

Open Water Report, Oct 2013, by Dave Holland, Open Water Chair

We hosted 3 sanctioned open water events in 2013, and our LMSC supported a **"Virginia Open Water Series" that was successful. The three events hosted by VMST (with number of participants) were as follows:**

- Jack King 1-Mile Ocean Swim in Va. Beach- June 23, 2013 (65 women, 82 men, 147 total)
- Chris Greene Lake 1 or 2-Mile Cable Swim in Charlottesville- July 13, 2013 (153 total)
- Lake Moomaw 1-Mile Swim north of Covington- August 3, 2013 (20 women, 17 men, 37 total)

In all, there were 13 swimmers who competed in all 3 events (8 males, 5 females). Each received a commemorative blue towel:

Women:

Kelsey Barklund
Lynda Calkins
Lesley Eicher
Jennifer Johnston
Carolyn Lowe-Thompson
Karen Mickunas
Mary Ann Peterson
Cheryl Ptak

Men:

David Brown
Howard Craddock
Tim David Johnston
Kevin McCartney
Victor Mickunas

Also taking place in our LMSC, but not USMS-sanctioned, Jay Peluso hosted the 5-mile Bridge and Back swim in the James River in October, 2013, and had 74 participants.

Jay plans to add a 10-mile invitational event to Bridge & Back for 2014 and he will bid on the 10K National Champs for 2015.