



**18th ANNUAL CHICAGO MASTERS' BIG SHOULDERS 5K & 2.5K
OPEN WATER LONG DISTANCE SWIM CLASSIC
Saturday, September 6, 2008, 8:00 a.m. at Ohio Street Beach, Chicago
Sanctioned by Illinois Masters Swimming Association for USMS, Inc. (#218-OW001)**

TIME: 8:00 A.M. start for first wave of 5K Swim; 8:15 A.M. start for first wave of 2.5K Swim. Check-in for both events begins at 6:45 A.M. Course Briefing at 7:45 A.M. Waves seeded by age and distance. Wetsuits and entries received after Sept. 4 will be in a separate heat.

COURSE: Triangular course; marked both by buoys and lifeguards in row boats. One lap around course is 2.5K, twice around is 5K. (See map on reverse.) Water temps have varied between 65-80°F (it's a big lake).

PARKING: Discounted Parking is available at Navy Pier. Bring your parking stub to the registration table for a validation stamp.

QUESTIONS? Check out www.bigshoulders.org, call Scott at 630-408-8884, or email Chris at bigshoulders2008@yahoo.com

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Register for the race online at www.signmeup.com/bigshoulders.

USMS REGISTRATION: You must attach a legible copy of your current U.S. Masters Swimming card with your entry form, and bring a copy to the race. Cost for an annual membership is \$35.00, or \$20.00 after Sept. 1, 2008. (If you are not yet a USMS member, you can register now for Big Shoulders, write "pending" for USMS No., and register for USMS after 9/1/08 for \$20). You must bring your USMS card to show at the race check in. USMS registration form available at www.bigshoulders.org, or register online at <https://www.clubassistant.com/club/usms.cfm>.

RACE DAY ENTRIES: Race Day Entries Will Be Permitted, But You Must Bring Your USMS Membership Card And Pay The \$70.00 Late Entry Fee.

RULES: All swimmers are required to wear the supplied fluorescent swim caps for safety reasons. Current USMS rules will apply.

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 if received by 8/27/2008; \$60.00 from 8/28/2008 to 9/4/2008; \$70.00 for day of race registration. NOTE – Registration fee does not include USMS registration fees. **Make check for entry fees payable to CHICAGO MASTERS SWIM CLUB. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANY REASON!** All participants will receive a goody bag at the race, which in past years has included water bottles, swimming products, etc.

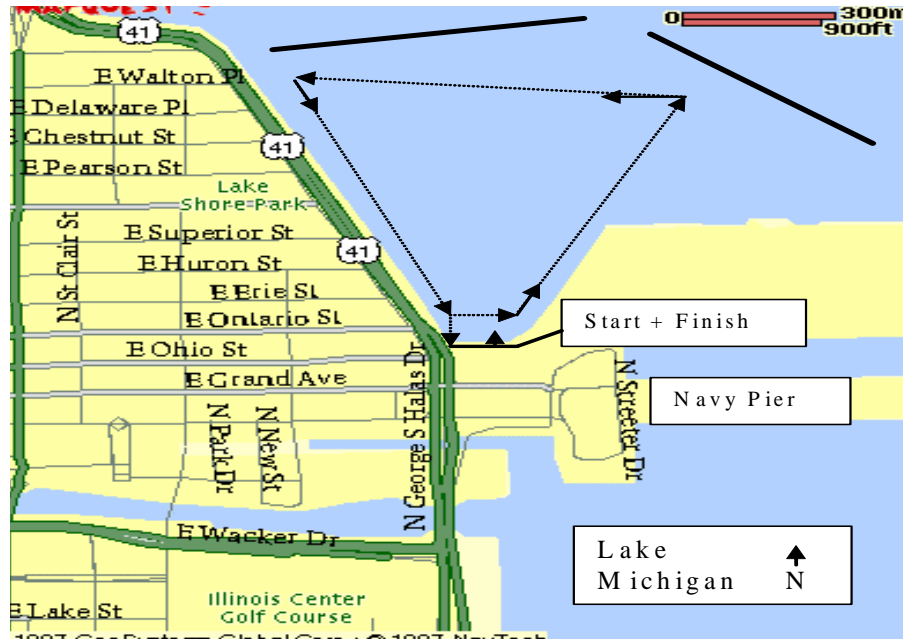
T-SHIRTS: One high quality collectible shirt is included with entry fee! Extra shirts may be purchased for an additional \$15.00. Please indicate size and quantity on reverse side.

WETSUITS: Swimmers wearing wetsuits are welcome to register in the Wetsuit Division, but may be started in a different wave and will not be tabulated with the age group swimmers who do not wear wetsuits. However, swimmers wearing the Blue Seventy Wetsuit "point zero 3" model will be permitted to swim and be tabulated with the age group swimmers.

AWARDS & RESULTS: Each finisher will receive a finisher's medal. Results for each age group will be posted on the internet at www.bigshoulders.org. Wetsuit swimmers are scored for top three male and female overall.

LODGING: A limited block of rooms are available 3 blocks from the race at the [Inn of Chicago](http://www.innchicago.com) (162 E. Ohio) on a first come basis for \$185 (Single)/\$205 (Double). To book, please call (866) 493-4415 and reserve no later than August 7, 2008.

MAP FOR BIG SHOULDERS OPEN WATER LONG DISTANCE SWIM CLASSIC



Registration begins at 6:45 A.M., and the race starts at 8:00 A.M. sharp! Race begins at Ohio Street Beach. To access Ohio Street Beach, exit Lake Shore Drive from either north or south at the Grand/Illinois exit and head east towards the lake. Park at Navy Pier. Map shows course used for the past several years. One lap around the course is 2.5k, two laps is 5k. Course is subject to change depending upon race day conditions.

CHICAGO MASTERS' BIG SHOULDERS 5K & 2.5K ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ AGE: _____ GENDER: M or F (circle one)
(on race day)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency contact phone # _____

EMAIL _____ WETSUIT (YES OR NO) _____

DISTANCE: (CIRCLE ONE) (5K) (2.5K) T-Shirt size (S, M, L or XL) ___ (1 shirt included with entry)

USMS #: _____ (All entrants must be USMS registered. If not a member, register for USMS membership at <https://www.clubassistant.com/club/usms.cfm>).

USMS CLUB NAME & CODE _____

ENTRY FEE _____ \$50.00 if received by 8/27/2008; \$60.00 from 8/28/2008 to 9/4/2008. Race day entries register on site. **If insufficient funds are sent, your entry will be rejected.**

ADDITIONAL T-SHIRTS: _____ (One shirt included with each entry. Additional Shirts are \$15).
Shirt size (S, M, L or XL) _____ (Indicate number of extra shirts desired).

Total Enclosed: _____ Make check for entry and extra T-Shirts payable to Chicago Masters Swim Club.

Mail entry and Check to: **Big Shoulders 2008, Scott Reeves, 1333 Greenwillow Ln., Glenview, IL 60025.**
DO NOT SEND VIA USPS AFTER August 27, 2008.

USMS RELEASE I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, CHICAGO MASTERS SWIM CLUB, INC., THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES, OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS. (rule book article 203.1)

Date: _____ Signature: _____