



STAFFORD COUNTY SHARKFEST
Pool Open Water Meet
June 30, 2012
SANCTION NO. VS-12-81



SANCTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held under the sanction of USA Swimming/Virginia Swimming, Inc., SANCTION NO: VS-12-81• 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, Phone: (540) 658-4871
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pool Open Water:• 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 by the first day of the meet.• Single day event membership available for an additional \$12.• No at location registration will be permitted• Race day entries will be accepted with prior USA Swimming Registration• Age on June 30, 2012 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:	Competition will be held in a single session
WARM-UP:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open warm ups will begin at 8:30 am; competition starts at 10:00 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 22, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entries must be submitted in long course meter times using Hy-Tek Team Manager and Commlink-2 software, or on a VSI master entry sheet• Teams 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 may not exceed a "BB" time. All entry times other than CT must have been achieved in USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed competition.• "No Time" (NT) entries will not be accepted.• Swimmers may enter a maximum of 2 individual events.• Entries will be processed in the order received and accepted to the greatest extent possible without exceeding the 4-hour/session timeline limit.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Individual events: \$5.00 Swimmer surcharge: \$30.00 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 22, 2012 will require a \$5 late fee per swimmer Those entering after June 22, 2012 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 eighth place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 & Under events will be given separate awards for 7-8 and 6 year old age groups 13 & Over events will be given separate awards for 13-14 and 15 & Over age groups. Open events will not be broken into separate age group categories
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"> Swimmer shall be marked as exhibition for the event entered illegally and the event shall be re-scored and awarded. Club 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>. 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.
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:

	<p>tonymartinich@gmail.com, or via Phone: (540) 273-7051, no later than June 22, 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting by baby pool @ 9:00 am for officials.
SAFETY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lifeguards will be in chairs and on deck. 4 Safety Marshals shall control the warm-up/cool down area. No more than 25 competitors racing in the water at a time. Swimmers must give their race number card to safety marshal or event check in to enter the water. Card is returned when swimmers leave 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 6/24/12 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 baby pool Pre-race meeting for all swimmers at 9:30AM by diving boards. Hospitality will be provided for officials and coaches in the form of continental breakfast and midmorning snacks. Should the meet go past 11:00 am, lunch will also be provided. Concessions will be available for competitors and spectators Heat sheets will be available for \$3 Goggles will be available for purchase for \$10 per pair.
FACILITY RULES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers are not allowed on diving boards. No parking allowed outside of pool gates.
DIRECTIONS:	<p>DIRECTIONS: Starting from (I-95) at exit 133B: You will be on Hwy 17 after the exit. Go towards Warrenton (north/west) approximately 6 miles and turn RIGHT @ the light onto SR-705/SR-612 (Hartwood Rd) 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>

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ORDER OF EVENTS**

Event #	Gender	Age	Laps	Approx Distance
1	Mixed	8/under	2 laps	300 meters
2	Mixed	9/10	4 laps	600 meters
3	Mixed	11/12	6 laps	900 meters
4	Mixed	13/14	8 laps	1200 meters
5	Mixed	15-18	10 laps	1500 meters
6	Mixed	Open	20 laps	3000 meters
7	Mixed	10/under	4 Laps	600 meter