



The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim – CHESAPEAKE CHALLENGE
EVENT DAY INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONE MILE
SWIMMERS & SPECTATORS

June 9, 2019

Hemingway's Marina at the Bay Bridge Marina, Eastern Shores of the Twin Bridges,
Exit 37 S. off Rt. 50, Pier One Road, Stevensville, MD 21666

For real-time Bay Conditions, please visit: [NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Interperative Buoy System.](#)

ONE MILE SWIMMERS & SPECTATORS ARE TO FOLLOW MANDATORY PARKING INSTRUCTIONS.

There are two parking sites: Buses will have signs in front windows:

4.4 SWIM buses which transport ONLY 4.4 SWIMMERS to Sandy Point State Park.

ONE MILE SWIM BUSES: FOR ALL SPECTATORS AND ONE MILE SWIMMERS PLUS ANY OVERFLOW PARKING FROM THE Park & Ride lot.

One mile buses only transport from parking lots to event site at Hemingway's Marina all through event day. This will also include 4.4 swimmers after they have completed their finish back at the beach next to the twin bridges at Hemingway's.

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS – No pets permitted on shuttle buses.

Only swimmer or spectator, with approved disability car i.d., may request a special parking pass permitting Hemingway's on-site parking. Please contact directly:

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- Athletes & spectators for the **Great Chesapeake Bay Swim One Mile Swim** should utilize the **Park and Ride on Rt. 8**, and board the appropriate One Mile signed bus for transport to Hemingway's Marina.
- **Overflow 4.4, and One Mile Chesapeake Challenge athletes, and spectator parking -- will be located at Matapeake Elementary and Middle Schools – just follow Rt. 8 / Romancoke Rd. Follow posted signs.**
- *Shuttle Buses will provide transportation throughout event day and will continuously loop from the spectator parking areas to the Park and Ride & Matapeake Elementary and Middle Schools, and then to the drop off point at Bay Bridge Marina the event day site on the eastern shores. All parking is free of charge.*
- Directions are on page 4, below lodging links.

THERE WILL BE NO ATHLETE OR SPECTATOR PARKING AT BAY BRIDGE MARINA. ATHLETE AND SPECTATOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM DRIVING DOWN PIER ONE ROAD TO THE MARINA. DO NOT PARK ON ANY ROAD SHOULDERS – YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO TICKETING.

■ **ONE MILE TIMELINE WITH CHECK-IN INFO. & SWIM STARTS:**

8:30 AM One Mile shuttle buses ready to begin transport to Hemingway's Marina staging area next to the twin bridges on the eastern shores.

8:30 AM Volunteer personnel on site

9:00 – 10:30 AM SWIM CHEK-IN. Under pop-ups facing the water.

- **Packet Pick-Up, Body Marking. Photo ID mandatory!**
→ MANDATORY:

**This Includes Parent/Guardian accompanying swimmers under 18 yrs. old!
Minor's may use school i.d. or copy of birth certificate.**

Adults with minor swimmers must also present photo i.d.

After receiving your swim packet please go directly to the body numbering volunteers next to the check-in tables. No Photo I.D. – No Swim. This includes parents/guardians

for youth swimmers presenting their swimmer at check-in.

In Your Swim Packet: ANKLE STRAP TIMING CHIP. IF WEARING A FULL WET SUIT, *WEAR ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE PANT LEG!* Wave colored, assigned numbered swim cap. Race bib with tear off numbered strip. . . Remove strip, put it on top of your head, then put your swim cap on – MUST WEAR! It is another form of swimmer in-water i.d.

10:45 AM Pre-Race Meeting: Swimmers will line up in swim wave order. Each wave has its own wave color. Swimmers will walk down a short beach hill over a carpet which cover the electronic scanning tracks. Each swimmer’s ankle timing band is scanned to confirm water entry.

After the GCBS April 16th refund deadline, an email blast will be sent out, plus posted, containing swimmers wave and wave cap colors.
(Note: There will be a table where swimmers may leave, swim items in their bag with their full name on it.)

The one mile swim has the same start and finish area on the small beach within the secured swim area. It will be an in water start. The swim course is triangle shaped. In water support will be on course. Spectators will have an excellent view of the venue from the bluff in front of the tented area, overlooking the bay and bridge.

11:00 AM Race Start

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| 11:00 AM | 1 ST Wave Starts: | Wave 1 Cutoff - 12:15 |
| 11:05 AM | 2 ND Wave Starts: | Wave 2 Cutoff - 12:20 |
| 11:10 AM | 3 RD Wave Starts: | Wave 3 Cutoff - 12:25 |
| 11:15 AM | 4 TH Wave Starts: | Wave 4 Cutoff – 12:30pm |

12:30 PM Race Finish

12:45 PM Awards Ceremony – Conducted in front of the white check-in pop-ups.

FYI: Mile 1 – Time Cutoff – any swimmers not making their swim wave cut-off time will be removed from the water by in-water support boat authorized personnel.- Your swim cap, and timing band will be removed as you are being transported back to Hemingway’s Marina. It will be given to the LINMARK timer as proof that the swimmer was removed from the water. This procedure will take place

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for each wave cut-off time listed above. These procedures, and all swimmer i.d. permits full swimmer accountability entering and exiting the water.

