

LET'S RACE!

Plan your 2011 season now. Many events have limited entries and fill up quickly. Remember to check the rules, especially those relating to wetsuit use.

RACE IN THE UK

JUNE

- 13 Carrickfergus Inshore swims (500m/1km), Carrickfergus marina, County Antrim, ildsa.info
- 17 (to 19) British Gas Great North Swim (half mile/ 1 mile/ 2 mile), Lake Windermere, Cumbria, greatswim.org
- 18 RNLI Llandudno Sea Swim (1.5km), Llandudno, Wales, Xtramileevents.com
- 18 BLDSA Champion of Champions (1/3/5 mi), Dover Harbour, bldsa.org.uk
- 18 Gale Force Mass Start Swim 2 (750m/1.5k/3.8k), The Embankment, Bedford, galeforce-events.com
- 19 Around the Rock Swim (1.5km), Warrenpoint, County Down, ildsa.com
- 19 EPIC Events Lakes Swim Series Race 2, Derwent Water (500m/1.6km/3.8km), Cumbria, epicevents.org
- 25 AABA Veterans Single Tay (1mi, for seniors 40+), Dundee, yaaba.btck.co.uk
- 25 Pissarro Great River Swim (1mi), Chiswick Pier, River Thames, pissarro.co.uk
- 26 St Ives Biathlon (2km swim, with 1.5mi run, 800m swim for novices), St Ives, Cornwall slsgb.org.uk
- 26 The Henley Swim Classic (previously Black Sheep, 2.1km), Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. henleyswim.com
- 26 Seahorse Swim (3.8km), Studland Bay, Isle of Purbeck, Dorset, edowsc.org
- 26 Thorpe Swimming Lake Aquathlon Swim (1.5km), nowca.org

WATCH THE PROS

JUNE

- 18 FINA Marathon OWS (10km) Setubal, Portugal, fina.org
- 19 FINA OWS Grand Prix, Capri-Napoli, Italy, fina.org

JULY

- 16 (to 31) FINA World Aquatic Championships, Shanghai, China
- 24 FINA Marathon OWS (10km), Lac St. Jean, Canada, fina.org

AUGUST

- 7 FINA Open Water Swimming 19km Grand Prix, River Sava, Sabac, Serbia
- 14 FINA Open Water Swimming 30km Grand Prix in Ohrid Lake, Macedonia

SEPTEMBER

- 17 FINA Open Water Swimming 30km Grand Prix in Jabelah
- 25 FINA Marathon OWS (10km), Shantou, China, fina.org

OCTOBER

- 2 FINA Marathon OWS (10km), Hong Kong, China, fina.org

- 27 Omeath to Warrenpoint Charity Swim (750m), Omeath, ildsa.info
- 29 Dee Mile (1mi), Chester, chestertri.org.uk
- 30 Vobster Swim Series (1km/1.5km/3.8km), Vobster Lake, Somerset, dbmax.co.uk

