

# LET'S RACE!

Plan your races early, as many events have limited entries and fill up quickly. Remember to check the rules, especially those relating to wetsuit use

## RACE IN THE UK

### APRIL

- 28 H2Open Day including 750m training race. See p.63
- 29 Thorpe Swimming Lake (750m, 1,500m), Chertsey, Surrey, [nowca.org](http://nowca.org)

### MAY

- 5 Galeforce Events Box End Swim (750m, 1.5km, 5km, lake), near Bedford, [galeforce-events.com](http://galeforce-events.com)
- 20 Royal Windsor River Swim (950m, 1.9km, 3.8km), Windsor, [f3events.co.uk](http://f3events.co.uk)
- 26 Ivan Percival (City of Liverpool) ASC swims (0.5mile, 4 miles), Albert, Salt House Dock, Liverpool, [liverpoolopenwater.org.uk](http://liverpoolopenwater.org.uk)
- 26 Warrington Dolphins LDSC Budworth Open Water Championships (1, 2 & 3 miles), Great Budworth, Cheshire, [warrington-dolphins.co.uk](http://warrington-dolphins.co.uk)
- 27 SwimFesT 2012 (750m, 1.5km, 3.8km, 5km, 10km), Thurrock, Essex, [swimfortri.co.uk](http://swimfortri.co.uk)
- 27 Small Fry, Big Fish swims (1.5km, 3.8km), Tri20 Swim centre, Reading, [mysportingtimes.com](http://mysportingtimes.com)
- 27 Speedo Open Water Swim Series Eton (750m, 1.5km, 3km, 10km), Dorney Lake, Windsor, [swimseries.humanrace.co.uk](http://swimseries.humanrace.co.uk)
- 27 Epic Events Lakes Swim Series Race 1 (500m, 1.6km, 3.8km), Coniston Water, Cumbria, [epicevents.org](http://epicevents.org)

## WATCH THE PROS

### JANUARY

- 29 Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 (10k), Santos, Brazil

### FEBRUARY

- 4 Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 (10k), Patagones-Viedma, Argentina

### APRIL

- 1 Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 (10k), Eilat, Israel
- 21 Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 (10k), Cancun, Mexico

### JULY

- 26 Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 (10k), Lac St-Jean, Canada

### AUGUST

- 9 Women's Marathon Swimming, Olympic Games (10k), London
- 10 Men's Marathon Swimming, Olympic Games (10k), London
- 11 Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 (10k), Lac Megantic, Canada

### OCTOBER

- 7 Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 (10k), Hong Kong
- 14 Marathon Swimming World Cup 2012 (10k), Shantou, China

