

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



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Seven races have been definitely scheduled for this summer to date. All have been sanctioned by the Federation as international championship races. Here is the information the race committees provided the WPMSP:

June 27 -- Utrecht, Holland, 12.5 miles (6 laps on an artificial lake). Prizes total approximately \$2,700 (Canadian currency). 1st, \$900; 2nd, \$600; 3rd, \$300; 4th, \$240; 5th, \$180; 6th, \$120; 7th, \$60; 8th through 15th, \$30. Bonus prizes (amount not yet specified) for women finishers. For further information and entry forms write: Mr. Herman Willemsse, chairman; Internationale Zwemmarathon Utrecht 1970; Castellumlaan 54, Holland.

July 12 -- Carri to Naples, Italy, 21 miles. Prizes total approximately \$4,110 (Canadian currency). 1st, \$1,030; 2nd, \$600; 3rd, \$430; 4th, \$260; 5th through 10th, \$85. Women's prizes: 1st, \$685; 2nd, \$345; 3rd, \$170; 4th, \$85. For further information and entry forms write: Secretary, ILDSF, 8 Abdullah Nadiem Street; Heliopolis, Cairo, United Arab Republic.

July 18-19 -- La Tuque, Que., Canada, 24-hour team race (2-member teams). Prizes listed here awarded to two-member teams for division as they choose. Prizes total \$11,500 (Canadian currency). 1st team, \$3,500; 2nd team, \$2,000; 3rd team, \$1,300; 4th team, \$1,000; 5th team, \$700; 6th team, \$500; 7th team, \$200; 8th through 15th teams, \$100. Special prizes: \$100 to winner of each of five nightly sprints during week prior to race; \$200 to first team having both members from the same country; \$200 for first two-woman team to finish; \$200 to first team completing 172 laps; \$100 for best male lap average time below 8.09 minutes; \$100 for best female lap average time below 8.23 minutes; \$100 to swimmer who beats previous fastest 1-lap time of 6.31 minutes. For further information and entry forms write: Mlle. Huguette Poltras, Secretary, Le 24 Heures de La Tuque; C.P. 24; La Tuque, Que., Canada.

July 26 -- Hamilton, Ont., Canada, 10 miles on Lake Ontario (10 laps around rectangular 1-mile course). Prizes total \$10,000 (Canadian currency). 1st, \$3,000; 2nd, \$2,000; 3rd, \$1,200; 4th, \$800; 5th, \$600; 6th, \$500; 7th, \$400; 8th, \$300; 9th, \$200; 10th, \$100; all others finishing within two hours after winner finishes, \$50 each. Women's prizes: 1st, \$300 added; 2nd, \$150 added. For further information and entry forms write: Mr. Walter Samek, President; Confederation Park Aquatic Club; 54 Hyde Park Avenue; Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

August 1 -- Roberval, Que., Canada, 25-mile crossing of Lac St. Jean. Prizes total \$14,000 (Canadian currency). 1st, \$3,500; 2nd, \$2,000; 3rd, \$1,500; 4th, \$1,000; 5th, \$700; 6th, \$500; 7th, \$400; all others finishing within 12 hours from the starting time, \$300 each; swimmers not finishing who swim at least three hours after the start, \$100 each. Women's prize: 1st, \$500 added. Special prizes: 1-mile sprint (in 25th mile), 1st, \$500 added; 2nd, \$200 added. For further information and entry forms, write: Mr. Georges Gagnon, General Manager; Club Aquatique du Lac-St.-Jean, Inc.; 851, Boulevard St.-Joseph; Roberval, Que., Canada.

August 9 -- Portsmouth to Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A., 23.3 miles. Prizes total \$5,350 (U.S. currency). 1st, \$2,000; 2nd, \$1,500; 3rd, \$1,000; 4th, \$500; 5th, \$250. Women's prize: 1st, \$100. (Race committee notes prize list is not completed and additional prizes for positions after 5th are expected to be added prior to race time.) For further information and entry forms write: Mrs. Barbara W. Knerr; America's Marathon Swim, Inc.; 17 Payton Street; Providence, Rhode Island 02905, U.S.A.

August 29 -- Saguenay River between Chicoutimi and Bagotville, 28 miles. Prizes total \$5,300 (Canadian currency). 1st, \$1,700; 2nd, \$1,000; 3rd, \$700; 4th, \$400; 5th, \$250; 6th, \$200; 7th, \$175; 8th, \$150; 9th, \$125; 10th, \$100. (Since this is the first year the race has been held late in the summer, the race committee notes the water temperature is expected to be between 60 and 65 degrees (F). For further information and entry forms write: Mr. Monrad Bernier, President; Club de Natation du Saguenay, Inc.; C.P. 1263; Bagotville, Que., Canada.

1969 LAC SIMON AFFAIR

On February 3, the Federation of Professional Marathon Swimming Races of Quebec Province adopted a resolution which reads, in part:

"Considering that Mr. Lorenzo Proteau, president of the Marathon of Lac Simon, has been unable to bring proof that the swimmers concerned in this conflict have acted fraudulently or with the intention of defrauding, the Hon. Judge of the Court of Hull has rejected, from the bench, the accusations brought against these swimmers....

"Considering that it is of the prime importance to remove and dissipate this unhealthy climate of uncertainty and irritation between the (Quebec) Federation and the swimmers;

"On motion, it is duly proposed and seconded, and resolved unanimously, that considering that a judge of a high tribunal, having heard the version of both parties, has rendered judgement in favor of the swimmers, we, associated members of the Federation des Marathons de Nage Professionnelle du Quebec, Inc. declare that all suspensions against the swimmers concerned in this conflict is hereby lifted."

CAPT. ROGER WHEELER DIES

The Federation is saddened by news of the untimely death in December of Capt. Roger W. Wheeler, organizer of the 1968 and 1969 Rhode Island races. The 1970 race on August 9 will be dedicated to his memory. A new award, citing the person who has contributed greatly to our sport will be inaugurated at the Rhode Island race to honor the memories of Capt. Wheeler and the late Irving Davis, both Federation members, and presented at ceremonies during the Rhode Island race weekend, according to Award Committee Chairman Jim Doty.