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Dear Members:

The professional races for 1978 are listed below. Since most of you are familiar with individual prize breakdown only the total purse is given along with the all important estimated water temperature. Please note whether the race has been sanctioned by our federation. If not the reasons are given. Also note which swims you MUST WRITE TO SPONSOR for application blank. The new Canadian National Exhibition \$50,000 race was not finalized till this month. Extended meetings with the sponsors over the last six months has kept me pretty busy.

CAPRI-NAPLES(Italy; July; 18 miles; 72°): An amateur and pro competition combined. Because of its low purse(\$900 first place) and poor cooperation with the Federation and its members this swim is not sanctioned. Official date unknown. For application write: A. Zorkani, International Long Distance Swimming Federation, 8, Abdullah El-Nadim St., Helionpolis, Egypt)

24-Hour LaTuque(LaTuque, Quebec, Canada; July 22-23; 72°): A team race in which two members alternate swimming a 1/3 mile oval course. Winners will cover between 55 and 65 miles in 24 hours. This race is not sanctioned by Federation because purse is below federation standards and boarding is deplorable. If you and your team-mate know you'll be in the first three positions it is worth your while to enter but \$75 for each swimmer in the 15th position after alternate swimming for 24 hours is ridiculous. Le 24 Heures LaTuque, Inc., C.P. 24, LaTuque, Quebec, Canada for entry forms.

LAKE ST. JOHN(Roberval, Canada; 22 miles; 58°-74°): On July 30th the oldest and one of the best run pro marathons in the world will be held. \$30,000 in prizes with excellent breakdown(1. \$7,000 2. \$4,000 3. \$3,000 4. \$2,000 5. \$1500 6. \$1,000 7.\$800 \$500 will be given to all who complete the crossing in less than 10 hours. There are also additional sprint prizes and women's prizes. For entry forms: Lake St. John International Swimming Marathon, Inc., 970 Boul de La Traverse, C.P. 307, Roberval, Quebec, Canada G8H 2N7

Paspebiac(Quebec, Canada; August 6th; 55°-72°): A sixteen mile swim across Chaleur Bay. This is an invitational swim only and the nine swimmer selected by the sponsors have been selected. \$13,000 purse. We hope that this swim will soon be sanctioned by the federation. Write to Federation for further information

CHIBOUGAMAU(Chibougamau, Quebec, Canada; 10 mile, 5 mile, 1 mile(Three part race in which only qualifiers enter second and third race): \$15,000 in prizes. An excellent swim with the president of our federation being director of swim. For entry blanks and further information: Gilles Potvin, Municipal Police Dept., Chibougamau, Quebec, Canada August 13th

CANADIAN EXHIBITION(Toronto, Canada; 32 miles; water temperatures are always a question mark because of Lake Ontario. Could be 50° all the way or 72° or a mixture of both): An ACROSS LAKE ONTARIO SWIM with \$50,000 in prizes. Winner gets \$25,000. All others must finish within one hour of winner. The race will be on August 16th. This swim will mark the 100th anniversary of the Canadian National Exhibition. Officials of the race have limited the contestants to

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Conrad - your typing and putting the bulletin together was excellent - I really think this bulletin is useless, but I think it gets our commitment of putting out so many a year -

Thanks
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