

**Germantown Indoor Swim Center
18000 Central Park Circle, Boyds, MD 20841**

WARM-UPS: 11:30 am-12:50 P.M. MEET: 1:00-7:30 P.M.

Hosted by the Montgomery Ancient Mariners

Sanctioned by Potomac Valley LMSC for USMS, Inc. USMS Sanction: ???-???

Saturday, March 14, 2026, will be the 32nd Annual Montgomery Ancient Mariners' Albatross Open. Because the ANCM home pool is still under renovations they will host the meet in the Germantown Indoor Swim Center (GISC). The pool will be configured as a **25-meter course**. The featured competition pool water depth varies from 17 to 7 feet making it an extremely fast pool. Several world and national records have been set at past meets here. The vast deck allows for spectator seating along three sides and the recreation pool will provide two warm-up and cool-down lanes throughout the duration of the event.

ENTRIES: Entries are limited to the **first 215 individuals. If we reach 215 swimmers prior to the entry deadline, the online entry system will shut down.** Online entries will be accepted until **midnight, March 8, 2026** (relay-only swimmers may enter online through March 11, 2026). Due to time constraints, **swimmers are limited to four individual events exclusive of relays.** We are limiting the **400M Free to three heats.** Please remember that your age is as of **12/31/2026** for this meet per USMS rules.

RULES: Current USMS rules apply. All swimmers must be registered with USMS. If you are not registered for USMS, you may register online at www.usms.org/reg/.

SEEDING: Once again we will seed all the 50M Frees men & women separately (slow to fast within gender). All other events will be seeded slow to fast, men & women combined. **Please enter with a seed time in SHORT COURSE METERS even if it is an estimate.** "No time" entries will be seeded at the discretion of the Entries Chair and Meet Director.

RELAYS - NEW THIS YEAR: All teams must submit relay entries online through Club Assistant in advance of the meet (relays may be entered online through March 11, 2026). **Relay entries will NOT be accepted at the meet. Changes to the relay swimmers or order of swimmers must be given to the Referee's Table no later than 2 p.m. the day of the meet.**

FEES: \$8 per event plus a \$12 meet surcharge. Relays are \$12.

AWARDS AND RESULTS: Awards for first through third place in each age group must be claimed

at the meet; special awards for USMS National or World Records (one per relay), plus the man and woman recording the fastest time (regardless of age) in the 50M freestyle. Special awards will be mailed post-meet (first-third places excluded). Results will be posted on www.pvmasters.org AND www.ancientmariners.org/albatross-open. Unofficial results will be posted at the meet. LOOK FOR THE YELLOW & BLACK SIGN THAT SAYS **RESULTS ON DECK**. Final results will only be mailed upon request.

WORLD AND NATIONAL RECORDS: Every year world and national records are broken at this meet. To facilitate the timing, approval, and processing of those records, we ask that you **notify us in advance** that you will be trying. Please send the **Entries Chair** or the **Meet Director** an e-mail (addresses are at the bottom of this announcement) indicating in which event(s) you will be vying for a new record.

FINA COMPETITORS: International entries are subject to verification and may require additional documentation. Please submit a copy of your Masters' registration card and a letter from your governing body to the Meet Director Kara Permisohn (kpermisohn@minkoff.com). Verification is required at the time of online entry. If you do not present verification, you will not be permitted to swim in the competition.

FACILITY: The Germantown Indoor Swim Center is an 8-lane pool with non-turbulent lane lines. The pool will be measured as a **25-meter course* with full electronic timing**. Concessions are not sold on the premises so please plan accordingly.

* The length of the competition course complies and is on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 107.2.1. The pool is subject to length confirmation on the day of the meet. Eligibility of times for USMS Top 10 and records will be contingent on verification of pool length.

