

Sunfest Swimming Incorporated

Announces

The 2001 Sunfest Open Water Swim

Sanction Number 01-027

- Sponsor:** The Town of Ocean City, MD and Sunfest Swimming Incorporated
Sanctioned by Maryland Swimming.
- Host:** The Ocean City Beach Patrol and Sunfest Swimming Incorporated
- Date:** Saturday, September 22, 2001
- Race Course:** 1k - 3k - 5k straight courses parallel to the Ocean City Beach.
- Water Temperature:** Approximately 78 degrees F
Water Current: Variable - Swim will be with current
- Race Safety:** The US Coast Guard, the Ocean City Beach Patrol, the Ocean City Police, and Ocean City EMT Departments have been notified and will be available. The Coast Guard and the Beach Patrol will monitor the race course along with volunteers to ensure swimmers' safety while participating in the race.
- Awards:** Medals will be given to the top three age group winners of each gender
- Entry Fees:** \$35.00 Pre-registration (**RECEIVED** No Later than Sept 15, 2001)
\$45.00 Sept. 16-20, 2001 (No entries will be accepted after Sept. 20, 2001)
(Entry fees are non-refundable in the event of inclement weather or water conditions.) Fee includes T-Shirt and Swim Cap
- Rules:** All applicable USS Open Water rules shall govern this competition. Maryland Swimming rules shall also apply. Personal escorts will not be permitted in the race course. The race organizers primary concern will be for the safety of the participants and reserve the right to disqualify individuals or cancel the event if conditions warrant.
- Eligibility:** The race is open to all currently registered United States Swimming athletes ages 9 and over. Entrants must show proof of eligibility with entry. Entrants in the 3k and 5k events must provide an entry time for a 1650. A 500 time is required for the 1k. Age as of September 22, 2001 will determine age group. Limit to the first 750 participants.

Race Schedule: Check in **Check in times are 10:30 for the 1K, 11:30 for the 3K, and 11:45 for the 5K. You may check in earlier for the 3K and 5K. Registration will be held on the beach at the end of Somerset Street near the Ocean City Pier. There will be a stage set up with flags for the swimmers. (Beach Patrol Headquarters are here)**

Officials Meeting:	10:30
5k Start	12:45 starts(race ends 1 hour after first place finisher) at Somerset Street, 12:30 if it starts at Dunne's Manor
3k Start	12:30 (race ends 30 min. after first place finisher) from Somerset Street, 12:45 from the Quality Inn
1k Start	11:30 (race ends 20 min. after first place finisher) Starts from 3rd Street or Somerset Street
Finish	All finishes will be at the Ocean City Pier or above locations

Note: Race may begin at pier and end at the above locations. This will be determined by the current. Swimmers will only swim with the current. Registration is at the pier at the end of Somerset Street.

Entries: **Entries must be submitted on the enclosed form with a single check from each team participating. All information must be legible. Summarize the entries on the enclosed summary form. The meet director reserves the right to limit entries. Entries should be mailed to:**

**Ken Zuiderhof
Race Director
6520 Valley Road
LaPlata, MD 20646
(301)934-3675**

Officials: **All USS certified officials willing to volunteer their services should contact Ken Zuiderhof at 301-934-3675 or email at kzuiderhof@mail.ccboe.com**

Attire: **All participants are required to wear suit, brightly colored cap, and will have entry number written on both shoulders and back. No wet suits or flotation devices will be permitted.**

Age Groups:	9-10	Men and Women(eligible for 1K only)
	Top Team	Combined Men and Women best composite time
	11-12	Men and Women(eligible for 1K or 3K only)
	13-14	Men and Women
	15-18	Men and Women
	Open	Men and Women

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Official Individual Entry Form - \$35 per participant

Must be completed by each participant.

(Please Note: Incomplete Entry Forms will not be accepted)

We must have age, date of birth, and event for each swimmer

Event You Are Entering 1k 3k 5k (Circle One)

Name _____ USA Reg.# _____ DOB _____

Time _____ (500/1650) Age _____ Male / Female
(Circle One)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Club Name _____ Coach _____

Home Phone _____ Coach's Phone _____

RELEASE BY PARTICIPANT FROM LIABILITY: I hereby release United States Swimming, Maryland Swimming, Sunfest Swimming Incorporated, the town of Ocean City, MD and any other participating organization from any claims and damages received by me as a result of my participation in the race and furthermore, hold them harmless and indemnified from any damages. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of U.S. Swimming.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents Signature _____ Date: _____
(If under eighteen years of age)

Please attach Check here for individual entry payable to Sunfest Swimming Incorporated (no cash please).