JULY

- 2 British Gas Great London Swim (1mi) Royal Victoria Dock, London, greatswim.org
- 2 BLDSA Torbay (8mi senior/4mi veterans), Meadfoot Beach, Devon, bldsa.org.uk
- 2 Isle of Man OWSC 'Queenie Festival' Bay Swim (800m/ 1.6km), Port St Mary, Isle of Man, queeniefestival.com
- 2 The Weymouth Open (10km), Weymouth, swimwest.org
- 3 Deben Big Swim (10km), River Deben, Suffolk. thebigswim.info
- 3 Speedo Open Water Swim Series part II (750m/1.5km/3km), Windsor, swimseries.humanrace.co.uk
- 6 Thorpe Swimming Lake Aquathlon Swim (325m), nowca.org
- 9 The Big Cornwall Swim (1500m/3800m), Redruth, cornwall.gov.uk/thebigcornwallswim
- 9 BLDSA Llyn Tegid (Bala) (1km novice/3mi/6mi senior), Bala Town, North Wales, bldsa.org.uk
- 9 Sheactive Every Woman's Aquathlon (Novice: swim 300m, run 7km; Challenge Yourself: swim 600m, run 10.5km), Hyde Park, London Everywomansduathlon.co.uk
- 10 Henley Swim Challenge (1mi), Temple Island Meadow, Henley, Oxfordshire. henleyswim.com
- 10 Jane Tomlinson's Swim For All (500m/1.5km), Pugney's Country Park, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, swimforall.co.uk
- 10 Heart of England (1mi), Blithfield Reservoir, Staffs, bhf.org.uk
- 10 EPIC Events Lakes Swim Series Race 3, Ullswater (500m/1.6km/3.8km), Cumbria, epicevents.org
- 16 Brighton Pier to Pier (1mi), Brighton, brightonsc.co.uk
- 16 The Big Marlow River Swim (750m/1.5km/3km), Marlow, f3events.co.uk
- 16 YAABA Monifieth/Broughty Ferry (3.25mi), Dundee, yaaba.btck.co.uk
- 17 BLDSA Coniston (5.25mi), Coniston Water, Cumbria, bldsa.org.uk
- 17 British Heart Foundation Bournemouth Pier to Pier swim (1.4mi), Dorset, BHF.org.uk
- 17 Swimfest 2011 (750m-5km events), Thurrock, Essex, swimfortri.com
- 17 Wild Swim Series part III (5mi), Dart Estuary, Devon, endurancelife.com
- 17 RNLI Long Swim 2 (3.8km/1mi) Box End, Bedfordshire, rnliswim.co.uk
- 23 Llyn Padarn (1km/ 2mi/ 4mi), Llanberis, North Wales, contact Kath Hall, tel: 01704 572922
- 23 Swim Super Series I (1.5km/3km), Bray Lake, Berkshire. swimsuperseries.co.uk
- 23 RNLI Trearddur Bay Sea Swim (750m, 1.5km), Trearddur Bay, Anglesey, north Wales, Xtramileevents.com



The elite swimmers at the Great Salford Swim. You can still enter for the Great London or Scotland swims

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- 24 Thorpe Swimming Lake Aquathlon (750m/3.8km), nowca.org
- 24 ASA Open Water Swim Mass Participation Event (1km), Rother Valley Country Park, swimming.org
- 24 (to 26) ASA Open Water Competition Swim (various), Rother Valley Country Park, swimming.org
- 24 Mencap Mile (1mi), Dorney Lake, Eton, mencap.org.uk
- 25 (to 26) British Gas ASA Open Water National Age Group & Youth Championships, Rotherham
- 24 East Coast Adventure Gannaway Swim (3.5km), Rostrevor, Warrenpoint, County Down, ildsa.info
- 30 BLDSA Ullswater (25km), Cumbria, bldsa.org.uk

AUGUST

- 5 West Belfast Festival swims (0.5km/1km/3km), Belfast Harbour, ildsa.info
- 6 Dragon Open Water Swim (1.5km), Mumbles, Swansea, thewalesswim.com
- 6 Warrington Dolphins LDSC (2mi/4mi), Albert Dock, Liverpool, warrington-dolphins.co.uk
- 6 Gale Force Mass Start Swim 3 (750m/1.5k/5k), Priory Lake, Bedford, galeforce-events.com
- 7 BLDSA Coniston Veterans (3.25mi), Cumbria, bldsa.org.uk
- 7 Port Gaverne to Port Isaac, Cornwall, thebigswimcornwall.co.uk
- 10 Thorpe Swimming Lake Aquathlon Swim (325m), nowca.org
- 13 Sandown to Shanklin Sea Swim (2mi), Isle of Wight, iowmarlinsswimclub.co.uk
- 13 BLDSA Two-way Windermere (21mi senior), Windermere, Cumbria, bldsa.org.uk
- 13 Monster Swim (0.5km/1km), Loch Ness, Scotland, monsterswim.co.uk
- 13 Swim Super Series I (1.5km/3km), Bray Lake, Berkshire, swimsuperseries.co.uk
- 14 International Birdman Swim (1km/2km), Worthing, Sussex, rawenergypursuits.co.uk

