

# NEWS *from* WORLD PROFESSIONAL MARATHON SWIMMING FEDERATION, INC.



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## FIVE INTERNATIONAL RACES SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER

Five international marathon swimming races have been scheduled for the summer of 1972 as of June 1. The races and dates are: July 9, Capri to Naples, Italy, 18 miles; July 22-23, La Tuque, Que., Canada, 24-hour team race; July 29, Saguenay River (Bagotville to Chicoutimi), Que., Canada, 28-mile team race; August 6, Roverval, Que., Canada, 25-mile crossing of Lac St. Jean; August 20 to 27 (date not yet finally decided), 15-mile race on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

The WPMSF does not participate in the selection of fields for individual races and, therefore, does not distribute entry forms. Swimmers who wish to participate in any of the above-named races may write to the organizing committees of the individual races and request entry forms. The addresses to which swimmers may write to request entry and other details for the five races are:

Capri-Naples: Major General Ahmed Zorkani, Secretary  
International Long Distance Swimming Federation  
8, Abdullah El Nadim Street  
Heliopolis, Egypt

La Tuque: M. Gaston Fortin, President  
Le 24 Heures La Tuque  
C. P. 24  
La Tuque, Que., Canada

Saguenay: M. Monrad Bernier, President  
Marathon du Saguenay  
C. P. 1263  
Bagotville, Que., Canada

Roverval: M. Gilberte L. Marcotte, Secretary-Treasurer  
Club Aquatique du Lac St. Jean  
851, Boulevard St. Joseph, C.P. 987  
Roberval, Que., Canada

Chicago\*: Swimming Race Committee  
c/o Col. Jack Reilly  
Director of Special Events  
Office of the Mayor  
Chicago, Illinois 60602, U.S.A.

\* As this bulletin is published, the final date and the organizing committee of the Chicago race has not been announced. Requests for entry forms mailed to the above address will be forwarded to the proper authority when the committee begins to function.

Since there are two relay (or team) races scheduled for 1972, all active swimmers among the WPMSF membership are being sent the most recent list of names and addresses of WPMSF members, headed by the list of active swimmers who would like to compete this summer. This list may help swimmers wishing partners for the La Tuque and Saguenay races to locate teammates. Since the list was compiled, the following changes have been noted:

Raymond Cusson: 195 Main St. West, North Bay, Ont., Canada (new member).  
Charles Grover: 19 Hancock Street, Boston, Mass. 02114, USA (active swimmer re-located).  
Salim Rawda: P.O. Box 521, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15230, USA (temporary address).  
Wm. A. Swano: 118 W. 114 Kirkland, Villa Park, Illinois 60181, USA (new member).  
Daniel C. Vale: P.O. Box 5, Londonderry, New Hampshire 03053, USA (new member).

Saguenay Marathon President Monrad Bernier informs us the annual race on the Saguenay River will be a team race THIS YEAR ONLY, according to present plans. It will be run from Bagotville to Chicoutimi (reverse of the previous 28-mile course). Two swimmers will comprise a team. Each team will have two boats, one for each member. While one team member swims, the other will rest in his boat. Team members will change by touching in the water, upon which the one swimming will come out and enter his boat until the next changeover. As with all "first-time" races, WPMSF will sanction the 1972 Saguenay race and results will be included in the World Championship point standings. Each participant is urged to write to the Secretary after the race giving his impressions so that it can be determined if future team races on the Saguenay will be sanctioned.

#### DUES ARE DUE FOR 1972 AND 1973

Members who have not paid their 1972 dues of \$5 (U.S.) by July 1, 1972, are subject to be dropped from membership under the terms of Article V of the WPMSF Constitution. There are still several members who have not paid their 1971 dues and if these are not received by July 1, 1972, those members will be dropped from the Federation. As is customary, dues for 1973 will be received after July 1, 1972. When sending your check to the Secretary, note the year for which the dues are intended. If you do not know how you stand in the matter of dues, write and ask.

#### MARATHON SWIMMING HALL OF FAME

The MSHOF, organized in 1971 when the WPMSF voted to sponsor the Marathon Swimming Foundation, named six persons in April as new electees to the roll of honor. This brings to 54 the number of swimmers and contributors to the sport who have been honored. The 1971 electees are: Miss Elaine Gray (England); Miss Shadia El Rageb (Egypt); Baptista Pereira (Portugal); Enrico Tiraboschi (Italy); Jason Zirganos (Greece), and Contributor James P. Toomey (USA). The Selection Committee consisted of Cmdr. C. Gerald Forsberg, President of the Channel Swimming Association (England); Buck Dawson, Executive Director of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (USA), and the WPMSF Secretary.

Enclosed with this bulletin is a form which the Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame requests you to fill out and mail to the WPMSF Secretary as soon as possible. The completed forms will serve (1) to enable the Marathon Swimming Foundation to complete its compilation of the history of our sport (to be published when completed), and (2) to provide the Hall of Fame Selection Committee with material on which to base its selections. Any marathon swimmer past or present is eligible for nomination (and you may nominate yourself). Send the names of nominees with your reason for nominating them (i.e.: records set, outstanding swimming feat, outstanding contribution to the sport, etc.). If you have newspaper clippings, send them and they will be returned to you. Your cooperation is urgently requested.