### JUNE

- 3 Exmouth Fairway Buoy Swim (4.75 miles), Exmouth, Devon, [exmouthswimming.org](http://exmouthswimming.org)
- 3 Thorpe Swimming Lake, Swim (750, 1500m), Chertsey, Surrey, [nowca.org](http://nowca.org)
- 8 The Wales Swim (1.9km, 3.8km, sea), Tenby, [thewalesswim.com](http://thewalesswim.com)
- 9 South Cerney Long Swim (3.8km, 5km), Gloucestershire, [votwoevents.co.uk](http://votwoevents.co.uk)
- 10 BLDSA Wykeham Lake Championships (1km, 2.5km, 5km), Wykeham Lake, near Scarborough, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 10 Speedo Open Water Swim Series women-only swim (750m, 1.5km, 3km), Dorney Lake, Windsor [swimseries.humanrace.co.uk](http://swimseries.humanrace.co.uk)
- 16 Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association Kirkton of Balmarino (8 miles), Dundee, [yeaaba.org.uk](http://yeaaba.org.uk)
- 16 BLDSA Champion of Champions (1 mile, 3 miles & 5 miles), Dover Harbour, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 16 British Gas Great East Swim (0.5 mile, 1 mile, 2 miles), Ipswich, Suffolk, [greatswim.org](http://greatswim.org)
- 17 British Heart Foundation Weymouth Bay Swim (1.4 miles), Weymouth, Dorset, [bhf.org.uk](http://bhf.org.uk), BHF North West Wales Events on 0800 169 3672
- 17 Epic Events Lakes Swim Series, Race 2 (500m, 1.6km, 3.8km), Derwent Water, Cumbria, [epicevents.org](http://epicevents.org)
- 17 Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association Tayport Cup (1 mile), Dundee, [yeaaba.org.uk](http://yeaaba.org.uk)
- 20 Dee Mile (1 mile), Chester, [chestertri.org.uk](http://chestertri.org.uk)
- 23 Ironman Swim (3.8 km), River Arun, West Sussex, [rawenergy pursuits.co.uk/events](http://rawenergy pursuits.co.uk/events)
- 22 (to 24) British Gas Great North Swim (half mile, 1 mile, 2 miles), Lake Windermere, Cumbria, [greatswim.org](http://greatswim.org)
- 24 The Henley Classic (2.1km), Henley-on-Thames, [henleyswim.com](http://henleyswim.com)
- 24 Seahorse Swim (3.8km), Studland Bay, Isle of Purbeck, Dorset, [edowsc.org](http://edowsc.org)
- 30 YAABA veterans single Tay (1 mile), Dundee, [yeaaba.org.uk](http://yeaaba.org.uk)

### JULY

- 1 USN Long Swim (3.8 km, 5km), Box End Park, Bedford, [votwoevents.co.uk](http://votwoevents.co.uk)
- 1 Speedo Open Water Swim series Windsor (River Thames 750m, 1.5km, 3km), [swimseries.humanrace.co.uk](http://swimseries.humanrace.co.uk)
- 1 Padstow to Rock swim (about 1 mile), Padstow, Cornwall, [padstowtorockswim.org.uk](http://padstowtorockswim.org.uk)
- 1 British Gas Great Manchester Swim (1 mile), Salford Quays, Manchester, [greatswim.org](http://greatswim.org)
- 7 BLDSA Torbay (8 mile seniors, 4 miles veterans), Devon, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 7 Swim round the Pier (1,000m), West Pier, Brighton, [swimbrighton.co.uk](http://swimbrighton.co.uk)
- 8 Swim round the Pier (3,000m), West Pier, Brighton, [swimbrighton.co.uk](http://swimbrighton.co.uk)
- 8 The Henley Mile (1 mile, river), Henley on Thames, UK, [henleyswim.com](http://henleyswim.com)

- 9 RNLI Sblash Llandudno sea swim (750m, 1.5 km), Wales, [xtramileevents.com](http://xtramileevents.com)
- 14 YAABA Monifieth, Broughty Ferry (400m, 3.25 miles), Dundee, [yaaba.org.uk](http://yaaba.org.uk)
- 14 Marlow River Swim (750m, 1.5km, km), Buckinghamshire, [f3events.co.uk](http://f3events.co.uk)
- 14 (to 15) BLDSA Bala (500m to 6 mile events), North Wales, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 15 Epic Events Lakes Swim Series Race 3, Ullswater (500m, 1.6km, 3.8km), Cumbria, [epicevents.org](http://epicevents.org)
- 15 Speedo Open Water Swim series Hampton Court (2.25 miles), Surrey, [swimseries.humanrace.co.uk](http://swimseries.humanrace.co.uk)
- 15 SwimFesT 2012 (750m, 1.5km, 3.8km, 5km, 10km), Thurrock, Essex, [swimfortri.co.uk](http://swimfortri.co.uk)
- 21 Brighton Pier to Pier swim (1 mile), Sussex, [brightonsc.co.uk](http://brightonsc.co.uk)
- 21 Super Swim Series (1.5km, 3km), Bray Lake, Windsor, [swimsuperseries.co.uk](http://swimsuperseries.co.uk)
- 22 BLDSA Coniston (5.25 miles), Coniston Water, Cumbria, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 22 Anglian Water "Great Grafham Swim" (750m, 1.5km, 3km, 3.8km), Grafham Waters, Buckden, Cambridgeshire, [nicetri.co.uk](http://nicetri.co.uk)
- 22 British Gas ASA Open Water National Age Group and Youth Championships, Rother Valley, Sheffield, [swimming.org](http://swimming.org)
- 25 DB Max Open Water Swim (1.5km and 3.8km), Upper Vobster, Somerset, [dbmax.co.uk](http://dbmax.co.uk)
- 28 LlynPadarn swim (1km, 2 miles, 4 miles), Llanberis, North Wales, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 29 BLDSA Ullswater (25 km), Cumbria, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 30 (to 1) Manx Ocean Challenge (0.5 miles (junior / novice), 1 mile (senior), Port St Mary Bay, Isle of Man. Contact Mark Gorry ([markgorry@hotmail.com](mailto:markgorry@hotmail.com)).