- 14 RNLI Long Swim 3 (3.8km/1mi/750m) Bournemouth, Dorset, rnliswim.co.uk
- 19 The Yacht Inn Swim (1.3km), Newlyn, Cornwall, mountsbayharriers.co.uk
- 20 Island Dhu Swim (2km), Portrush, Co Antrim, ildsa.info
- 20 The Big South Swim (950m /1.9km /3.8km/5km), Dorney Lake, f3events.co.uk
- 20 BLDSA Derwentwater (2mi/5mi), Cumbria, bldsa.org.uk
- 21 Bridge-to-Bridge (14km), Henley, Oxfordshire, henleyswim.com
- 21 Speedo Open Water Swim Series part IV (750m/1.5km/3km/10km), Marlow, swimseries.humanrace.co.uk
- 21 The River Severn Mile (700m/1.5k), Shrewsbury, shrewsburymasters.com
- 27 Mass Start Swim 4 (750m/1.5k/5k), Box End Park, Kempston, galeforce-events.com
- 28 RNLI Long Swim 4 (3.8km/1mi/750m) Margate, Kent, rnliswim.co.uk
- 28 Sheep Island Swim, Ballintoy (Co Antrim), ildsa.info
- 28 Thorpe Swimming Lake Aquathlon Swim (1.5km), nowca.org

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Henley on Thames River Swim (750m /1.5km/3km), Shiplake College, Henley on Thames, f3events.co.uk
- 3 BLDSA Windermere (10.5mi seniors), Windermere, Cumbria, bldsa.org.uk
- 3 Dart Downstream (10km), Totnes to Dittisham, Devon, outdoorswimmingsociety.com
- 4 BLDSA Junior Coniston (5.25mi), Cumbria, bldsa.org.uk
- 4 Sea Swim South Devon (1mi) Teignmouth Beach, South Devon, rowcrofthospice.org.uk
- 7 Thorpe Swimming Lake Aquathlon Swim (325m), nowca.org
- 10 St Mary's Loch Swim (3.5mi/7mi), Scottish Borders, contact Janet Wilson, tel: 01943 830042
- 11 Speedo Open Water Swim Series part V (750m/1.5km/3km/10km), Poole, swimseries.humanrace.co.uk



Sign up for the Big Deben Swim and you too will get a coloured hat!

- 18 Queenford Lakes Relays (4km, team of four), Queenford Lakes Watersports Centre, nr Oxford, henleyswim.com
- * 18 Swimfest 2011 (750m-5km events), Thurrock, Essex, swimfortri.com
- 24 British Gas Great Scottish Swim (2km, ½ mi) Strathclyde Country Park, Scotland, greatswim.org
- 24 BLDSA Lynn Regis (4.5km senior/1.5km junior/1km novice), Norfolk, blds.org.uk
- 24 XTS Swim (1.5km), Hawley Lake, Camberley, Surrey, swimsuperseries.co.uk
- * 24 Thorpe Swimming Lake Aquathlon Swim (750m/3.8km), nowca.org
- 25 RNLI Long Swim 5 (3.8km/1mi/750m) Dorney Lake, Berkshire, rnli swim.co.uk

RACE AROUND THE WORLD

JUNE

- 18 Bloomsday Swim, Killiney/Seapoint/Fourty Foot, County Dublin, Ireland, ildsa.info
- 25 Warrior of the Sea Swim (6k), Rosses Point, Strandhill Beach, County Sligo, Ireland, ildsa.info
- 25 Greenwich/Stamford Open Water Swim (1.5mi/3mi/5mi), Greenwich, CT swimacrossamerica.org

