

## Open Water Committee Report to HOD 5-14-24

In the 2023-24 season, the Open Water Committee has done the following:

- \*Established a committee representing multiple teams within PVS (Potomac Marlins, NCAAP, MAC, OCCS, & ERSC)

- \*Created a process for teams to apply for financial support to host Open Water Events

- \*Established a process for teams to apply for sanction for OW meets within the LSC

- \*Initiated 2 Open Water Clinics to increase awareness and knowledge for:

  - \*Athletes/Coaches/Parents (4/27)

  - \*Officials (5/9 & 5/14)

- \*Collaborated with the officials committee to modify certification standards to increase the number of PVS certified OWS Official. In 2022-23 there were 3 in all of PVS. We will report back how many are certified after the 5/19 meet.

- \*A PVS team hosted the first USA-S sanctioned OWS in a decade (5/19). The event looks to have close to 150 participants from many local teams including: HAC, SDS, NCAP, Moon, YORK, PAC, PWSC, REST, & RMSC so far.