



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 26-078**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*  
**DATE:** March 20, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center Programming Update**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide information on Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center (FLAC) programming and scheduling of events. This LTC serves as a follow-up to LTC No. 25-242, issued on December 2, 2025.

FLAC hosted the Wyland Invitational Dive Meet on March 6 - 8, 2026. The event included over 200 athletes from seventeen (17) teams from across South Florida, the Midwest, and the Eastern Seaboard. After 3,768 dives and 17,645 scores, the Fort Lauderdale Dive Team won the overall team championship title.

USA Diving and World Aquatics announced that the 2026 American Cup competition will take place in Fort Lauderdale from April 16 -19, 2026. This marks the first time in thirteen (13) years that the American Cup will be hosted in Fort Lauderdale.

FLAC is hosting the 2026 Speedo Fort Lauderdale Open on April 29 – May 2, 2026. This competition is expected to draw up to 700 athletes, has confirmed participation from sixty-five (65) national teams and will feature more than twenty-five (25) Olympians.

The 2026 FLAC Events Calendar, included below, demonstrates the growing number of activations for competitions and major events. The current schedule highlights the increasing interest in expanded uses of the facility including artistic swimming and water polo. The high-profile competitions of national significance are highlighted in bold font.

<b>Event</b>	<b>2026 Dates</b>
Winter College Team Training Camps	January 1 - 20
USA Artistic Swimming National Team Trials	January 17 - 19
Swim Fort Lauderdale Speedo Cup	January 23 - 25
Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters Challenge	February 7 - 8
Waves of Change Swimming Initiative	February 22
Fort Lauderdale Diving Team Wendy Wyland Invitational	March 6 - 8
<b>USA Diving – America Cup</b>	<b>April 14 – 19</b>
ISHOF Corporate Relays (Coordinated with the ISHOF Clinic)	April 25

ISHOF Fitter & Faster Swim Clinic	April 25 – 26
<b>Speedo Fort Lauderdale Open</b>	<b>April 29 – May 2</b>
<b>USA Diving – High Diving World Cup</b>	<b>May 11 – 17</b>
<b>Swim Fort Lauderdale Speedo Summer Classic</b>	<b>June 17 – 20</b>
Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters June Krauser Summer Splash	July 11 – 12
<b>AAU National Diving Championships</b>	<b>July 14 – 24</b>
Fort Lauderdale High Diving Coastal Classic	August 7 – 9
ISHOF Fitter & Fasters Swim Clinic	August 8 – 9
<b>Special Olympics Regional Championships</b>	<b>August 14 – 15</b>
Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters Swimcation Clinic	September*
<b>Water Polo Tournament</b>	<b>October*</b>
<b>College Swimming League National Championships</b>	<b>November 7 – 8</b>
Grown Up Swimming Meet	November*
Swim Fort Lauderdale Masters Fall Classic	November 21 – 22
Winter Diving Festival – CAN/AM/MEX	December*
Winter College Team Training Camps	December 6 – 31

\*Event dates to be determined

To streamline event inquiries and the approval process for FLAC special event applications, City staff recently changed the application process. Rather than reaching out directly to FLAC staff, an interested party will submit an application through the standard Parks and Recreation Department Outdoor Events process. Once an application for an event is received, City staff will verify the scope, availability, needs, and specific requests. The Parks and Recreation Outdoor Events team then work closely with the City Attorney's Office and the Risk Management Division to draft an event agreement. The agreement is shared with FLAC staff who then coordinate the event logistics with the event organizer. FLAC also coordinates with the Strategic Communications Department to identify branding, marketing and promotional opportunities.

FLAC is continuing collaboration with its partners to improve the peninsula with the new Ocean Rescue facility and amenities for the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF). During the construction period, FLAC has experienced some challenges with parking, pool chemistry, geothermal heating infrastructure, and operational disruptions. Despite these temporary challenges, FLAC staff continue to work diligently to address any unforeseen issues to maintain operations and programming schedules.

If you have additional questions, please contact Carl Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation, at [cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov) or (954) 828-5804.

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