



The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim - 4.4 Mile Swim Timeline

June 10, 2018

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](#)

**ALL 4.4 & 1 Mile SWIMMERS & SPECTATORS ARE TO FOLLOW
MANDATORY PARKING INSTRUCTIONS located on Pages 1 & 4'**

7:00 AM **March of Dimes Volunteers for the 4.4 Swim** Check-in/Packet Pick-up
Staff arrive at Sandy Point State Park – at the top of the field - behind the
public restrooms, next to the parking lot.

*Water craft **Volunteers**

Meet at Sandy Point State Park, Beach House

7:30 – 9:30 **4.4 Shuttle buses on-going departures** from the Park & Ride on the
eastern side of twin bridges, on Rt. 8, Stevensville, MD 21666.
SIGNS WILL also be ground posted indicating parking areas.
Buses will have event i.d. POSTED ON **BUS FRONT WINDOWS. Only
registered 4.4 swimmers may utilize the buses with 4.4 signs on
front windows. 1 miles swimmers, and spectators are to only utilize
the 1 mile i.d. shuttle buses. Note: all swimmers and spectators may
use any numbered shuttle buses making pick-ups and drop-offs
back to designated parking lots all event day.**

**There will be no bus service returning to Sandy Point State Park
after the swim. No spectators permitted on 4.4 shuttle buses going
to Sandy Point. NO PETS PERMITTED ON PARK GROUNDS, THEY
WILL NOT BE PERMITTED THRU THE PARK ENTRANCE!**

**ALSO, the start area at Sandy Point State Park, is well over a mile
from park entrance. It is not feasible to drop swimmers off and
expect them to walk that distance to the beach start area.** Any
spectators driving to Sandy Point State Park to view the swim start, will
also be charged a park entrance fee at the entry booth. This process can
have a large back-up.

BAG DROP INFO.: 4.4 Shuttle buses will drop off swimmers at the
bottom of the field, next to the public restroom buildings. MARCH OF
DIMES VOLUNTEERS will have tables in back with markers and bags to
transport swimmer's items back to the finish area. They will be trucked
back to a parking area close to the fenced finish area which also includes
swimmer's post swim lunch and drinks. Volunteers will be there to assist
with your bag retrieval.

**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE PRE- SWIM MEETING TO DO
YOUR BAG DROP. IT IS A DISTANCE AWAY FROM THE CHECK-IN &
SWIM MEETING, START AREA. AGAIN, BE READY TO GO
IMMEDIATELY TO THE SWIM START FENCED AREA FOR SCANNING
EACH SWIMMER PRIOR TO ENTERING THE START BEACH. Wave 1
and Wave 2 have a 15 min. interval between their starts.**

7:00 Beach Start fencing to be set-up.

8 AM – 9:30 AM **Packet Pick-Up, Body Marking at Sandy Point State Park, Photo ID mandatory! This includes parent/guardian accompanying swimmers under 18 yrs. old! Minor's may use school i.d. or copy of birth certificate. *See final page regarding bag-drop return to swim finish at Hemingways Marina. **ADULT WITH MINOR SWIMMERS MUST ALSO PRESENT THEIR OWN PERSONAL PHOTO I.D.****

After receiving your swim packet please go directly to the body numbering volunteers next to the check-in tables.

CHECK IN TABLES WILL BE DIVIDED BY WAVE 1 TABLES, AND WAVE 2 TABLES, BOTH IN ALPHA ORDER.

10 AM Pre-Race Swim Meeting – Conducted by swim director, Chuck Nabit who will give all in-water swim info. relating to support boats, refreshments boats, current condition, water temp., and guidelines on staying the course under the twin bridges span.
ALL SWIMMERS MUST BE PRESENT AND READY TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE START BEACH DIRECTLY FROM THE SWIM MEETING. This is not the time for anyone to still go to the bag drop area! ***Come to the pre-swim meeting – ready to swim.***

Beach and Water emptied and Start security in place

10:30 Wave 1 – check in begins inside the fenced start beach.
ALL SWIMMERS MUST WALK OVER THE SCAN TRACKS AS THEY ENTER THE SWIM START AREA. ALL SWIMMERS ARE RECORDED AS ENTERING THEIR WAVE START.