- Many choose to remain and watch when the 4.4 swimmers come onto the same finish lines area as they return to the eastern shores from under the span of the twin bridges.

There will be DJ music, sponsors on site, and GCBS items for sale. Many spectators bring blankets, folding chairs and picnic food to watch and enjoy the festivities.

- NO SMOKING IN VENUE AREA. Please go out into the parking lot area.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT ONTO SITE! Hemingway's has a Tiki pavilion where food and beverages may be purchased. **Two long rows of port-a-pots set up** in parking area several rows behind the venue pop-ups facing the bay.

- **SWIM DAY RESULTS:**

Will be available on Chrome notebooks next to the LINMARK Sports timing van, parked behind the check-in pop up tented area. Finish times will also be featured on the LINMARK Sports web home page, just click on the Results button at the page header.

LIVE RESULTS WILL ALSO BE ONGOING TEXTED TO YOUR CELL PHONE IF included on your entry form info.

- .. **EMAIL BLAST AND WEB POSTING OF SWIMMERS ASSIGNED WAVES & WAVE CAP COLRS WILL BE POSTED AND EMAILED ON OR ABOUT MAY 10, 2019.**

GCBS CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS PROGRAM:
>>CLICK HERE<< to download the contributions form.

Contains instructions pertinent to 4.4 swimmers and Chesapeake Challenge swimmers.

GCBS exists for its charitable contributions program. Well over \$3 million has been donated from GCBS proceeds. As an IRS approved tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) event, all fees, sales proceeds, and this contributions program, make it all happen. While participation in this program is customarily extended to Sept. 15th. This ceremony is conducted just prior to the swim awards ceremony.

ACCOUNTANT ON SITE TO RECEIVE CHARITABLE FUNDS:

Note that on swim morning at packet pick-up/ swim check-in, an event accountant will be on site close to the swim check in tables. She will take contribution forms, and your contributions pre-swim! The funds turned in on swim day, will be credited to any other contributions you may have been submitting to the corporate office, prior to swim day.

Deadline to submit funds to the GCBS charitable funds program: 9/16/2019.

Absolutely no selling, transfers for swim date entry permitted! To do so will remove the persons involved from future GCBS swims.

Many data safety factors in place for each participant including medical, swim capability predicated by swim documentation, photo i.d.

LODGING LINKS:

By clicking on the following link, [many related links for hotel & motels will come up via Google.](#)

Note: for convenience on swim morning -- booking on the eastern shores of the bridges will make swim morning more timely and convenient. All 4.4 swimmers are to take the school bus shuttles located on the eastern shore side of the bridges, per instructions on page one of this document.

DIRECTIONS: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW GOOGLE MAP](#) When the Hemingways Restaurant page comes up **PAGE DOWN TO THE BOTTOM WHERE A MAP OF THE ENTIRE RACE LOGISTICS WILL COME UP.** The double golden colored road are the major routes to the Bay Bridges, you will see the Stevensville Park and Ride lot, prior to event venue which takes at Hemingways Bay Bridge Marina and Restaurant site.

You will also be able to view the secondary parking area to utilize - as the Stevensville Park and Ride Lot will fill up. You will proceed down on Rt. 8/Romancoke Rd. to the parking lot at the Metapeake School. The shuttle buses will be doing pick up and drop offs thru event day.

- **On behalf of our Race Director, Chuck Nabit** and the many volunteers in and out of the water . . . We extend our best to everyone swimming on June 9th! Thank you for your support and being part of the Exciting Great Chesapeake Bay Swim!
- **Questions – Please Contact:** Linda Toretsky - GCBS, Swim Processing Coordinator
Direct Email: lindat@linmarksports.com
Web Site: www.linmarksports.com
Your Main Resource for All GCBS Pre and Post on-going swim day info.
- Times posted within this document are anticipated start times. The Race Director reserves the right to vary the start time to account for deviations from the predicted tide and current conditions, as indicated by NOAA. Therefore, a start window of between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm have been established to allow maximum flexibility.
- **In the event of a late swim cancellation to due extreme weather conditions, the race director and coast guard will make the decision to cancel the swim or delay the start.** In that event, there are no refunds. All funds are donated to the GCBS Champion's Challenge Charitable program. GCBS is a 501(c)(3) I.R.S. approved charitable, tax-deductible event.

OFFICAL EVENT DAY PHOTOGRAPHERS: <http://www.backprint.com/cbmtcreative>



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|  | <p>SWIM SPONSOR – WET SUIT RENTAL INFO.: <u>Bonzai Sports</u> www.tribonzai.com 2822 Fallfax Dr, Falls Church, VA 22042 (703) 280-2248 Open until 5 PM</p> |  |
|  | <p>MARYLAND CHAPTER</p>  <p>MARCH OF DIMES</p> | <p>CHESAPEAKE</p>  <p>PADDLERS ASSOCIATION</p> |
|  |  <p>Official Event Photographer http://www.backprint.co m/cbmtcreative</p> | <p>OFFICIAL SWIM SHOP SPONSOR, CONTACT TO MAKE SWIM SUIT RENTALS – MUST PICK UP</p>  <p>PRIOR TO SWIM DAY!</p> |

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