held on the same day and at the same location, they are considered two separate meets. Swimmers must be members of United States Swimming to compete in the U.S.S. sanctioned meet; swimmers in the Masters sanctioned meet must have membership in United States Masters Swimming. Entries in both meets will be limited to approximately 275-300 swimmers, depending on the projected meet timeline, with a limit of one entry per swimmer per meet. The order of events for the two meets is as follows:

UNITED STATES SWIMMING EVENTS (U.S.S. membership required):

15 and Over	1.8 Mile Swim	Cut-off Time 7.0 Min./500 yd. Freestyle
13-14	1.2 Mile Swim	Cut-off Time 7.5 Min./500 Yd. Freestyle
11-12	.6 Mile Swim	Cut-off Time 8.0 Min./500 Yd. Freestyle
9-10	.3 Mile Swim	Cut-off Time 5.0 Min./200 Yd. Freestyle
Open	3.0 Mile Swim	Cut-off Time 7.0 Min./500 Yd. Freestyle

UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING EVENT (USMS membership required):

19 and Over	1.2 Mile Swim	Cut-Off Time 12.0 Min./500 Yd. Freestyle
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Fees: \$16.25, if mailed before June 8 / \$21.25 per swimmer for entries mailed after June 8. Fee includes a \$1.25 WI LSC splash fee. Note: Swimmers in the U.S. Masters meet do not pay the WI LSC \$1.25 splash fee.

Entry Deadline: **FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2001.** On time entries will receive a T-shirt, meet cap, and goody bag. Entries mailed after June 8 AND received by June 22 will include XL t-shirts and a meet cap. Entries received after June 22 are guaranteed a meet cap only

Deck Entries: Deck entries may be accepted, depending upon the projected timeline of the meet, but swimmers deck-entering must present proof of U.S. Swimming registration prior to entering, or must register at the park the day of the meet. U.S.S. registration prior to the meet is \$17.00 and can be obtained from Carol Graham, 1716 Thrush Ln., Mequon, WI 53092. U.S.S. registration the day of the meet will be \$32.00.

Time: The meet starts at 8:00 A. M. **THE POSITIVE CHECK-IN** will be at the clerk of course table **beginning** at 6:30 A. M. for the 15 & Over swimmers (7:00 AM, for all others), and will close 45 minutes before the start of each event. All U.S.S. events are generally completed by noon.

Warm-up Time: THE OFFICIAL WARM-UP TIME will be 6:30-7:45 A.M. Swimmers checking in later in the day will be able to warm-up along the roped off area of the beach. The warm-up area will also serve for warm-downs following the competition.

Eligibility: Swimmers in the U.S.S. meet must be registered U.S.S. swimmers. Out of state swimmers should be prepared to show proof of U.S.S. swimming registration prior to entering, or must register at the park the day of the meet. Swimmer's age will be determined as of June 30, 2001. Please Note: Swimmers younger than 9 years may not participate in the meet.

Rules: Official 2001 U.S. Swimming rules will govern this meet. All swimmers are REQUIRED to wear a brightly colored cap (which will be supplied).

Cut-Off Times: **ALL SWIMMERS MUST MEET THE CUT-OFF TIMES LISTED FOR THEIR AGE GROUP (ABOVE).** Swimmers with slower seed times will be ineligible to complete.

Park Admission: \$.75 per person, after 8:00 A.M. Arrive early!

The Course: The course will be an open water swim around a closed course, marked by buoys. The starting area slopes from 0 – 12 feet deep. The swim course ranges from 60-70 feet deep. A shoreline start and finish will be used. The starting line will be located at the southwest corner of the beach. **The 15 & Over, 13-14, 11-12, and Open swimmers** will swim out toward the western-most buoy marking the swimming area along the beach, pass the buoy, and swim east to the southeast buoy. Turn left around the buoy and swim north to the northeast buoy. Turn left around the buoy and swim west to the northwest buoy. Turn left around the buoy and swim south to the southwest buoy, near the starting area. Repeat circuit, depending upon age group (each circuit is .6 mile). **The 9-10 year old swimmers** will swim out and back along a course marked by a line of buoys.

Start Procedure: A land start will be used. Swimmers will line up along the beach, and with the starting sound, will run into the water and proceed to swim the course. Swimmers shall allow adequate spacing at the start to avoid interference with other swimmers.

Finish Procedure: A land finish will be used for all age groups. Swimmers will exit the water and run into a timing chute to receive their finish times. They will remain within the timing chute, in order of finish, until their times have been properly recorded.

