



SUMMER OPEN MEET 2011

INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION IN SOUTHAMPTON

There are a number of hotels located very close to, or within an easy walk of, The Quays and web site links to these are given in the included document entitled "Some useful web site links." Alternatively there are numerous small hotels and guest houses located in and around the city and you can search through many of these via the Tourist Information link provided on the same document.

THE QUAYS SWIMMING AND DIVING COMPLEX AND LOCAL FACILITIES

The Quays is located on the south side of the city centre and, by car, is accessed from West Quay Road which is the A3057 heading west bound from that part of the city. (Please refer to the included Location Map.)

The Complex is served by a large car park but please be aware that this is pay and display. Each ticket machine has the facility to use debit/credit cards for car parking charges. We appreciate this is expensive and have, in the past, asked the City Council to provide a concessionary rate for the meet but, unfortunately, to no avail.

There is no longer a café at The Quays although there is a large area with seating, tables and vending machines serving drinks and snacks.

The West Quay indoor shopping centre (including M&S, Boots and Asda) are located a short walk away just to the north of the pool where you can purchase hot and cold snacks and drinks.

THE COMPETITION

Swimmers, parents and coaches should note that the changing rooms will also be open to members of the public using the leisure pool.

Competitors may warm up/down in the diving pit located adjacent to the shallow end of the pool providing they are adequately supervised by their coach.

We emphasise the importance of health and safety. Everybody in attendance at the Meet must follow all safety precautions in operation at The Quays and follow the instructions of Pool Staff and Fareham Nomads Meet Management Team.

PRIOR TO LEAVING POOLSIDE SWIMMERS MUST DRY OFF AND PUT ON APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. NO SWIMMERS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE SPECTATOR AREA OR THE CAFÉ AND MAIN ENTRANCE FOYER AREAS UNLESS THEY HAVE COMPLIED WITH THIS REQUIREMENT.

AWARDS

Awards will be made to swimmers placed 1st to 3rd in each age group in each event. There will also be awards for Top Girl and Top Boy in each age group, Overall Top Boy and Top Girl and Top Visiting Club. Swimmers should collect individual event awards from the Trophy Table that will be located on poolside. The other awards will be presented as soon as possible after the end of the competition.

SPECTATORS

There is a large spectator seating area at The Quays and this is accessed from the staircase leading up from the main foyer and café area. Please be aware, as is the case with most swimming pools, particularly in July, that it will be very hot. So have plenty to drink.

Spectator entrance will be charged at £2.50 per session. Spectators attending the first session, on each day will be required to pay £5.00 and, if they are not attending the second session they will be given a £2.50 refund on presentation of their ticket at the entrance desk when they leave. The reason we operate this procedure is to avoid having to clear the spectator gallery between sessions and to avoid the need for spectators having to queue again to purchase entry tickets for the next session. Programmes, covering both days of the Meet, will be on sale at a cost of £3.00.

PHOTOGRAPHY

In accordance with the recommendations of the ASA Child Protection Policy, any person wishing to engage in video, zoom or close range photography, including the use of mobile telephones with photographic capabilities, must first register their details on a form provided at the spectator entrance desk where they will be provided with a permit and an identification label which must be worn at all times. The Promoter reserves the right to refuse the granting of a permit.

It is requested that all mobile telephones are switched off or to silent during the competition and that there is no flash photography at the start of each event.

SWIM SHOP

A Swim Shop, operated by Swim Stop Ltd. of Waterlooville, will be open on both days of the Meet. This will be set up in the crèche which is situated to the right of the reception desk.

We look forward to seeing you at Southampton on 16th/ 17th July. In the meantime, if you have any queries or require help with any matters please contact Karen Williams at karen.williams9093@hotmail.co.uk

Fareham Nomads Meet Management Team