JULY

- 1 Cabotage Festival (5km), Izmir, Turkey, openwaterswimming.eu
- 1 (to 22) Luleå Midnight Swim (1.5km/3km), Sweden, luleaexpo.se
- 2 Hamptons Open Water Swim (1/2mi/1mi/5km), Amagansett, NY, USA swimacrossamerica.org
- 2 The Coca-Cola Balaton Crossing (5.2km), Lake Balaton, Hungary, openwaterswimming.eu
- 2 Lake Neufchâteau Marathon (10km), Neufchâteau, Belgium
- 8 (to 10) Vansbrosimningen (25m to 10km), Vansbro (Sweden), vansbrosimningen.se
- 9 Kingdom Swim (100yd/1/4 mi/1mi/3mi/6mi/10mi), Lake Memphremagog, Vermont, USA, kingdomswim.org
- 15 Boston Harbor Open Water Swim (22mi relay), Boston, USA swimacrossamerica.org
- 16 Grainne Uaile Swim (10km), Newport, County Mayo, Ireland, ildsa.info
- 16 Nantasket Beach Open Water Swim (1/2mi/1mi), Hull, Massachusetts, swimacrossamerica.org

- 23 The Little Uno and the Big Deuce (1mi/2mi), North Carolina, USA, triangleopenwater.com
- 23 Chicago, Lake Michigan Open Water Swim (1/2 mi/1mi/1.5km/3mi), Chicago, USA swimacrossamerica.org
- 23 Swiss Open Water Swimming Championships (3km/5km/10km), Arbon, Switzerland, fsn.ch
- 31 Irish Championship (17km), Upper Lough Erne, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, ildsa.info

AUGUST

- 6 St Vincent's Swim Across the Sound Marathon (25km for solo or relay) Long Island Sound, West Beach, NY, USA. swimacrossthesound.org
- 7 International Self-Transcendence Marathon Swim (26.4km), Zurich, Switzerland, bit.ly/bw3gfl
- 7 Silicon Valley Open Water Swim version 1.0, Stevens Creek County Park USA, bigwavedaveproductions.com
- 14 Carlingford Warrenpoint Relay Swim, Carlingford (Co Louth), ildsa.info
- 20 Nashville Open Water Swim (1/2mi/1mi) Hendersonville, Tennessee, USA swimacrossamerica.org
- 20 Sligo Bay Swim (16km), Sligo Bay, County Sligo, Ireland, ildsa.com
- 28 The Nuclear Swim at Harris Lake (1mi), North Carolina, USA, triangleopenwater.com
- 30 Victory Day Hellespont Swim (4.5km), Turkey, swimtrek.com

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Lough Gill swim (8.5km), Lough Gill, Co Sligo, Ireland, ildsa.info
- 7 (to 11) European Open Water Swimming Championships (5km/10km/25km), Eilat, Israel, isa.one.co.il
- 10 Big Shoulders (2.5km and 5km), Chicago, USA, bigshoulders.org
- 10 Seattle, Lake Washington Open Water Swim (1/2mi/2mi), Mercer Island, WA, USA swimacrossamerica.org
- 10 Rhode Island (1/2mi/1mi) Narragansett, Rhode Island, USA swimacrossamerica.org
- 11 Carlingford to Warrenpoint (10km), Carlingford (Co Louth), Ireland, ildsa.info
- 18 RCP Tiburon Mile (1.5mi), Angel Island, Marin County, California, USA, rcptiburonmile.com
- 18 Baltimore Open Water Swim (1mi/3mi) Baltimore, Maryland, USA swimacrossamerica.org
- 24 San Francisco Bay Swim (500m/1.5km), San Francisco, USA swimacrossamerica.org

OCTOBER

- 1 Slam The Dam (1.2mi/2.4mi/8k/Grand Slam 8k + 1.2mi/ Super Slam 2.4 + 1.2mi), Lake Mead, Las Vegas, USA, swimlv.com
- 8 Swim The Suck (16km), Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, swimthesuck10mile.com

AND THERE'S MORE...

There are so many OWS events going on that even we couldn't list them all. Keep your eye on these websites: Fina.org, 10kswim.com, Openwaterswimming.eu, Swimsa.org, Openwatersource.com, Blds.org.uk, Humanrace.co.uk and, of course, h2openmagazine.com

*All dates and information correct to the best of our knowledge but subject to change at event organiser's discretion