ANNAPOLIS FROGMAN SWIM Safety Boat & Jet Ski Briefing

Site: Chesapeake Bay in front of the Bay Ridge Community

Date: April 25, 2027

Benefit for the Navy SEAL Foundation

Safety Boat & Jet Ski Personnel – List is made up of volunteers that have expressed their desire to volunteer again. It has not been finalized yet.

Name	Cell Phone #	Responsibility
Chris Sanders	610-304-0046	Jet ski with sled (JS-1)
Jim Foster	443-994-9377	Turn 1/Boat Captain
Kevin Cady	619-602-9360	Turn 1/Spotter
Ray Bogan	908-675-2459	Turn 2/Boat Captain
Carol-lynn Swol	815-761-7132	Turn 2/Spotter
Justin Zimmer	443-254-6600	Zone 1 &2/Boat Captain
Gabi Redford	410-279-3042	Zone 1 & 2/Spotter
Mark Milleker	443-956-0284	Zone 3 & 4/Boat Captain/Support Boat-Jet Ski Director
Bill Shipp	301-602-6341	Zone 3&4/with Mark Milleker
Chris Swensen	410-693-2500	Beach
Frank Larkin	443-852-2390	Beach
David Sites	301-674-4169	Jet Ski with sled (JS-2)
Laura Buscher	301-370-1688	Jet Ski (JS-R)
Marc Fanelli	240-372-2080	Jet Ski with sled (JS-3)

Buoy and Volunteer Pick-Up

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) dock will be used to pick up buoys and personnel.

The CBF dock is not to be used to dock boats or jet skis.

The only boats allowed to dock for extended periods of time are the Fire-Rescue boats.

CBF Floating Dock

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) floating dock will be used for Jet Skis to come in and pick up supplies and personnel.

The CBF floating dock is easier for Jet Skis to get to when conditions do not allow boats to come in to the main dock.

We will position a volunteer with a line to assist the Jet Ski operator when necessary.

Safety First

- Safety Boats shall be positioned at Turn Buoys and in a position to watch assigned Zones on the course. Everyone should be at their designated spot by 8:00 AM. **Bring binoculars**.
  - Zone 1 and 2 –Justin Zimmer/Gabi Redford
  - Turn Buoy 1 – James Foster/Kevin Cady
  - Zone 3 and 4 –Mark Milleker/Bill Shipp
  - Turn Buoy 2 – Ray Bogan/Carol-lynn Swol
- Safety Boats at each turn shall record swimmer and kayaker number as they round the Turn Buoy. Kayakers will have the swimmer's number pinned to their back. Swimmer and kayaker numbers match.
- Safety Boats & Jet Skis assigned to zones shall watch for distressed swimmer or kayaker signal.
- All Zone and Turn Buoy boats must be anchored at their positions.
- If you see a kayaker put up a distress signal or hear 3 whistle blasts, radio Fire-Rescue and let them know what Zone to respond to. A jet ski in that zone with a sled will respond and the jet ski without the sled (Laura) will go to the Fire-Rescue boat to pick up a rescue swimmer.
- Follow any instructions given by Fire-Rescue - **mandatory.**

Safety Boat & Jet Ski Meetings

- March 30th confirm
  - All participating boats and jet skis are operational with required equipment.
    - Anchors and anchor line
    - Minimum of 4 PFD's for boats and 2 for Jet Skis
    - Lifesaving torpedo will be provided for Jet Skis, Boats should have a throwable ring or flotation with safety line.
    - Air horn
    - Binoculars
- There will be a mandatory on-line Safety Boat & Jet Ski Meeting about 2 weeks before the event.
    - Discuss briefing and volunteer partnering
    - Discuss roles
      - Zones
      - Swimmer Distress Response
      - Recording of Swimmers around the course
    - Discuss Communications
      - Walkie Talkies
      - GroupMe Chat/Cell phones
- Mandatory meeting of Safety Boats and Jet Skis at the Bay Ridge Marina
  - 5:30 AM on Event Day
    - Boats and Jet Skis are allowed to arrive and tie up the day before with prior notice of:
      - Owner's name, boat name, boat make and color so we can provide info. to Bay Ridge Marina Manager
        - Email information to cswensen11@gmail.com

Walkie Talkie Handout

- Fully Charged Walkie Talkies will be handed out in a waterproof pouch with lanyard at the 5:30 AM Mandatory Meeting on Event Day
- Walkie Talkies will be numbered and a record will be kept on who receives each radio
  - Lost radios cost $375 each
  - Once handed the radio you are responsible for its return
  - Chris paid for the lost radio this year (2026) but will not pay for any future lost radios
- When handed a walkie talkie turn it on and check (1) the power level, and (2) Walkie Talkie is set to locked Channel 1.
- Walkie Talkies must be returned to Chris by the person it was assigned to before the end of Event Day.

