DISABILITY SWIMMING REPORT

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KUDOS! Two Michigan swimmers have qualified for the USA team that will compete at the 2011 Pan Pacific Para-Swimming Championships in Edmonton, Alberta. **Cheryl Angelelli**, OLY, will compete in the S4 classification. **Elizabeth Stone**, who is currently practicing with the US Paralympic Resident Team in Colorado Springs, will compete in the S9 classification.

Katie Van Dam of Grand Rapids is an alternate member of the USA team that will compete at the 2011 ParaPan American Swimming Championships in Guadalajara, Mexico.

GTAC MEET The Greater Toledo Aquatic Club Disability Open is scheduled May 21-22, 2011. Swimmers with physical, vision, hearing, and cognitive disabilities are eligible to participate. For more information go to: http://www.gtacswim.info/main/GTACHostedMeets/LongCourse11/GTACDisabilityMeet/tabid/203/Default.aspx.

WEBINAR The USA-S Disability Swimming Committee has produced a webinar on coaching swimmers with a disability. The online delivery of this presentation has not yet been scheduled, but will probably occur in June. Watch the USA-S web site (http://www.usaswimming.org) for more details. This presentation will eventually be archived on the USA-S web site for future use by coaches and others.

WEB SITE The disability swimming section of the USA-S web site has a number of helpful resources for swimmers, parents, coaches, officials, and volunteers. Examples include Article 105 Rule Interpretations, information about personal assistants at swim practices and meets, and safety/risk management. The URL is http://www.usaswimming.org/disability.

HELP Swimmers with a disability from Michigan Swimming (and their parents and coaches) are welcome to contact Gail Dummer at dummer@msu.edu for assistance with inclusion in Michigan Swimming programs.