

ENTRY FORM - 2012 Tampa Bay Marathon Swim

The Fifteenth Annual Tampa Bay Marathon Swim will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012. This race is sanctioned by Florida LMSC for USMS Inc., Sanction # p e n d I n g, and current USMS (United States Masters Swimming) Long Distance Swimming rules govern this swim. ALL participants must be 18 years or older and registered with USMS. One day USMS Registrations are available, and foreign swimmers may compete if they provide an introductory letter from their country's national governing body.

Each solo entrant will be assigned an escort power boat, receive a t-shirt, and a custom designed award for completing the swim. There is also recognition for the USMS male and female age groups 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, etc. The swimmers' age on race day determines their age group.

Each relay entrant will receive one t-shirt and a custom designed award at the finish. There is recognition for the top three male, female and mixed relays of three and six swimmers. Relay swimmers must be escorted by an escort craft at all times and competitors are free to make transitions at any point during the race.

The start and finish will take place "in-the-water." Current USMS rules regarding swim suits will be observed. Absolutely no fins, pull buoys, leg floats, webbed gloves, wet suits, or other possible speed-increasing devices will be allowed in the competition. Swimmers may not stand on, nor push off the bottom of Tampa Bay. Shallow areas are a danger for both swimmers and boaters so navigational planning is extremely important.

Swimmers in the Tampa Bay Marathon Swim must be accompanied by a powered escort boat during the swim. NO ESCORT-NO SWIM. In addition to a powered escort boat, many swimmers also swim accompanied by human-powered craft such as a kayak or canoe. For competitors who are unable to bring their own escort craft and crew, a limited number of powerboat rentals (manned and unmanned) and kayak rentals (manned and unmanned) are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Discounted entry fees are offered to entrants who are able to provide their own powered escort boat.

Swimmers may not touch their boat or crew at any time with the exception of relay transitions. Make sure that you have plenty of food, water and/or sports drink for swimmers and support crew. The average water temperature for Tampa Bay in April is 75 degrees Fahrenheit (25 degrees Celsius).

The host hotel and starting line is the Magnuson Hotel Marina Cove Resort - 6800 Sunshine Skyway Lane; St. Petersburg, Florida 33711. Phone: 800.227.8045. Swimmers are encouraged to lodge there, and please be sure to request the discounted marathon swim room rates.

At 6:00pm on Friday, April 20th there will be a rules and competition meeting for swimmers, boaters, kayakers and crew members. Course maps, t-shirts and swimmers' packets will be available at check-in headquarters located inside the host hotel/starting line: Magnuson Hotel Marina Cove Resort. The hotel marina is also available for overnight boat storage conveniently located 50 yards from the starting line. Call the Dock Master at the Marina Cove Resort if you would like to reserve a slip in their marina.

Every effort will be made to start the swim at/before 7:15am on Saturday, April 21st. Check-in time begins at 6:00am. If weather conditions are dangerous (high winds, thunderstorms, poor visibility) the start may be delayed or rescheduled to the next day, or an alternative race course may be substituted to adhere to safety guidelines. Due to the nature/complexity of this event, no refunds will be given.

The Finish Line is located at Ben T. Davis Beach on West Courtney Campbell Causeway; Tampa, Florida 33607. The fastest competitors should start arriving around 4:00pm and the awards celebration will last until 9pm, or when the last competitors reach the finish line.

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Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age on race day _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

2012 USMS Registration Number: _____ - _____ Club Affiliation _____
(You may enter now, but please send in your 2012 card ASAP)

Relay Team Name _____ Category: M F MIXED
(Each relay member must fill out, sign and send in a separate entry form)

Full USMS members are eligible to participate a year of USMS sanctioned events, and are covered by USMS secondary accident insurance while participating in sanctioned events or supervised practices. You also receive the national magazine and local newsletters. One Event Registration is also available for non-USMS participants-good only for this event. You must email or call for details regarding the One Event Registration procedures. International competitors must attach a 2012 membership card from your country's governing body.

Briefly describe your swimming credentials, including past and future swims in open water and pool competition.

Who do you plan to have aboard your support boat?

If you plan on bringing your own support boat, contact the Event Director for a discounted entry fee. Additionally, please provide a complete description of your craft, including name, length, color and distinguishing characteristic that may be used to identify the boat from a distance. Also include the name, email and phone number of the boat captain.

Please provide an emergency contact name and phone number of at least one individual who will be available to answer a telephone call on race day:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Solo swimmer entry fee \$1500 (includes escort power boat, award and t-shirt) \$ _____

Relay entry fee \$1500 for 3-person relay (includes escort boat, awards and 1 t-shirt per swimmer) . . . \$ _____

Relay entry fee \$1800 for 6-person relay (includes escort boat, awards and 1 t-shirt per swimmer) . . . \$ _____

Please list the other members of your relay team:

One-event USMS Membership fee \$19 (If needed – Registration Form will be emailed to you) \$ _____

Escort kayak (especially recommended for solo swimmers - manned \$250, unmanned \$100) \$ _____

Additional T-Shirts (while supplies last) at \$10.00 each \$ _____

T-Shirt (please indicate quantity & sizes) S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Total Due (Make checks payable to Distance Matters, Inc.) \$ _____

USMS RELEASE FROM LIABILITY. I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters Swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDED ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OR THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, THE CLUBS, HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES, OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS. Finally, I specifically acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in open water swimming and agree to assume all those risks.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Print name: _____

Attach a copy of your current USMS registration card to this entry form or mail it in as soon as you receive your 2012 card. You must print a hard copy of this form and return to the race director by March 1, 2012. Mail to Distance Matters, Inc. PO Box 18004 Clearwater, FL 33762-9998. Email: collins@tampabay.rr.com Website: DistanceMatters.com