#### AUGUST

- 4 Edinburgh Open Water Swim Festival (400m, 800m, 2km), Portobello Beach, Edinburgh, [edinburghracing.co.uk](http://edinburghracing.co.uk)
- 4 Warrington Dolphins LDSC Albert Dock Open Water Championships (2 miles, 4 miles), Liverpool, [warrington-dolphins.co.uk](http://warrington-dolphins.co.uk)
- 5 Bournemouth Long swim (2.5km, 3.8km, 5km), Bournemouth, Dorset, [votwoevents.co.uk](http://votwoevents.co.uk)
- 5 BLDSA Coniston Veterans (3.25 miles), Cumbria, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 5 Thorpe Swimming Lake, swim (750m, 1.5km), Chertsey, Surrey, [nowca.org](http://nowca.org)
- 11 Super Swim Series (1.5km, 3km), Bray Lake, Windsor, [swimsuperseries.co.uk](http://swimsuperseries.co.uk)
- 12 Sea Palling Reef Swim (1 mile), Sea Palling Beach, Norfolk, [activeoutdoorsport.co.uk](http://activeoutdoorsport.co.uk)
- 18 BLDSA Derwent Water (2 miles, 5 miles), Cumbria, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 18 Henley on Thames River Swim (750m, 1.5km, 3km), Henley, [f3events.co.uk](http://f3events.co.uk)
- 18 Monster Swim (distances tbc), Loch Ness, Scotland, [monsterswim.co.uk](http://monsterswim.co.uk)
- 19 Sandown to Shanklin Sea Swim (2 miles), Isle of Wight, [iowmarlinsswimclub.co.uk](http://iowmarlinsswimclub.co.uk)
- 19 Worthing Birdman Swim (1km, 2km), Sussex, [rawenergypursuits.co.uk](http://rawenergypursuits.co.uk)
- 19 The Bridge to Bridge swim (14km), Henley to Marlow, UK, [henleyswim.com](http://henleyswim.com)
- 26 Speedo Open Water Swim Series Marlow (River Thames 750m, 1.5km, 3km), [swimseries.humanrace.co.uk/events](http://swimseries.humanrace.co.uk/events)
- 29 DB Max Open Water Swim (1.5km and 3.8km), Upper Vobster, Somerset, [dbmax.co.uk](http://dbmax.co.uk)
- 30 Doggy Paddle, Big Dog swims (1.5km, 3.8km), Tri20 Swim centre, Reading, Berkshire, [mysportingtimes.com](http://mysportingtimes.com)