Timing: Swimmers will finish at the original starting line, through a timing chute. An electronic timing system will be used, with manual back-up timers. **(Swimmers must remain in the chute following their swim until times and order of finish have been properly recorded.)**

Meet Format: Fifteen minutes prior to the start of each heat, a meeting will be held with MANDATORY attendance by: starter, referee, heat swimmers, and coaches. Agenda will include: start procedure, finish procedure, course definition, signals for emergency assistance, and disqualification. The meet will be swum in heats of no more than 40 swimmers per heat. Heats will be swum fastest to slowest, with the fastest-seeded swimmers, male and female, combined, lining up in the first row, of each heat.

Time Line: No maximum time has been established for any of the swim distances. However, the referee will make the final decision during the race based on seed times and actual performance in the water. No more than three heats will be allowed in the water at a time. Heats will be swum fastest to slowest, within each age group. Males and females will swim combined, per each age group and qualifying time. Each age group and sex will be scored separately for awards. The order of swim will be as follows: 15 & Over, 13-14, 11-12, 9-10, and Open, followed by the Masters swim.

Awards: Trophies will be awarded to the top three male and female swimmers in each age group. Ribbons, for 4th – 16th.

Entries must include a completed individual waiver for each swimmer. Enclose payment of \$16.25 / \$21.25 per entrant. Checks should be payable to “SEAY.”

Mail entries to: Frank Michalowski
2123 Carlisle Ave.
Racine, WI 53404-2111
(262) 632-2246/E-mail: franknwi@aol.com

Meet Director: Linda Eberle
3505 Olympia Dr.
Racine, WI 53406
(262) 554-0519/E-mail: eberle5@execpc.com

Scratches: Swimmers having second thoughts about doing the swim can still drop out at the starting line – but the swimmers **will not** receive a refund of their entry fee. A swimmer who drops out prior to or during the swim must immediately inform meet officials.

Cancellation: In general, the meet will run regardless of weather conditions. However, if severe weather or any other conditions adversely affect the safety of the competitors, the race may be postponed until conditions warrant a restart of the race. If conditions further deteriorate to such a point that the race will not be able to be completed in a reasonable time limit, the race may be canceled. A \$6 refund will be made to swimmers present to swim who are unable to race due to the cancellation.

Meet Conduct: WARNING! No one is allowed to jump or dive off any cliff within the park. Anyone caught jumping or diving into the water will be subject to arrest by the Racine County Sheriff's Department. All Swimmers are expected to maintain proper behavior. Any conduct not suitable to running a safe, efficient meet will be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including disqualification.

Concessions: Although a snack bar is available at the park, teams/families may wish to picnic in the park. Grills and picnic tables are available in the park on the hill above the lake.

Meet Officials: Phil Eberle, Jim Klancnik, Martha Oppeneer, Craig Capano, and Zeke Bockarovski.

Lodging Quality Inn, 3700 Northwestern Ave. (262) 637-9311 (Closest lodging to Quarry Lake)
Marriot Hotel, 7111 Washington Ave. (262) 886-6100
Knights Inn, 1149 Oakes Rd. (Off Hwy 20) (262) 886-6667
Radisson Inn, 233 Gaslight Circle (Downtown Lakefront) (262) 632-7777

QUARRY CHALLENGE USS APPLICATION (USS membership required)

(This form MUST be completed by ALL USS swimmers!)

NAME: _____ USS NO. _____ T-Shirt Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____
TEAM: _____ XXL _____ (available at \$2.00 extra)
SEX: M _____ F _____ BIRTH DATE: _____ AGE AS OF 6/30/01: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City, State) (Zip Code)

500 Seed Time _____ 200 Seed Time _____
11-12, 13-14, 15 and Over, and Open Age Groups 9-10 Age Group ONLY!

PLEASE NOTE ANY PERTINENT MEDICAL INFORMATION: _____

WAIVER: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I/We hereby, for myself/yourself, my/our/their, administrators and assigns, waive and release any and all claims against United States Swimming, the Wisconsin Association of the U.S.S., the South Eastern Aquatics - Racine YMCA, the Racine YMCA, Racine County, Racine County Parks and Recreation and their staffs for injuries and/or expenses incurred by me/us at this meet, or while on the road, to and from this meet. I/We are bona fide amateur athletes and eligible to compete in all events I/We have entered. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for the completion of this race. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM AWARE OF ALL THE RISKS INHERENT IN OPEN WATER SWIMMING, AND AGREE TO ASSUME THOSE RISKS.

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Participant signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18)

1 - Complete this form and attach \$16.25 (\$21.25, if mailed after June 8). Add \$2 extra for an XXL shirt.

2 - Mail to: SEAY, 2123 Carlisle Ave., Racine, WI 53404.

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