MANDATORY!! DO NOT SWIM FROM THE WARM UP AREA, outside OF THE FENCED BEACH, START DIRECTLY TO WHERE YOUR WAVE IS SCANNING AND WAITING AT THE BEACH START. WE WILL NOT HAVE YOU RECORDED AS ENTERING THE WATER!
Each wave is scanned individually as they enter through the fence opening, **DO NOT BY-PASS THIS PROCESS, EACH SWIMMER MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR ENTERING AND EXITING THE WATER.**

IF YOU ARE SEEN DOING THIS BY VOLUNTEERS, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SWIM. More on this procedure on final page of the timeline.

NOTE: Start beach will be set up with two walk-over scan areas:
>>**Signed # One** - for swimmers **not wearing** a wetsuit
>>**Signed # Two** - for swimmers **wearing** a wetsuit
Both will be signed. Once a swimmer is scanned and at the start water line, THEY MAY NOT depart the start beach, without giving their ankle timing band, and swim cap to LINDA within the scanning beach area.

NOTE: The first overall male and female non-wet suit finishers will be recognized at the awards ceremony. This does not have any bearing on overall or age group award winners. It is a special recognition for completing the swim without the benefit of a wetsuit.

- 10:30 Final boat check in – command post up and running
Medical support all ready Start Side
- 10:50 Wave 1 – Lead Boat in position
- 11:00 Wave 1 – START* THIS IS NOT AN IN-WATER START must be lined up on the beach at water edge.**
- 11:05 **Wave 2** – check in begins at start pen to walk over the scanning readers. Wave 2 – Lead boat in position
- 11:15 Wave 2 – STARTS* THIS IS NOT AN IN-WATER START must be lined up on the beach at water edge.** Chuck Nabit will conduct each wave start.
- 11:20 Break down start beach timing equipment
- 11:45 Bulk of Swimmers around Mile 1
- 11:50 GCBS Staff leaves Sandy Point State Park returning to finish area at Hemingway’s Marina beach next to the twin bridges on the eastern shores.
- 12:00 Mile 1 – Time Cutoff – any swimmers not making the cut-off times will be removed from the water by in-water support boat authorized personnel.**
- Your swim cap, along with the tear strip, and timing band will be removed as you are being transported back to Hemingway’s Marina. It will be given to LINMARK timer as proof that the swimmer was removed from the water. This procedure will take place at each mile swim cut-off listed below.
- Do not resist this procedure, it is taking place according to in-water safety procedures, and guidelines.
- 12:20 Finish Chutes and Control Area in Position on Hemingway’s beach next to the twin bridges.
- 12:45** >> Approximate Finish Time for First Swimmer.
Mile 2 – Time Cutoff
- 1:10 Approximately one-half of the swimmer’s finish
***Ongoing Swimmer Accountability – all swimmers are scanned as they cross over the finish area, not only for swim finish time but they are confirmed as exiting the swim course.**
- 1:30 Mile 3 – Time Cutoff**
- 2:10 Approximately three-fourths of the swimmer’s finish.
- 2:15 Mile 4 – Time Cutoff**
- 2:45 Mile 4.4 – Time Cutoff – Race Finish**
Last Swimmer – Final Accountability:
WHAT IS FINAL ACCOUNTABILITY: The swimmer count taken for each one confirmed as entering the water at swim start, **MUST EQUAL THE COUNT OF ALL SWIMMERS PULLED WHILE ON COURSE, AND**

ALL SWIMMERS AS CONFIRMED AT THE FINISH. NEVER DEPART THE SWIM AREA WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY THRU ANY STAGE OF THE SWIM.

3:30 **Approximate time for Awards Ceremony** – Award Divisions listed on last page of this document.

- These 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 11:00 am and 12:00 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.

**SWIMMER LOGISTICS & VENUE INFO.
SWIMMERS & SPECTATORS**

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4.4. Swimmer Bag Drop at Sandy Point State Park: 4.4 Shuttle buses will drop 4.4 swimmers off at the large public rest room building at the bottom of the field area where swim check in will take place . . . at the top of the field. About 300+ yards away. March of Dimes volunteers will also have plastic bags and markers available, for swimmers to utilize. Volunteers will take the bags which will be trucked back to Hemingway's parking lot strip area across from the refreshment and event pop-ups. They will be placed in order. Volunteers will assist.

