



**Stafford County Sharkfest
Pool Open Water Meet
June 30, 2013
SANCTION NO. VS-13-66
(Held in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Sharks
Splash-N-Dash)**



SANCTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/Virginia Swimming, Inc., SANCTION NO: VS-13-66 USA Swimming, Inc., Virginia Swimming, Inc., and Stafford County Parks and Recreation shall be held free and harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.
LOCATION:	Curtis Memorial Park, 58 Jesse Curtis Lane, Stafford, VA 22554 (540) 658-4871
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	<p>Pool Open Water:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 lane, 50 meter pool, 3 ft. shallow end, 13 ft. deep end, Manual watches timing system Race course will consist of an approximately 150M loop marked with large orange buoys. There will be an in-water start at the start line. Finish Banner marks finish line. All swimmers who have not completed the course during the prescribed time limit will be asked to retire. Details of race course will be available at check-in The competition course has not been certified in accordance with current <i>USA Swimming Rules and Regulations</i>, Article 104.2.2C(4).
MEET DIRECTOR:	Name: Debby Martinich Email: deb.sharks@yahoo.com Phone: (540) 273-7051
ELIGIBILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to all USA Swimming athletes age 6 and older registered prior to the first day of the meet. Must be registered USA swimmer to enter. Single day event membership available for an additional \$12 (registration form may be found on the last page of this announcement). No on-site registration will be permitted Race day entries will be accepted with prior USA Swimming Registration Age on June 30, 2013 will determine age for the entire meet.
DISABILITY SWIMMERS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes with a disability are welcomed and shall provide advance notice of desired accommodations to the Meet Director. The athlete (or the athlete's coach) is also responsible for notifying the session referee of any disability prior to the competition.
FORMAT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competition will be held in a single session
WARM-UP:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open warm ups will begin at approximately 8:30 am (dependant on the conclusion of the final heat of the Splash-N-Dash event) and continue for 45 minutes Competition will begin one hour following the start of warm-ups (approximately 9:30 am) Continuous warm-ups will be held in the warm-up area in the center of the pool (see diagram.) Marshals will monitor the entry, exit and behavior of all swimmers during warm-ups.
ENTRIES:	<p>DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entries must be submitted in LCM times using Hy-Tek Team Manager and Commlink-2 software, or on a VSI master entry sheet. Teams may submit entries via email. A Team Manager printout of entries must be included or the meet checklist/summary sheet with the name of the person to contact in case of questions must accompany the entries, regardless of how they are submitted. Coach Time (CT) entries will be accepted for events in which a swimmer does not have a time of record. CT must be slower than an "A" time. All entry times other than CT must have been achieved in USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed competition.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “No Time” (NT) entries will not be accepted. • Swimmers may enter a maximum of 1 event. • Entries will be processed in the order received and accepted to the greatest extent possible without exceeding the 4-hour/session timeline limit. • The Meet Director reserves the right to limit entries in any events, if necessary, to prevent too lengthy a session. This may include combining heats and events, which actions may require reseeding. • Email entries to: Debby Martinich, deb.sharks@yahoo.com • Deck entries will be accepted in the order received for swimmers to the extent that they can be processed prior to check-in and so long as there is room in an existing heat.
FEES:	<p>Event Entry: \$35.00 per person (entered in the meet in any capacity - includes cap & t-shirt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All entries received after June 21, 2013 will require a \$5 late fee per swimmer • Those entering after June 21, 2013 may not receive a t-shirt. THERE WILL BE NO REDUCTION IN FEE • Checks should be made payable to: Sharks Swim Team. • Mail payment to: Debby Martinich 52 Kane Way Stafford, VA 22556 • Payment must be received by June 25, 2012 for all entries. Failure to pay entry fees by this deadline could result in teams being barred from the meet. • IMPORTANT: If payment is sent via Express Mail/FedEx/Airborne/UPS/etc., please ensure that a signature is NOT required for delivery as this will delay the receipt of your entries.
AWARDS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual events: Ribbons will be awarded for first through 8th place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 & Under events will be given separate awards for 7-8 and 6 year old age groups ○ 15 & Over events will be given separate awards for the following age groups: 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 49-54, 55+
