

Hello 2018 GCBS 2018 4.4 and One Mile Entrants!

First kudos to all who participated on June 10, 2018. Under threat of heavy storm conditions, moved up start times, but an armada in place on water and land. What else would we expect from the 27th Annual Great Chesapeake Bay Swim. Let's get right into wrap up info. both events:

Statistics:

4.4 Entrants 675 Finishers 597 Includes swimmers pulled and no shows at packet pick-up.

One Mile Entrants 351 Finishers 273 Includes swimmers pulled & no shows at packet pick-up.

Q & A:

1. Not present at Awards Ceremony – how to receive award:

Mail \$8 check payable to GCBS (postage and boxing)
to *Sherri Tolley, Executive Assistant to C.J. Nabit*
GCBS Award, 20 Commerce Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Please include name of person receiving the award, award division. Include mailing address.

2. Did I Qualify for a Longevity Award?

Email Sherri Tolley stolley@spfg.net

3. Was Not at Awards Ceremony for Longevity Award – follow same instructions for #1 above.

4. LOST & FOUND: Email Sherri Tolley stolley@spfg.net

Please describe item, and if you know where it might have been lost.

5. HOW TO PARTICIPATE GCBS CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

PROGRAM, and how to receive the participation incentive to BY-PASS the entire 4.4 lottery entry process? The general public cannot participate in this program. Only one mile or 4.4 swim ENTRANTS, current year, may participate. **Do know that any entrant who requested and received an entry fee refund, may not participate.**

A 2018 4.4 or One Mi. entrant, who did not complete the swim/pulled, or was a “no show on swim day packet pick-up, i.e. no refund” *they are considered an active entrant for all future emails, and entitled to participate in the charitable program.* Since all funds, from an entrant which includes their entry fee are credited as charitable, this is also credited toward the total charitable amount granting the charitable Early Bird Status, permitting 4.4 lottery by-pass for the 2019 Swim, with special ability for direct 2019 on-line entry.

[CLICK HERE TO PRINT THE CHARITABLE DONOR FORM](#)

<https://linmarksports.com/special/gcbsdonorform2018.pdf>

Note that GCBS has donated over \$2.5 million dollars to it charitable contributions fund recipients.

6. How to purchase GCBS store items such as t-shirts, 4.4 stickers, other memorabilia:

Please email Cathi Calato ccalato@spfg.net

7. **Official Event Photographer Info.:** Chris Bernacchi, Enduro Photo, www.endurophoto.com
Chris now has all assigned numbers, your swim event, name, email. He will also be sending out an email to all with instructions on how to view photos, and purchase info.

GCBS POST SWIM WRAP-UP was posted early morning 6/11/2018 featured at the top of LINMARK's home page right under the masthead, and other featured locations. THANK YOU ALL ENTRANTS, VOLUNTEERS IN AND OUT OF THE WATER, SPONSORS, and a hard working coordinating staff "in and out of the water." YES, A TOUGH SWIMMING DAY for all swimmers as the Chesapeake Bay threw in strong currents in the last two miles . . . the depth and experience of the GCBS safety fleet was so evident. GCBS a class act from start to finish. Most important, swimmer accountability was 100%. From initial scanning on water entry, those pulled, and finishers were matched one by one. In addition to finish line reading of chips, swim caps were pulled along with numbered i.d. strips worn under swim caps, and timing bands removed. This procedure was also done for all those removed from the water. A finish line video of all who crossed over the finish line treads under the carpeting was ongoing from first finisher to last.

>>RESULTS<< POSTED - INCLUDES YOU TUBE POSTED VIDEO OF OUR FINISH LINE RECORDING IN SYNC WITH FINISH RESULTS.

Please be reminded that it is very important to follow periodically at www.linmarksports.com regarding each step of on-going GCBS pre and post swim. Especially if your email transmits through a work server - which may block or place the message in spam.

2019 initial entry information and instructions, for both events, will be emailed and posted on our site third week Sept. 2018.

On behalf of Chuck Nabit, GCBS Director, our coordinating staff, volunteers, sponsors, we send our thank you for continued participation and support. Swim safe, smart, have fun, and support your fellow swimmers.

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Your Main on-Going Resource Pre & Post GCBS Info.