



## **Nanaimo Aquatic Centre Hosts the 2010 Canadian Masters Long Course Swimming Championships, May 21-24**

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*May 20, 2010-* The Nanaimo Aquatic Centre will play host to over 600 athletes when the 2010 Canadian Masters Long Course Swimming Championships begins this weekend. The event runs from May 21-24, 2010 at the Aquatic Centre, and is open to the public.

The meet is the major Masters swim event each year in Canada. Athletes between the ages of 18 and 91 will compete in 45 different events, including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and relays. More than 150 volunteers from swim clubs all over Vancouver Island will assist with the event, which is projected to produce an economic impact of nearly \$600,000 for Nanaimo.

During the event, the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre will have very limited access for public swimming; however spectators are welcome and encouraged. The full competition schedule is now available online at [www.cmssc2010.ca](http://www.cmssc2010.ca) . Due to the reduced availability of the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre throughout the event, Beban Pool has added additional sessions to accommodate residents. The interim public swimming schedule is available online at [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca) .

For more information about the 2010 Canadian Masters Long Course Swimming Championships, please contact event organizers Terry and Nancy Ryan at 250-756-7853 or [tm-ryan@shaw.ca](mailto:tm-ryan@shaw.ca). For more information about the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, please contact Sandy Raddysh, Aquatics Manager, at 250-755-7574 or [Sandy.Raddysh@nanaimo.ca](mailto:Sandy.Raddysh@nanaimo.ca) .

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