BBQ Dinner: Yes _____ No _____ If Yes: How Many _____ @ \$10.00 Names: _____

T-Shirt Sizes: Adult Sizes: M L XL XXL (Please circle one-default XL)

Total Amount Enclosed: Entry Fee ___ BBQ ___ Total ___

Official Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Entry: _____
Check #: _____ Dinner: _____
Amount Check: _____ Shirt: _____

*****Friends, Parents etc welcome to sign up for BBQ or buy shirts*****

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The Town of Ocean City, Maryland

Official Team Entry Form

(Must be accompanied by individual entry forms)

If you want to compete for the top college or USS team fill out this form

Top team award is for 5K only and is based on best aggregate time for 5-5K swimmers male and female

Must be completed by teams entering.

All swimmers competing for the team must be listed to be eligible for the Top Team award. All listed are eligible. The cumulative finishing times of the five fastest swimmers (male and female) from the listed competitors will make up the team competing for Top Team Award. This award is for 5k participants only.

Club: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Coach: _____ Phone: _____

Men		Women
_____	1	_____
_____	2	_____
_____	3	_____
_____	4	_____
_____	5	_____
_____	6	_____
_____	7	_____
_____	8	_____

*****Note – This is the coaches team entry form not individual form

MOTEL/CAMPING/BUS INFORMATION FOR SUNFEST WEEKEND

Sunfest weekend is a huge one for the hotels/motels and finding rooms can be a frustrating experience. There is one hotel at which we have been able to block rooms for Sunfest and the information is listed below.

We have worked with Harrison Group Sales in Ocean City to block some rooms at the Seabonay Motel. There is a three-night minimum stay requirement at this motel, as is the case at most of the motels in Ocean City for Sunfest weekend. The block and special rates will not be available if you call after September 1.

Seabonay Motel
28th Street and Boardwalk
phone: 410-289-9194 (Please **do not call this number to make your reservations.**)
Poolside/streetside rooms \$65.00 + 9% tax per room per night
Oceanfront rooms \$85.00 + 9% tax per room per night

All rooms have 2 double beds

When calling to make your reservation, say that you are part of the Maryland Open Water Swim Championship. This is the only way you will get the rates as listed above.

Another useful phone number for you is 1-800-926-1122. This one number serves three different hotels and a two-night stay is possible if you call after Labor Day. No rates were quoted for us since as of May 2001 there were only scattered rooms available. These hotels are:

1. Howard Johnson's on 12th and Boardwalk
2. Days Inn on 23rd and Boardwalk
3. Howard Johnson's on 24th and Boardwalk

You can also make your reservations by calling OC Accommodations at 800-638-2106 for assistance in finding a place to stay.

Other options include:

1. Francis Scott Key Motel
RT. 50 East (please note this hotel is not in the beachfront area)
Ocean City, Md. 21843
1-800-213-0088
2. Assateague National Park (campground)---1-800-2326
3. Frontier Town (campground)---1-800-228-5590
4. Assateague State Park (campground)---1-410-641-2120
5. Bali-Hi RV Park---1-410-352-5477
6. Ocean City Campground---1-410-524-7601

Another useful number you might need is the Hotel/Motel Association of Ocean City
410-289-6733

Parking is very expensive in Ocean City, especially on special weekends. City buses run frequently to and from the Inlet, which is where our festivities will be occurring. The daily fare is \$1/person under 60 years of age. You are given transfer passes on the bus, which will enable you to ride all day on as many buses as needed.

We will once again be having a catered BBQ/Picnic on the beach for all participants and their guests. The wonderful food has received great reviews by our participants of the past swim championships. We are offering such goodies as fried/BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, fruit tray, fruit punch, iced tea, and assorted desserts that must be seen to be believed! Cost is \$10 per person.

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About Sunfest: This is a great weekend at the beach. There are a variety of big-name bands performing. The annual surfing competition is held on this weekend. There are a variety of other contests, races, exhibits, carnivals, and shows. Why not use this weekend to compete and also have some fun with the entire swim team?

Directions to the Check-In: Take Rt. 50 into Ocean City.(watch out for speed traps) As soon as you go over the bridge at Ocean City, take your first right. Go 2 or 3 blocks to Somerset Street. Make a left at Somerset Street. Go past the Ocean City Beach Patrol to the end of the street. We will meet on the beach at the end of Somerset Street. There will be banners and a stage to mark the area. We will have pre-race fruit and water at no charge before the race. There will be a variety of other beverages for sale on the beach. There will be a barbecue of excellent quality on the beach around 2:30. Award will be presented at this point. **We will also have music on the beach.**

**Barbecue
Available to Swimmers, Families
Coaches, Friends**

Cost: \$10.00(\$12.00 if not signed up at registration but sign up on the beach)
Only a limited number of people will be able to sign up on the beach

Sign up for BBQ on the individual registration form please

Coaches Check List

1. Please have 1 registration form per swimmer
2. Please indicate shirt size on registration form
3. Please indicate the number of BBQ and names on registration form
4. If you want to compete for a team for a team award, you need to fill out the team registration form for the 5K participants.