

Open Water & Long Distance Report

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2020 Recap

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our typical open water swims were canceled.

- The John Shrum Memorial Cable Swim (formerly the Chris Greene Lake Swim), June
 - Canceled prior to event registration.
- Lake Moomaw swim, August
 - Canceled after event registration opened.

Due to the closure of many pools due to the COVID-19 pandemic the popularity of open water swimming increased. As a result of that demand, we created a catalogue of open water swimming locations in Virginia.

That can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OKzwKUE5HKJc3h-NwWh5Mz4zv8rRa3vU0ZvoA9aUpQ8/edit?usp=sharing>

Long Term Goals

NOTE: These are carry-overs from 2019. The pandemic prevented seeing these to fruition, however, they should be considered in future seasons.

- Host an open water clinic for USMS swimmers in conjunction with one of the races. This would be open to all registered USMS swimmers, not just Virginia swimmers. In addition to promoting open water swimming, it could be a fundraiser and recruitment tool for Virginia USMS. Specifically, promoting with triathletes and college students.
- Provide open water training opportunities to Virginia swimmers. Ideas for consideration include inviting swimmers to Walnut Creek or Chris Greene Lake weekend swims hosted by the Charlottesville Triathlon Club.
- Host an open water race series in Virginia, this could include the John Shrum Memorial Cable Swim, the Lake Moomaw Swim and one of Jay Peluso's races.

Proposals for Board Consideration in the 2021 season:

- John Shrum Memorial Cable Swim.
 - Host a post-race VMST social at a local brewery/restaurant.
- Host a VMST Open Water Swim Series.
- Continue using and promoting the open water swim catalogue (see above).