SEEDING:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events will be pre-seeded. All swimmers must report to the Clerk of Course and they will be escorted to the start from there. • For safety purposes, all swimmers must report to volunteer at the end of their race to check out.
PENALTIES:	<p>Penalties for entries using fraudulent and/or non-verifiable entry times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmers shall be marked as exhibition for the event entered illegally and the event shall be re-scored and awarded. • Clubs may be fined \$100 for each offense, and a record of such offenses shall be kept and published as part of the official meet results. • Clubs entering swimmers not legally registered with USA Swimming by the first day of the meet may be fined \$100 per swimmer in each event so entered. • If the swimmer is representing a club in competition, the fine will be levied on the Club. If the swimmer is unattached, the fine will be levied on the swimmer.
RULES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations will apply. • All swimmers participating in the meet must be dive certified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Swimmers unaccompanied by a USA-S coach must be certified by a USA-S coach as proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. ○ Ensuring compliance is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian. • Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. In addition, photography behind the blocks is <u>not permitted</u>. • Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly discouraged. • In accordance with VSI Policy, only those coaches who have current, valid USA Swimming credentials will be permitted to act in a coaching capacity at this meet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coaches who have valid USA Swimming credentials but who are unable to provide them upon request will be issued temporary credentials by the meet director ○ Coaches with expired or non-current credentials will be required to leave the deck area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No VSI non-athlete member in good standing may be barred from participating in the meet as an official as certified.
OFFICIALS:	<p>Meet Referee: Stephanie Suhling Email: ssuhling@yahoo.com Phone: (540) 903-7164</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials will be needed for all positions and all sessions for this meet. Team officials chair should submit the names and session availability of certified officials, as well as the names and session availability of trainees to Tony Martinich, Email: tonymartinich@gmail.com, Phone: (540) 273-7051, no later than June 21, 2013. Announce any meetings, place, and time. Officials meetings must be at least one hour prior to the start of the each session.
SAFETY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lifeguards will be in chairs and on the pool deck. 4 safety marshals shall control the warm-up/cool down area. No more than 25 competitors racing in the pool at one time. Swimmers must give their race number card to safety marshal at event check-in to enter the water. Card is returned when swimmer leaves the water. Swimmers accounted for by turn judge at each buoy.
TIMERS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each team is required to provide 1 timer. Timers' assignments will be posted on the Sharks website no later than Tuesday, June 25, 2013, and will also be emailed to the contact person of each of the individual clubs.
GENERAL:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical meeting at 8:30am for all coaches by the baby pool. Pre-Race meeting for all swimmers at 9:15am by the diving boards. Hospitality will be provided for all coaches and officials. Concessions will be available for competitors and spectators. Heat Sheets will be available for \$3. Goggles will be available for purchase at \$10 per pair.
FACILITY RULES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers are not permitted on the diving boards. No parking allowed outside of pool gates.
DIRECTIONS:	<p>Starting from I-95 at Exit 133B: Take Route 17 North/West toward Warrenton approximately 6 miles. Turn right at the light onto Hartwood Rd. (SR-705/SR-712). Go approximately 2 miles and turn right onto Jesse Curtis Ln. The pool/parking lot is approximately ½ mile back on the left. Ample parking and deck space.</p>
HOTELS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country Inn & Suites Fredericksburg. 656 Warrenton Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22406. Phone: (540) 656-2398. Comfort Suites, 541 Warrenton Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22406. Phone: (540) 322-4700.

**Stafford County SHARKFest
ORDER OF EVENTS**

Event #	Gender	Age	Laps	Approx Distance
1	Coed	8 & Under	2 laps	300 meters
2	Coed	9-10	4 laps	600 meters
3	Coed	11-12	6 laps	900 meters
4	Coed	13-14	8 laps	1200 meters
5	Coed	15 & Over	10 laps	1500 meters

POW™ Pool Layout

