

Gloucestershire County Open Water Report – Jan 2017

Gloucestershire Championships

I am still looking for local venue for the Glos Champs as an alternative to running them in parallel to the Regional Event. Preliminary talk with LPS Events, who run competitions at Lake 62, has shown some promise and they would be keen to run the Champs in conjunction with their Cotswold Swim participation event and can accommodate younger swimmers as well.

Ideally a joint ASA event with Wilshire would be the simplest and benefit both counties, but Wilts are having issues with running open water and I am still waiting to hear back from them as to what they are planning for 2017.

ASA South West Open Water Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on February 15th at the ASA South West offices and I will discuss options for the Glos Champs with them further.

Ice Swimming

As you might imagine, the open water season is pretty much done and dusted till the summer – however, there are one or two hardy souls out there who are still swimming and even competing.

Gloucester Masters swimmer Jon Coe has recently competed in the Big Chill Swim in Windermere this January – part of the International Winter Swimming Association series of events. A small area of Low Wood bay is pontooned off and split into lanes (so really a pool swim!!!) and competitors can race in one or more of the events listed below

- 30m Head up breaststroke
- 30m Ice Fly
- 60m Freestyle
- 4 Person Relay
- 120m Freestyle
- 240m Freestyle
- 450m Endurance Swim
- 1000m British Championships

John won his age group in the British Championship and was 11th overall in the 1000m event and we wish him many congratulations in his success.

The event is scheduled again for February 2018 at the same location, for those interested in competing.

ASA/FINA/LEN Events 2017

Although early in the year, many event dates have been announced and some entries are already open

ASA South West

Provisional date is June 25th (TBC).

ASA Nationals, Rother Valley Country Park

Dates are Sunday July 30th for the National Masters and Open Water Challenge events; Monday July 31st for the National Age Group competition.

World Masters Open Water Champs

These will be held at Lake Balton, Baltonfured, Hungary on 10-12 August starting with oldest swimmers on the 10th. Training days are 9th to 11th.

Swim Serpentine

The mass participation part of this event has been confirmed as September 16th, but no word yet on the British Swimming competition being included on the Sunday.

Local and National non-ASA Swims

A selection of swims are listed at the end of this document, but this does not represent the entirety of open water swims available.

Big Cotswold Swim 1 & 2

July 1st and September 17th

Cotswold Swim

August 20th

FINA wetsuit rules

An interesting article on the new rules that have come into force can be found here

<http://dailynews.openwaterswimming.com/2017/01/neoprene-rules-enacted-by-fina.html>

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Open Water Competitions Summary *Key: [L]=Lake Swim; [R]=River Swim; [D]=Dock Swim, [S]=Sea Swim*
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Meet Date 2017	Meet/Event	Venue	Link to entry form/other details	Closing date
April 21 st – 30 th	World Masters Games	Auckland, New Zealand [S]	http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz/en/sports/swimming/	March 31st
June 9 th to 11 th	Great North Swim	Windermere [L]	Great-North-Swim	TBA
June 11th (?)	GNS Relay(3 person)	Windermere [L]	Great-north-swim-team-relay	TBA
June 17 th	Great East Swim	Alton Water [L]	Great-East-Swim	TBA
June 17 th	Champion of Champions	Dover [S]	champion-of-champions/	
June 18 th	Wiltshire ASA Champs	Lake 32, South Cerney, [L]	TBA	TBA
June 24th	Human Race FT Eton Swim	Eton Dorney [L]	eton-swim	TBA
June 25 th (prov)	South West ASA Champs	Weymouth [S]	TBA	TBA
June 25 th	Henley Classic	Thames, Henley [R]	henley-classic	TBA
July 1 st (prov)	Midland ASA Champs	Bosworth Water [L]	TBA	TBA
July 1st	Big Cotswold Swim 1	Lake 32, South Cerney, [L]	Big Cotswold Swim	TBA
July 1 st	Isoman Swim	Arrow Lake, Redditch [L]	Isoman tri & swim	TBA
July 1 st	ASA Welsh Open Water Festival	Parc Bryn Bach, Tredegar [L]	welsh-open-water-festival	TBA
TBC	Great Manchester Swim	Salford Quay [D]s	great-manchester-swim	TBA
July 9 th	Henley Mile	Thames, Henley [R]	henley mile-swim	TBA
TBC	Great London Swim	Royal Victoria Dock [D]	great-london-swim	TBA
July 23 rd	Bosphorus Intercontinental Swim	Istanbul, Turkey	http://bogazici.olimpiyat.org.tr/?dil=en	TBA
July 30th & 31st	ASA Masters Open Water Champs+1.5k wetsuit Challenge	Rother Valley Park [L]	http://www.swimming.org/asa/calendar/asa-national-open-water-festival-2017	TBA
August 6 th	Thames Marathon (Bridge to Bridge)	Thames, Henley to Marlow [R]	henley bridge-to-bridge	TBA
August 10th – 12th	FINA World Masters Champs	Lake Balaton, Budapest, Hungary [L]	http://masters.fina-budapest2017.com/en	TBA
August 20th	Cotswolds Open Water Swim	Lake 62, South Cerney, [L]	http://www.eventslogicsw.co.uk/swimming-events	TBA
TBC	Great Scottish Swim	Loch Lomond [L]	great-scottish-swim	TBA
Sept 2 nd (TBC)	Big Chill Coniston Swim	Coniston [L]	coniston-end-to-end	TBA
Sept 9 th & 10 th	Dart 10k	Dart [R]	http://www.outdoorswimmingociety.com/events/?id=101	TBA
Sept 11 th	Buttermere Open Water Swims	Buttermere [L]	TBA	TBA
Sept 17th	Big Cotswold Swim 2	Lake 32, South Cerney, [L]	Big Cotswold Swim	TBA
Sept 30 th	Llangorse Lake Big Swim	Llangorse Lake, Wales [L]	http://llangorsetri.com/swim/	TBA
Sept 16th (17th)	Swim Serpentine (incorporating British Champs)	Serpentine, London	https://www.swimserpentine.co.uk/	TBA
TBC	The Devil's 2k Swim	Sandford Lido [P]	the-devils-2k-swim.html	TBA

Please note – some of the closing dates are guessed (websites not exactly clear!)