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1 BLDSA Windermere (10.5 miles), Cumbria, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 2 BLDSA Junior Coniston (5.25 miles), Cumbria, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 8 DB Max Vobster Open Water Swim (5km, lake), Upper Vobster, Somerset, [dbmax.co.uk](http://dbmax.co.uk)
- 8 Maxifuel Big South Swim challenge (2km, 4km, 5km, 10km), Bray Lake Watersports, Berkshire, [f3events.co.uk](http://f3events.co.uk)
- 14 (to 16) St Aubyn Estates Open Water Swims (1.5km, 3km), Mount's Bay, Cornwall, [festivalofsport.net](http://festivalofsport.net)
- 15 St Mary's Loch swim (3.5 miles, 7 miles), Scottish Borders, [blds.org.uk](http://blds.org.uk)
- 16 SwimFesT 2012 (750m, 1.5km, 3.8km, 5km, 10km), Thurrock, Essex, [swimfortri.co.uk](http://swimfortri.co.uk)
- 16 Thorpe Swimming Lake (750m, 1.5km), Chertsey, Surrey, [nowca.org](http://nowca.org)
- 16 Queenford Lake Relays (various distances, relay format), Queenford Lakes, Berinsfield, Oxon, UK, [henleyswim.com](http://henleyswim.com)
- 16 Speedo Open Water Swim Series Poole, Dorset (750m, 1.5km, 3km), [swimseries.humanrace.co.uk](http://swimseries.humanrace.co.uk)
- 30 Mencap Mile (1 mile), Dorney Lake, Windsor, [mencap.org.uk](http://mencap.org.uk)
- 30 USN Long Swim (3.8km, 5km), Dorney Lake, Windsor, [votwo.co.uk](http://votwo.co.uk)

## RACE AROUND THE WORLD

#### JANUARY

- 2 Open Water Swim Series #5 (1.25km/2.5km/5km), Leighton Beach, North Freemantle, WA, Australia, [openwaterswimming.com.au](http://openwaterswimming.com.au)
- 2 Rock to Rock Ocean Classic (2km/1km), Dicky Beach, North Caloundra, Queensland, Australia, [oceanswims.com](http://oceanswims.com)
- 2 Ripview Swim Classic (1.4km TBC), Point Lonsdale, Australia, [pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au](http://pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au)
- 2 Port Fairy Moyneyana Ocean Swim/ Shipwreck Coast Series 1 (1.2km), Port Fairy SLSC, Eastern Beach, Victoria, Australia, [pcslsc.org.au](http://pcslsc.org.au)
- 5 Cole Classic (1km/2km), Shelly Beach, Manly, Australia, [coleclassic.com](http://coleclassic.com)
- 7 Lorne Pier to Pub (1.2km), Lorne SLSC, Melways 518-G8, Victoria, Australia, [lornesurfclub.com.au](http://lornesurfclub.com.au)
- 7 WP Open Water Challenge Three (10km/5km/3km/1km/ 400m fun swim), Ashanti Dam, Paarl, South Africa, [wpaquatics.co.za](http://wpaquatics.co.za)
- 7 GMBH Lorne Pier to Pub (1.2km), Australia, [lornesurfclub.com.au](http://lornesurfclub.com.au)
- 7 Clements Endurance Series Eyebright Mile (2km), Nelson Yacht Club, Nelson, NZ, [nelsonseaswims.co.nz](http://nelsonseaswims.co.nz)
- 8 Tampa Bay Frogman Swim (5km), Gandy Beach, St Petereburg, Tampa, Florida, US, [tampabayfrogman.com](http://tampabayfrogman.com)
- 14 Danger 1000 Ocean Swim (1km), Torquay, Melways 237-J7, Victoria, Australia, [janjucsurfclub.com.au](http://janjucsurfclub.com.au)
- 14 Epic Swim (2.5km), Yacht Club, Lake Taupo, North Island, New Zealand, [epicswim.co.nz](http://epicswim.co.nz)
- 15 Magic Island Biathlon (5km run/1km swim), Ala Moana Beach Park, Honolulu, Hawaii, [waikikiswimclub.org](http://waikikiswimclub.org)
- 15 Sorrento Bay Swim (1.8km/ 600m juniors), Sorrento foreshore, Melways 157-C8, Victoria, Australia, [sorrentoslsc.com](http://sorrentoslsc.com)
- 19 (to 20) Winter Swimming World Championship 2012 (450m), Jurmala, Latvia, [winterswimming2012.com](http://winterswimming2012.com)
- 20 (to 22) World winter swimming championships (25m, 50m, relays), Jurmala, Latvia, [winterswimming2012.com](http://winterswimming2012.com)
- 21 Portsea Swim Classic (1.2km), Portsea, Nepean Hwy, Melways 156-E2, Victoria, Australia, [portseasurf.com.au](http://portseasurf.com.au)
- 22 Port Campbell/ 12 Apostles Plunge/ Shipwreck Coast Series 2 (1.2km), Port Campbell Bay, Melways 626-F9, Victoria, Australia, [pcslsc.org.au](http://pcslsc.org.au)