WARM-UPS: Warm-ups will be 11:30 a.m.-12:50 P.M. Two sprint lanes will be designated to practice starts during warmups. TWO LANES in the recreation pool will be available for continuous warm-up/down. Please respect the GISC request not to use the areas open to the public. The main pool will NOT be open during the break for additional warm-ups. This is at the discretion of the Head Referee and Meet Director.

T-SHIRTS: We are selling soft cotton short-sleeved T-shirts for \$18 and long-sleeved shirts for \$23 before the meet. A limited supply will also be sold at the meet for an additional cost. We will post the T-shirt design on the Albatross Open webpage, <https://ancientmariners.org/albatross-open>, when it is ready.

PAYMENT: Payment by credit card is required for online entry. Cash and checks are acceptable payment methods ONLY for merchandise on the day of the meet. There will not be any deck entries this year.

LODGING: Lodging in nearby hotels is being explored. We will update the meet announcement and notify registered swimmers when more information is available.

DIRECTIONS:

From Northern Virginia: Get on George Washington Memorial Parkway in Washington, D.C. Continue on GW Parkway (4 mi.) to I-495 (Capital Beltway) toward Silver Spring/Baltimore. Stay to the left onto I-270 N to Germantown. Take exit 15B from I-270 N (27.6 mi.), Follow MD-118 S/Germantown Road and Schaeffer Road (3.9 mi.) Merge onto MD-118 S/Germantown Road. Turn right onto MD-117 W. (2.2 mi.) Turn left onto Schaeffer Road (1.3 mi.) At the traffic circle, take the first exit into Central Park Circle (.1 mi.) Turn left to stay on Central Park Circle (427 ft.) Turn right into swim center parking lot.

From Baltimore: Take I-395 S/Cal Ripken Way to I-95 S. Take the I-95 exit from I-395. (2.3 mi.) Follow I-95 S and MD-200 W to Sam Eig Hwy in Gaithersburg, MD. Use the right w lanes to take exit 31 B to merge onto MD-200 W (Toll Road) toward I-270 (16.3 mi.) Continue onto I-370 W (2.7 mi.) Turn using right 2 lanes onto MD-119 N. (4.7 mi.) Use the 2 left lanes to turn onto Richter Farm Road (1.4 mi.) Turn left onto Schaeffer Road (.3 mi.) At the traffic circle, take the first exit onto Central Park Circle (.1 mi.) Turn left to stay on Central Park Circle (427 ft.) Turn right into swim center parking lot.

PARKING: Limited parking is available at GISC. If the main lot is full follow the road to the overflow grass lots behind the split rail fence.

GISC WEBSITE:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/facilities/aquaticcenters/germantown.html>

QUESTIONS:

Meet Director: Kara Permisohn | 301-252-3845 | kpermisohn@minkoff.com
Entries Chairman: John McCaffrey | 703-887-3173 | johnemccaff@gmail.com

No calls after 9 p.m. please.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

1	Mixed	100 M	Fly
2	Mixed	100 M	Free
3	Mixed	200 M	Breast
4	Women	50 M	Back
5	Men	50 M	Back
6	Mixed	200 M	IM
7	Women	50 M	Breast
8	Men	50 M	Breast
9	Mixed	200 M	Free
10	Mixed	100 M	Back
11	Mixed	200 M	Fly

**15 Minute
Break****Main Pool Closed
for Warm-Ups**

12	Mixed	200 M	Free Relay*
13	Women	200 M	Free Relay*
14	Men	200 M	Free Relay*
15	Mixed	400 M	Medley Relay
16	Women	400 M	Medley Relay
17	Men	400 M	Medley Relay
18	Mixed	100 M	IM
19	Mixed	200 M	Back
20	Women	50 M	Fly
21	Men	50 M	Fly
22	Mixed	100 M	Breast
23	Women	50 M	Free
24	Men	50 M	Free
25	Mixed	400 M	Free*
26	Mixed	200 M	Medley Relay
27	Women	200 M	Medley Relay
28	Men	200 M	Medley Relay

* The 400M Free relays & 400M Individual Medley will be held next year.