



USA UNDERWATER RUGBY

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2022 UWR Review

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USA UWR recently completed their national championship in Hampden, CT hosted by the CT Makos. Although turnout was lower than hoped, it was still an excellent event. There were 7 open and 5 women's teams. We had approximately 160 athletes competing in two divisions. The Women's division were headed by Hammerheads as National Champions. The Newark UWR won the open division title in overtime penalty shots. Both teams are excited to attend the 2023 Berlin Champions Cup. The request for bids for the 2023 Nationals has been distributed. The hosting club will be announced in Early November.

Two other events also happened this year. Inter Florida UWR held an event in Coral Springs, FL, along with a USOA Fin Swimming event. This was great exposure for USOA, USA UWR and USA Fin swimming. Both the USA UWR men's and women's national teams competed along with 10 other teams. It was a great success for both events. Inter Florida is hoping to repeat the tournament again in 2023.

In February 2022, Boston hosted a potluck tournament with approximately 100 athletes. It was well attended by clubs throughout the country.

The USA UWR Men's and Women's National Teams have been running continuous training events throughout all of 2022. Both teams were able to take advantage of pool time in Boston and Coral Springs. They also just returned from a combined event in Montreal with the Canadian teams. Their continued growth will provide outstanding play at the 2023 World UWR Championships in Montreal, Canada.

The USA UWR Director position will be up for election in December. The club reps will determine the USA UWR Director whose term for 2 years will start in January 2023.

USA UWR has decided to host Nationals in a March-June timeframe. This will allow for more consistency in Nationals to allow for easier scheduling of other tournaments.

UWR is continuing to grow with two new clubs (Tallahassee and Inter Florida). They have both competed in national championships over the last two years and are able to vote on UWR matters. We look forward to another successful year in 2023.

Timmy Burke
USA UWR Director