**4.4 Swimmer Check-in Packet Pick up:
SIGNS WILL BE POSTED IN FRONT of the check-in tables:**

WAVE 1 NEON GREEN SWIM CAPS WAVE 2 NEON YELLOW SWIM CAPS

Must present your photo I.D. to 4.4 Swimmer Check-in Packet Pick up volunteer:
State your full name. Packets will be in alpha. order.

NO PHOTO ID – NO SWIM!

YOUR PACKET WILL CONTAIN:

1. Your **assigned numbered** swim cap – **MUST WEAR** as it is an additional means of in-water i.d. **NO SWIM CAP ON – MEANS NO SWIM.**
2. You will also have a Tyvek bib number, **PLEASE REMOVE THE TEAR STRIP FROM IT. THIS STRIP MUST BE PLACED ON TOP OF YOUR HEAD UNDER YOUR SWIM CAP.** It will also be collected if pulled from the swim, and at the finish line.
3. Velcro timing band **WITH YOUR ASSIGNED TIMING CHIP.**

>>>>YOU ARE TO WEAR THIS SECURED AROUND YOUR ANKLE. IF WEARING A FULL WETSUIT, IT MUST BE WORN OVER THE TOP / OUTSIDE OF THE WETSUIT PANT LEG. <<<<

Please be sure you have secured it properly. If you require assistance just ask any of the volunteers or a fellow swimmer.

Finish Line Procedures: There will be multiple timing tracks under the green finish line carpeting. It is a short uphill run to the top. Your time is recorded at the finish line clock, very close to the water edge, at the bottom of short hill.

At the top of the fenced finish area, volunteers will take your swim cap, including tear strip you placed on your head, UNDER your swim cap, your ankle timing band, they will also assist with unzipping your wetsuit, if applicable. Chairs, water, and medical tent in fenced area.

Inside the fenced area will be a wide variety of post-race refreshments. Fenced finish area is restricted to volunteers and swimmers only. **Outside the finish area near the end of the food area, fire trucks with shower hoses will be available for all swimmers to rinse off. Bag drop area is close by.**

SWIMMER & SPECTATOR INFO. PARKING INSTRUCTIONS – No pets permitted on shuttle buses. NO PETS PERMITTED ON GROUNDS OF SANDY POINT STATE PARK. WILL NOT be PERMITTED THROUGH PARK PAY ENTRANCE GATE.

Athletes for the **Great Chesapeake Bay Swim 4.4** should utilize the **Park and Ride lot on Rt. 8**, (about 1.5 miles from Hemingway's Marina) and board the appropriate 4.4 signed bus for transport to Sandy Point State Park. **One Mile buses will transport, swimmers and spectators with continuous loops all event day from all designated parking areas, which also includes** Matapeake Elementary and Middle Schools (just follow Rt. 8/Romancoke Rd. to the schools, and then to the drop off point at Bay Bridge Marina. All parking is free of charge.

- **ANY SPECTATOR OR SWIMMER WHO WILL REQUIRE HANDICAPPED PARKING CLOSE TO THE OFFICIAL EVENT AREA AT HEMINGWAY'S MARINA ARE TO EMAIL: Sherri Tolley <stolley@spfq.net>**

Overflow 4.4, One Mile Chesapeake Challenge athletes, and spectator parking will be located at Matapeake Elementary and Middle Schools – just follow continue to 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. All parking is free of charge.

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 ADJACENT ROAD SHOULDERS -- YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO TICKETING.

On Site Amenities at Swim Finish Area –

- A beautiful venue on the top of a bluff overlooking the water right next to the twin bridges, and finish area! Bring blankets, small beach chairs, umbrellas to relax and soak in all the excitement of swim day. There will be DJ Music, GCBS items for sale, and much more. Many spectators bring picnic baskets. NO SMOKING IN VENUE AREA. Please go out into the parking lot area.
- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED ON HEMINGWAY'S MARINA.**

- **GCBS CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS PROGRAM:**

[>>CLICK HERE<<](#) to download the contributions form.

Contains instructions pertinent to 4.4 swimmers and One Mile Bay Challenge swimmers.

