

**The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim 2014  
Safety Fleet Details  
June 8, 2013**

**Items of Interest for the 4.4 Mile Swim**

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| <b>Race Start Time:</b> | The 4.4mile race will begin at approx. 10:30 a.m. A window of 30 minutes before and after this start time will be used to alter the start time of the race, depending on weather, currents, tides, etc.  |
| <b>Entry/Exit:</b>      | <p>Swimmers will enter between pier markers #10 and #12 North span and exit after pier marker #55 South span. Kayakers will be needed to line the entrance into the course as the waves of swimmers start.</p> <p><b>Kayakers should line up on both sides of the lane formed by markers #10 and #12 at 10:20 am. Swimmers should be directed and ushered into the lane and under the bridge. After all swimmers are ushered into the correct lanes, then kayakers can continue to positions along the course where most needed.</b></p>   |
| <b>Cutoffs:</b>         | <p>These cut-off times are subject to alteration in the event of a change in start time of the event. (45 minutes/mile pace). These cut-off times will be very strictly enforced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30 a.m. Wave #1 goes off</li> <li>• 10:45 a.m. Wave #2 goes off</li> <li>• 11:30 p.m. Mile 1 cut-off</li> <li>• 12:15 p.m. Mile 2 cut-off</li> <li>• 1:00 p.m. Mile 3 cut-off</li> <li>• 1:45 p.m. Mile 4 cut-off</li> <li>• 2:15 p.m. Mile 4.4 cut-off – Race Finish</li> </ul> <p><b>Kayakers will not necessarily be needed to sweep the cut-off positions. There will be power boats and jet-skiers doing this. Kayakers may be needed to watch troubled swimmers nearing the cut-off positions.</b></p> |
| <b>Swim Course:</b>     | The width of the swim course is defined by the inner edges of the bridge pilings. Swimmers going outside the inner edges of the bridge pilings will be disqualified. This will be strictly enforced. This will also be explained to the swimmers on swim day. Use of bullhorns to communicate between boaters and the kayakers, when necessary, has been suggested. Use of VHF Marine radios is recommended. Paddle waiving by kayakers will be taken as request for assistance with a swimmer.  |
| <b>Swim Caps:</b>       | Two colors will be used for the 4.4-mile swim:   |

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|                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.4 mile - Wave #1/ Neon Yellow</li> <li>• 4.4 mile – Wave #2/ Red</li> </ul> <p>A bright green cap will be used to identify physically challenged swimmers. The 1-mile swim will use different colored caps for each wave.</p>  |
| <p><b>Radio Channels:</b></p>         | <p>Race Com will use private line radios as well as Marine VHF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine VHF Channel 6 will be the safety fleet channel</li> <li>• Marine VHF Channel 78 will be secondary safety fleet channel</li> <li>• Marine VHF Channels 16 and 9 will be also be monitored by Race Com.</li> <li>• Race Com will be operational by 8:00a.m race day.</li> <li>• <b>Kayakers are permitted and requested to use channel 68 during race time to communicate between kayaks. Lead kayakers should expect to receive some direct calls via channels 6 and 78 from the race committee while the race is in progress.</b></li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Bridge Pilings Numbers:</b></p> | <p><b>Bridge pilings are numbered consecutively, but the North Span and South Span pilings are numbered in different sequences. If you call for assistance with a swimmer on your radio, please designate which piling you are near by number followed by either North Span or South Span.</b></p> <p><b>The 4 large pilings flanking the Main (Western) Channel of the Bridge have wooden planks attached to them at the water line which pose a threat to swimmers coming in contact with them. Four dedicated kayakers are needed to maintain a position (one each) at these pilings to prevent swimmers from getting too close. Please volunteer to help watch these areas, or if you find yourself available to do so on race day, take one of these positions in order to watch the swimmers.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Barge Cables</b></p>            | <p><b>There are still paint barges within the bridge spans as the work on repainting the bridge continues. All of the cables anchoring the barges should be well marked with buoys, flags, or colored tape. Watch swimmers as they near these cables and redirect them to avoid all cables. If necessary station your kayak between the cable and the swimmers to redirect them.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Kayaks and Jet Skis:</b></p>    | <p><b>Kayakers and Jet Skis are the only Safety Fleet vessels allowed within the swim course (with the exception of two food boats).</b></p> <p>Additional notes: Personal watercraft (i.e. Jet Skis) may be</p>  |

