ChesapeakeMan Ultra Distance Triathlon
ChesapeakeMan AquaVelo
Skipjack 75.2 Triathlon
Bugeye Sprint

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Where is the best place for participating athletes to park on race morning?
Ultra Distance Race – Park at the Cambridge South Dorchester High School, the drop off point for your Run gear bag and both Run Special Needs and Bike Special Needs bags, then take the bus to the swim start at Great Marsh Park, Somerset Ave. This is especially important IF you are attending and racing the event "solo". All such bags Must be dropped off at the High School, race morning only, which is the finish of both loops of the bike and the start and finish of the run.

AquaVelo – Park at the Cambridge South Dorchester High School, the drop off point for your Bike Special Needs bag, and take the bus to the swim start at Great Marsh Park, Somerset Ave.
Skipjack and Bugeye – Park at the Cambridge South Dorchester High School, and take the bus to the swim start at Great Marsh Park, Somerset Ave.

Is there any transportation provided from the Hyatt Hotel to the race venue?
No, please transport yourself to the venue.

Where can I pick up my swim-bike gear bag after the swim and transition from T-1?
The Race Staff will transport it to the High School and it will be dropped off at the Transition area and hung from your bike in the corral at "T-2"

Are there jelly fish/Sea Nettles in the water?
There have been in years past, as this can be a common occurrence if there has been low rainfall. If you have a full wetsuit, you might be more comfortable. If you wear a sleeveless wetsuit, you may want to put something on your arms. Participants have mentioned the product Sea Safe as working well. Others have used Vaseline.

How far is the bike transition from the exit of the 2.4-mile, 2 loop, swim?
Less than 20 yds, you will exit the water onto asphalt and receive your bike gear bag, and proceed into the gender specific changing tent. Once you leave the changing tent, you will drop off your numbered swim gear bag into a container in the transition area, and proceed to your bike.

Where is the best place for spectators?
They can watch from Great Marsh Park and then from the High School. They will see participants pass through on the first loop of the bike, the finish of the bike, and the 3 loops of the run. There are bathrooms and shade areas along the parking lot grounds.

Is there food/drink available for spectators?

No, the food/drink is for participants only, but there are convenience stores and restaurants very close to the high school and Great Marsh Park.

Will the roads be closed to traffic?

No, the roads are open to traffic, but it is very light along the majority of the course. There are also rumble strips in certain areas, along the right sides of RT 16…so please use caution when passing another cyclist. Always be certain to pass only on the left side and NEVER on the right side of the cyclist ahead of you.

What are special needs bags, and what should I place in them?

In Ultra Distance triathlon events it has become traditional to provide the athlete the opportunity to supplement their nutritional needs at an approximate mid point on the bike and run. The express purpose of the bags is to place nutrition such as additional foods, bars, gels or liquid supplement to enhance and personalize what the athlete receives. **Special needs bags will be discarded and will NOT be returned.** Please do not place any glass or items of significant value in these bags.

What are the water conditions and will I be able to use a wetsuit?

The Choptank River in the fall has varied in temperatures from a low of 72 degrees to a high of 78 degrees over the past 10 years. The USAT rules state that wetsuit usage is allowed up to a maximum water temperature of 78 degrees F. Under these circumstances, the use of a wetsuit would be permitted. Please see the updated list of USAT allowed wetsuits here.

During the bike segment, will there be any on course race support?

There will be both a lead and SAG vehicle on the course, and in addition, there will be motorcycles carrying additional support and USAT officials. Bike support is afforded courtesy of the official ChesapeakeMan Endurance Festival bike support shop, Princeton Sports. When and if possible, you can accept this support without penalty including changing of flat tires etc.

What are my options if I am unable to complete the bike segment of the ChesapeakeMan Endurance Festival?

If you are physically incapable of completing the bike, you will be removed from the course by SAG or medical vehicle. Your bike will be returned to the transition area at the high school where you may retrieve it.

What happens if during the course of the event, I sustain a medical incident that requires further attention?

We will have extensive medical support on the racecourse through the use of local Volunteer Fire Departments and The Dorchester County EMS. If hospitalization is deemed necessary, you will be transported to the local Dorchester General Hospital, 3 miles away on Byrn Street, which is adjacent to Sail Winds Park.

I read in the information that a security band is issued at packet pick up. What is its' purpose?

A color-coded, race specific band is issued at registration to officially identify you in person and to validate your entry information. The band, once placed on the wrist may not be removed until after you cross the finish line. Additionally, the wristband will provide Ultra Distance and AquaVelo athletes entrance to the Primo Carbo Dinner at the Hyatt Hotel on Thursday evening and to the Champions Brunch on Sunday morning. Additional tickets for both events can be purchased at packet pickup.

This is my first 140.6-mile ultra distance triathlon. Are there cut off times for each event and are they enforced?

Per USAT rules and guidelines, cut off times have been set for each segment as follows and will be strictly enforced:

2.4 mile (calculated in land miles) swim – 2 hours, 20 min.

112 mile bike – 10 hours, 30 min. or 5:30 PM race day afternoon. Please note the bike time is computed from the swim start at 7 AM.

26.2 mile run – You will have a total of 17 hours to complete the ChesapeakeMan Ultra Distance.

I have done shorter triathlons in the past and recall that in the majority of cases the swim begins in wave starts. Are there swim waves for this event?

ChesapeakeMan Ultra Distance and Aqua Velo begin as a single mass start at 7 AM (weather permitting).

The Skipjack 75.2 Triathlon will begin as a single mass start at 8:10 AM (weather permitting). Skipjack will have a cut off time of 1 hour 10 min.

The Bugeye Sprint will begin at 9:45 am as a single mass start (weather permitting) and will have a cut off time of 1 hour.