

**Weather impact: new schedule for the Open Water races**

**At its meeting, the LEN Bureau approved the proposal of the LEN Technical Open Water Swimming Committee to reschedule the programme of the open water swimming meet to be held in Ostia at the European Aquatics Championships.**

Based on the weather forecast, with strong winds and high waves predicted for 18 August, the LEN TOWSC proposed the following changes to the programme which is now confirmed.

**18 August – no race**

19 August – Men’s and Women’s 10km, held parallel, from 9.00AM

20 August – Men’s and Women’s 5km, held parallel, from 9.00AM

21 August – Men’s and Women’s 25km, held parallel, from 7.00AM, followed by the 6km team relay (exact starting time TBD)

This schedule is subject of change in case the weather and sea conditions require.

The technical committee, together with the local organising committee and the responsible authorities, shall determine if the conditions are safe to hold the respective races.

“Athletes’ safety comes first, before anything else, the decision-makers shall consider that principle first and will give the green light only if all safety requirements are met” LEN President Antonio Silva said.

LEN shall inform all stakeholders on any further changes in due time.

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