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|  | <p>permitted in the course, so long as they are of the 4-stroke variety to minimize fumes and exhaust. No propeller driven vessels will be allowed inside the course at anytime. Sweep boats will be marked with flags and numbers; sweep captains will have red flags.</p> <p><b>Kayakers will follow a system of self-qualification, with the more experienced ones working the 4.4-mile swim. The less experienced ones will cover the 1-mile swim.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Weather:</b></p>                 | <p>When small craft advisory warnings are in effect, cancellation will be considered. The OIC meeting on the morning of the event is designed primarily to assess current and anticipated weather conditions throughout the race with guidance from NOAA/National Weather Service. Other conditions, i.e., poor visibility or lightning would also be grounds for cancellation.</p>  |
| <p><b>Lightning:</b></p>               | <p>Lightning will stop the event. Rough seas or rain will not, unless the safety fleet cannot operate their vessels in a safe manner. The decision to stop the event will be made by Dan and Chuck, in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard and Natural Resources Police and will be communicated to the Safety Fleet via radios.</p>  |
| <p><b>Accountability Measures:</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimmers will register upon arrival at the race.</li> <li>• An ankle band with a timing chip implanted in it will be placed around every participant's ankle.</li> <li>• A bar code will also be placed underneath each swimmer's swim cap.</li> <li>• Each swimmer will walk over a timing mat at the entry to the start pen preceding the race start. This will electronically register him/her for entry into the race. A similar mat will be placed at the finish line to record swimmers exiting from the water.</li> <li>• The bar code will also be scanned at the finish of the race.</li> <li>• Each swimmer's body will be clearly marked on the thigh, upper arm, wrists and swim cap with their designated race number.</li> <li>• Swimmers brought to the "Did Not Finish" (DNF) pier (fuel dock @ Bay Bridge Marina) will be met by a member of the Timing Team, who will remove their race band, bar code and record their number.</li> <li>• As a further back-up, Safety Fleet mother boat captains will record the swim numbers of all swimmers removed from the race and radio this information to Race Com.</li> </ul> <p>These precautions are all set in place for the strict</p> |

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|                                | <p>accountability for each swimmer. Any swimmer removing his/her swim cap before the end of the race will be disqualified and removed from the race. Further, swimmer(s) bunching around bridge pilings and coming in contact with the pilings or otherwise acting in a manner that poses an imminent danger will be disqualified and removed from the race.</p> <p><b>Swimmers must be instructed to not go back into the water after they finish their race until all swimmers have completed the race and are out of the water. There will be no warm-ups for the one-mile swimmers.</b></p>   |
| <b>Parking:</b>                | <p>The Chesapeake Bay Beach Club (on the Eastern Side of the Bay) will be aware of kayakers parking in this area. After crossing the Bay Bridge from Annapolis, turn right at the first exit (Route 8) and then right again towards the marina. A sign will direct you to “Kayaker Parking”. Launch for the 1 mile swim will be from the back of the marina at two floating docks.</p> <p>Parking for the 4.4 mile swim will be at the Sandy Point State Park. You will need a parking permit to enter the park without paying. The link for this permit is on the CPA Calendar of Events. Park outside the Small Craft Launch Area after unloading your kayak at the Small Craft Launch Beach.</p> |
| <b>Volunteer Appreciation:</b> | <p>Everyone is invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Party, held on Saturday June 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm. It will be at the Kentmoor Marina Restaurant on Kent Island this year. We hope to see all of you there!</p>   |
| <b>T-Shirts:</b>               | <p>T-Shirts will be available for all participating Safety Fleet individuals, kayakers included. Shirts will be in sizes Large and x-Large only and will be handed out after the 4.4-mile swim on the Eastern shore of the Bay beside the finish position. Some shirts will be attempted to be brought to the start of the 4.4 mile swim as well if possible.</p>   |