



THE GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY SWIM

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This email message - and on-line posting is an initial reference document to bring everyone onto the same level of possible GCBS participation June 2022. . . . If all Covid-19 recovery continues . . . in a positive return to permitting special events and the ability to be prepared. THIS IS A PRELIMINARY INFO. PROJECTION IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH SWIM PREPAREDNESS.

We are sending this to all entrants who selected the following options to either:

Refund out, Rollover their entry fee, Donated fee to the GCBS 501c(3) Charitable Contributions program. This document is broken down into segments which will start with initial guidelines sent to all regarding event cancellations, and options. These options are now all closed out, but will serve as a reference:

The following is copied from the original options form when GCBS was cancelled.
It is modified to now be in the present time tense:

What happens if the State of Emergency is lifted? (the following is cut and pasted from the initial cancellation postings/emails)

Unfortunately, the decision to cancel the 2021 Bay Swim was final. The planning and training for an event our size begins months in advance and cannot be executed in haste. Swimmers that paid an entry fee in 2020 (for the 2021 swim) **and** opted to rollover the entry fee had the following options selection:

- 1. Rollover entry fee to the 2022 Great Chesapeake Bay Swim.** If you selected this option, no refunds will be given. **UPON 2022 GCBS ENTRY PROCESS YOU WILL BE CREDITED FOR YOUR SELECTED ROLLOVER OF THE 2021 ENTRY FEE.**

You will be required to complete the on-line 2022 registration/entry form requirements which includes 2022 info. requirements of the qualifying GCBS 4.4 swim documentation. Those mandatory swim documentation guidelines follow within this document.

- 2. At 2022 registration,** you will also have the opportunity to become a *Silver Early Bird* by making a \$350 donation at registration fee payment page. At that time, *2023 Silver Early Birds* will receive a 4.4 lottery entry by-pass permitting them 2023 direct entry. This grants a lottery process bypass but completion of the event 2023 entry form and fee payment is required.

The deadline to make a rollover or refund selection was February 28, 2021.

If you did not make a selection by that time, your entry fee was donated to Great Chesapeake Bay Swim 501c(3) charity.

We hope you and your families have a safe and healthy 2021. *The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim.*

SWIM DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT TO PERMIT SWIM ENTRY:

1. On completing the on-line 4.4 entry form, you will see a question regarding swim documentation:

DID YOU COMPLETE EITHER THE ONE MILE BAY CHALLENGE OR THE 4.4 SWIM IN THE PAST TWO YEARS 2020 OR 2021? Since there was no GCBS swim in either year the answer is NO.

2. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT MANDATORY SWIM results from the following options: DOCUMENTATION MUST BE FROM EITHER 2020, 2021, 2022. >>Results must have event title, date, location and distance. **OPTIONS:**

A. Swim results portion from an Olympic distance or longer triathlon race from 1500 meters or longer swim distance, at a minimum pace of 40 mins. or under, per mile.
You may also submit results from a 1-mile swim or longer swim.

B. Completion of a continuous 3-mile pool-swim, in 2 hours 15 minutes, or under within the past two years 2020 or 2021. **SUBMIT A LETTER OF VERIFICATION, WITNESSED & SIGNED BY THE POOL MANAGEMENT, OR LIFEGUARD, OR A SWIM COACH.** Must be submitted on pool letterhead, OR . . . If submitted by your swim coach, letter must contain, affiliation, address, email and phone number. He or she must also cc the swimmer on the submission of their swim documentation being sent to me.

Witnessed letter must state that your swim was witnessed name, the distance, date and time completed. **IMPORTANT:** All submitted documentation must contain the date, event title, location, or pool completed.

DO NOT JUST SEND ME A LINK AND EXPECT US TO SEARCH FOR YOUR NAME AND RESULTS IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING AN EVENT RACE TIME FROM A 1 MILE SWIM/OLYMPIC DISTANCE OR LONGER, YOU MUST: SEND JUST THE PAGE/SECTION WHERE YOUR SWIM RESULTS ARE, AND CIRCLE YOUR NAME, IF IT IS A FULL PAGE. **A page screen shot is also acceptable.**

Hundreds will be submitting swim documentation. All will be acknowledged as received . . . it will be impossible to go to sites to find an entrant's swim results. Again, a list is compiled of all entrants who will be required to submit documentation. It will be followed for those who do not follow this very important mandatory *insurance safety requirement*.

AFTER YOUR 4.4 2022 ENTRY FORM IS COMPLETED, AND IF YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION, YOU WILL HAVE TWO WEEKS, IN WHICH TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION from your entry date.

>> If injured, or other circumstances result in an applicant requiring more time, just email LINDA with circumstance and request a time extension. Email: lindat@linmarksports.com

DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR SWIM DOCUMENTATION UNTIL YOU HAVE OFFICIALLY COMPLETED THE GCBS 2022 SWIM ENTRY FORM. All submissions will be acknowledged.

DO NOT IGNORE THIS SWIM MANDATORY REQUIREMENT. “NO REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION – NO SWIM.”

4.4 REFUND DEADLINE IS 4/15/2022. Your entry fee will be refunded minus the \$75 processing fee to cut and mail the check to your address on record. NOTE: ONLY NEW ENTRANTS WHO GAIN ENTRY THROUGH THE 2022 GCBS 4.4 LOTTERY NAME SELECTION PROCESS WOULD BE ENTITLED TO A REFUND BY THE deadline of APRIL 15, 2022.

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Your Main Resource for all ongoing GCBS Pre & Post Swim Day Info. Please refer periodically to LINMARK'S website for ongoing swim updates PRE AND POST SWIM.

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GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY SWIM 4.4 & 1 Mile Bay Challenge

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

The race starts from the shores of Sandy Point State Park, which is about 5 miles northeast of Annapolis. The course extends eastward between the two spans of the William Preston Lane, Jr., Memorial Bridge (U.S. Highway 50) and finishes at a small sandy beach on Kent Island immediately south of the Bridge eastern-shore causeway adjacent to Hemingway's Restaurant.

The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim is traditionally conducted the second Sunday in June.

As of this date, all swim confirmations as to the actual permits, insurances, and official approvals, as required by the state of Maryland, are not in an approval status or process.

This is an initial step for GCBS to take initial steps to prepare swimmers towards our goal for GCBS 2022. This would also include any new requirements which would be required by governmental requirements to permit the swim to be conducted which would include event planning officials, volunteer groups, medical, in-water safety fleet, security, swimmers and spectators.

The next update will include email and postings of projected timelines or swim status.

Best regards to all. And, hopefully we will see you "on the beach."

Train smart and be safe.

Prep. 5/ 28/2021

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