Radio Check Prior to the Swim Start

- Safety Boats & Jet Skis will monitor Channel 1 (the channel is locked and pre-set) on the Walkie-Talkie. Channels will be confirmed when the walkie talkies are handed out.
- The Safety Boat & Jet Ski GroupMe is only for Safety Boats, Jet Skis and Fire Rescue Personnel. It is a backup method of communication.
- Communication Check will be at 8:20 AM by Frank Larkin, who will be at the Start on the beach.
  - Safety Boats & Jet Skis will have a Walkie-Talkie and cell phone.
  - A GroupMe chat group has been set up for communication on the cell phone in case the Walkie-Talkie does not work.

Jet Skis

- Stay on outside perimeter of the swim course.
- Act as an additional set of eyes to spot swimmers or kayakers in need of assistance.
- Operators will go onto the swim course to pickup distressed swimmers or kayakers and move them to the Fire-Rescue boat for evaluation. If a swimmer is unable to get on the jet ski sled, the jet ski operator will provide the swimmer with a PFD, radio for a rescue swimmer and keep the swimmer talking until the jet ski transporting the rescue swimmer arrives. DO NOT LEAVE THE DISTRESSED SWIMMER AND/OR KAYAKER. The rescue swimmer will assist the distressed swimmer onto the sled.
- If a swimmer swims to them, the jet ski with the sled may take the swimmer to shore.
- While going through the swim course, proceed slowly and be mindful of swimmers on the course.

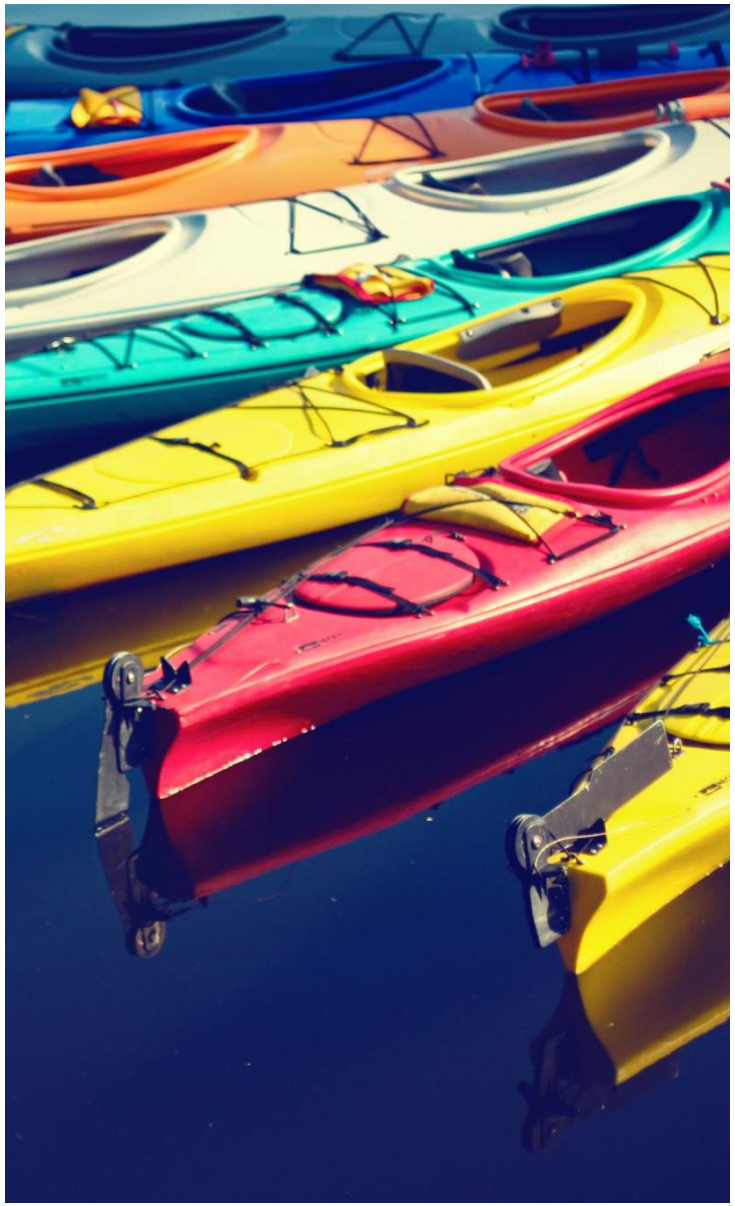
Know the Signals on the Course

Swimmer Off Course: Kayaker should proceed to swimmer, get the swimmer's attention (use hand signals and/or tap with a paddle) and then direct the swimmer back to the swim course. One whistle blast by the kayaker to get the swimmer's attention may be used but does not always work.

Distressed Swimmer or Kayaker: Wave paddle held up over head and three whisle blasts. Repeat until jet ski responds. Roving kayakers shall proceed to distressed swimmer to assist, if necessary.