GCBS exists for its charitable contributions program. Well over \$1 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. 30th. This ceremony is conducted just prior to the swim awards ceremony.

To be part of the prizes awarded to top participants - - comes from funds donated by swim day.

ACCOUNTANT ON SITE TO RECEIVE CHARITABLE FUNDS:

Note that on swim morning at 4.4 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, including mail contribution to the address listed UP TO THE DEADLINE OF SEPT. 15, 2018.

Again, the contributions form has detailed participation information >>[CLICK HERE](#)<< to download the form.

REFUNDS: Refund deadline date: April 15, 2018.

Please send your email request to: lindat@linmarksports.com

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

NOTE: ONCE A SWIMMER REQUESTS A REFUND, THERE WILL BE NO SWIM REINSTATEMENTS!!

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

OFFICAL EVENT DAY PHOTOGRAPHERS:

New links to 2017 events: <https://endurophoto.flashframe.io/> Chris Bernacchi, Enduro Photo
www.endurophoto.com chris@endurophoto.com

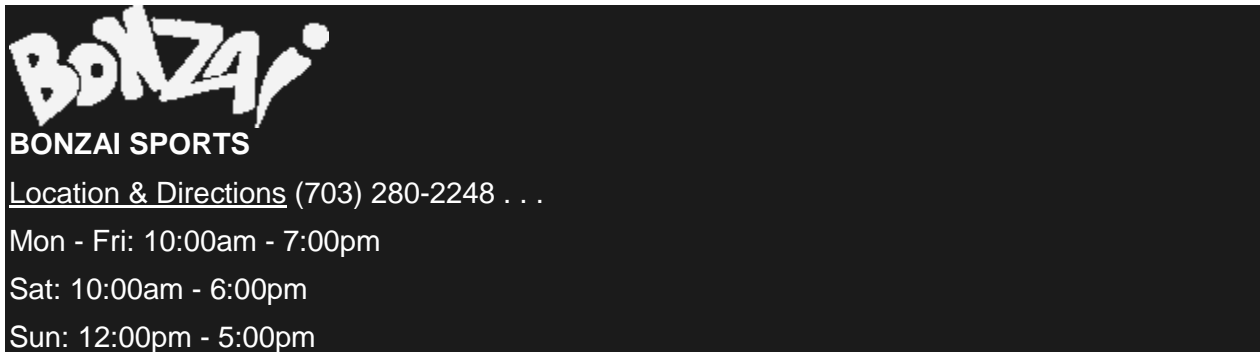
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All finishers assigned numbers will be given to the CBMT for personnel i.d. post-race photos, which will be available on the CBNT web site. This info. will also be posted our post swim wrap-up, with an email blast sent to all entrants.

OFFICIAL SWIM SHOP SPONSOR:

Contact for swim day wetsuit rentals BONZAI SPORTS WILL ALSO BE ON EVENT SITE.



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 aka Romancoke Rd. to the parking lot at the Metapeake School. The shuttle buses will be doing pick up and drop offs thru event day.

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AWARDS GCBS 4.4 2018

Top 3 Overall Male & Female Finishers
First Overall Male & Female 40+ Finishers

Recognition to the First Overall Male & Female
Finishers Who Do Not Swim Wearing a Wetsuit

First Male & Female Finishers Physically Challenged Division

Age Group Divisions
Top 3 Males & Females

14 & Under	15-19
20-24	25-29
30-34	35-39
40-44	45-49
50-54	55-59
60-64	65-69
70-74	75-79
	80+

Overall Winners do not duplicate in their respective age group divisions

NOTE: LINMARK SPORTS continually downloads finishing times to its web site, and cell phones who numbers were given at entry.

ADDITIONALLY, a table will be set up next to the white LINMARK Sports timing van parked in back of the event tables pop ups, which will have multiple notebooks set up. Swimmers just need to enter their bib number, and click on Enter, to view their finish time, and current age group status as swimmers finish.

Please do not place water bottles, cups or food on the computer table!

LINMARK Sports, will also feature on its website PRE & POST swim day info., including swim day wrap up. Plus when to expect basic 2019 swim entry postings!

All swimmers should follow periodically on LINMARK Sports web site for all on-going pre and post GCBS info.

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