- 22 Warriewood-Mona Vale Ocean Swim (1.6km), Warriewood, New South Wales, Australia, oceanswims.com
- 22 Anderson Inlet Swim Classic (1.2km TBC) Inverloch Anglers Club, Victoria, Australia. islsc.org.au
- 26 Mt Martha Australia Day Swim (1.2km/ 400m novice) Mt Martha beach, The Esplanade, Victoria, Australia, mmadswim.com
- 26 Australia Day Williamstown Swim (1+2 km TBC), Williamstown LSC, Gloucester Reserve, Victoria, Australia. williamstownslsc.org.au
- 26 The Australian Unity Great Australia Day Swim (1.4km/ 5km), Middle Brighton Pier, Victoria, Australia. greataustraliadayswim.com.au
- 28 Queenscliff Blue Water Challenge (1.2km), Queenscliff pier, Symonds St, Victoria, Australia. home.vicnet.net.au/~bcmssc
- 28 The Bloody Big Swim (11.2km), Frankston LSC Wells St, Victoria, Australia. thebloodybigswim.com
- 28 (to 29) WP Open Water Champs (10km/5km/3km/1km/ 400m fun swim), Ashanti Dam, Paarl, South Africa. wpaquatics.co.za
- 29 Open Water Swim Series #6 (2.5km/5km/10km), Sorrento Beach, Sorrento, WA, Australia. openwaterswimming.com.au
- 29 State Capital Classic (300m, 1km, 3.3km), Wellington, New Zealand, oceanswim.co.nz

## FEBRUARY 2012

- 2 Negro River Sprint (1.6km), Rio Negro, Viedma, Argentina. lapatagones-viedma.com.ar
- 4 Dromana Bay Pier Swim (1.2km/ 600m novice). Dromana, Victoria, Australia. dromanabay.org
- 5 Clements Endurance Series Ironman Challenge (3.8km); Tahunanui Beach, Nelson, NZ, nelsonseaswims.co.nz
- 11 (to 12) Midmar Mile (solo/team), Midmar Dam, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. midmarmile.co.za
- 11 Lake Bled winter swimming cup (25m, 50m, relays), Grand Hotel Toplice Lido, Slovenia, strel-swimming.com,
- 11 (to 12) Midmar Mile (1 mile), South Africa, midmarmile.co.za
- 12 Valentine's Biathlon (5km run/1km swim), Ala Moana Beach Park, Honolulu, Hawaii. waikikiswimclub.org
- 19 State La Grande Swim/ State Ocean Swim Series 4 (200m/ 300m/ 1000m/ 2.8km), Christchurch, New Zealand, oceanswim.co.nz
- 19 State La Grande Swim (300m, 1km, 2.8km), Akaroa, Canterbury, New Zealand, oceanswim.co.nz,
- 25 Rottneest Challenge (17.5km solo/team), Cottesloe Beach to Rottneest Island, Perth, Western Australia. rottneestchannelswim.com.au
- 25 (to 26) WP Extreme Open Water Challenge (10km/5km/3km/1km/ 400m fun swim), Clanwilliam Dam, South Africa. wpaquatics.co.za
- 25 Rottneest Channel swim (19.7km), Perth, Australia, rottneestchannelswim.com.au

## MARCH 2012

- 3 Park to Pub (1.1km), Lake Nagambie, Nagambie, Victoria, Australia. nagambieonwater.com.au
- 5 Open Water Swim Series #7 (1.25km/2.5km), Trigg Beach, Trigg, WA, Australia. openwaterswimming.com.au
- 10 State Sand to Surf/ State Ocean Swim Series 5 (200m/ 300m/ 1000m/ 2.8km), Mt Maunganui, New Zealand. oceanswim.co.nz

- 24 Open Water Swim Series #8 (1.25km/2.5km), North Cottesloe Beach, Cottesloe, WA, Australia. openwaterswimming.com.au
- 24 Clements Endurance Series Kaiteriteri Circuit (2km), Kaiteriteri Beach, Nelson, NZ, nelsonseaswims.co.nz
- 31 State King of the Bays/ State Ocean Swim Series 5 (200m/ 300m/ 1000m/ 2.8km), Auckland, New Zealand, oceanswim.co.nz

## APRIL 2012

- 21 Tampa Bay Marathon Swim (24 miles), USA, distancematters.com,
- 22 Bell Buoy Challenge (8km), Hobie Beach, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape, South Africa. bellbuoychallenge.co.za
- 22 Earth Day Swim (2.2km), Monaco, monacoearthdayswim.com,
- 27 (to 29) US Open Water Festival (National Championships), Fort Myers Beach, Florida, USA, openwaterfestival.org

## MAY

- 7 Cadiz Freedom Swim (7.5km), Robben Island, South Africa, freedomswim.co.za
- 12 Triangle Open Water Swim Series 5280 Swim (1 mile, 2 miles), Beaver Dam Lake, North Carolina, USA, triangleopenwater.com
- 26 Great Hudson River Swim (1.6 miles), New York, nycswim.org
- 26 (to 27) Jim McDonnell Lake Swims (5km, 1 mile, 2 miles), Lake Audubon, Reston, Virginia, USA, restonmasters.org

## JUNE

- 17 Triangle Open Water Swim series (1 mile), Jordan Lake OW Challenge, North Carolina, USA, triangleopenwater.com,
- 29 (to 30) Lulea midnight swim (1.5km, 3km), Lulea, Sweden, luleamidnightswim.com,

## JULY

- 7 Balaton Crossing, Lake Balaton, Hungary (5.2km), balaton-atuszas.hu\*
- 8 Vansbrosimningen (3km), Vansbro, Sweden, vansbrosimningen.se
- 21 The Little Uno and the Big Deuce (1 mile, 2 miles), North Carolina, USA, triangleopenwater.com

## AUGUST

- 4 Asturias Cup (5,000 m, 10,000m), River Navia, Navia, Spain, rianavia.com
- 5 International Self-transcendence marathon swim (26.4 m), Lake Zurich, Switzerland, ch.srichinmoyraces.org
- 5 International River Navia Open Water Swimming Event (1,100 m, 1,800m, 3,000m & 5,000 m), Navia, Spain, rianavia.com
- 18 Boston Light Swim (8 miles), Boston, Massachusetts, USA, bostonlightswim.org
- 28 Triangle Open water swim series the Nuclear Swim at Harris Lake (1 mile), North Carolina, USA

### AND THERE IS 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](http://Fina.org), [10kswim.com](http://10kswim.com), [Openwaterswimming.eu](http://Openwaterswimming.eu), [Swimsa.org](http://Swimsa.org), [Openwatersource.com](http://Openwatersource.com), [Bldsa.org.uk](http://Bldsa.org.uk) and, of course, [h2openmagazine.com](http://h2openmagazine.com)

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