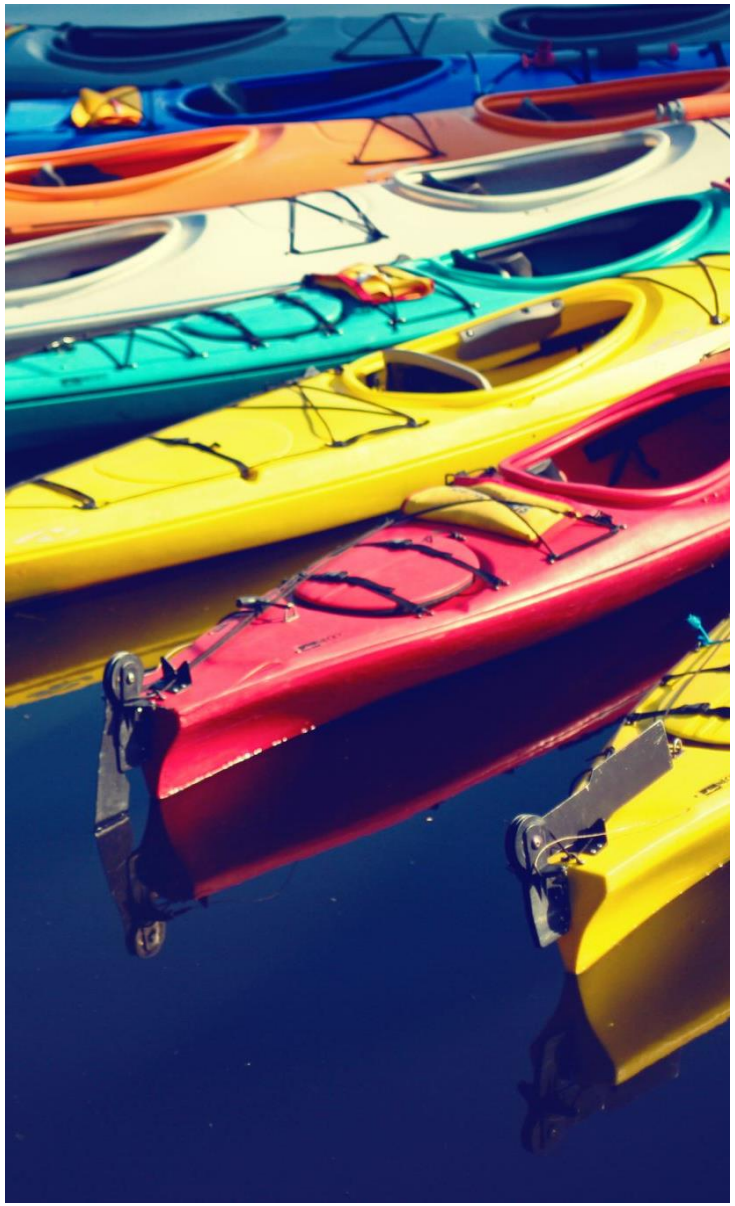
Swim Terminated After Start and Swimmers Return to Shore: Five short horn blasts followed by one long blast.

- Kayakers will use a whistle to repeat signal and notify their swimmer.
- Kayaker will guide swimmers to the nearest shore.
- Swimmers may swim to an anchored boat to get in, but support boats shall not turn motor on and move to collect swimmers.
- Jet Skis will assist getting swimmers to nearest shore, or to an anchored Safety Boat or to the Fire-Rescue Boat.
- Roving kayakers will assist getting all swimmers to the nearest shore.



Swim Course Set-Up

- Set up will be coordinated by the Swim Course/Safety Boat Manager as directed by Chris and Dave.
    - If there are boats staying overnight at the Marina the turn buoys (Tetrahedrons) can be blown up at the Marina and taken to their positions from there (to be confirmed at on-line meeting two weeks before Event Day). All buoys will be inflated the day before and tied to the fence .
    - If we have a boat coming from the South River, one Tetrahedron can be picked up the day before and they can anchor the Turn 2 buoy in the proper position on their way to the course (to be confirmed and assigned at on-line meeting two weeks before Event Day).
    - By 6 AM the day of the race, swim buoys will be moved to the beach to load on support boats for course set up. – If we have multiple boats docking at the Marina the day prior to Event Day we have the option of loading marks on boats at the Marina. This will be discussed in the on-line meeting 2 weeks before Event Day.
- At least one Boat will be assigned to pre-set-up the course on Friday or Saturday – Weather permitting. Chris will be on board.
- Set the two Turn Buoys and guide buoys according to Latitude and Longitude Coordinates (See the chart on page 20) according to the Primary Swim Course or Alternate Swim Course as directed by the AFS Event Organizers (Dave and Chris) NO CHANGES to the swim course unless directed by Dave and Chris.



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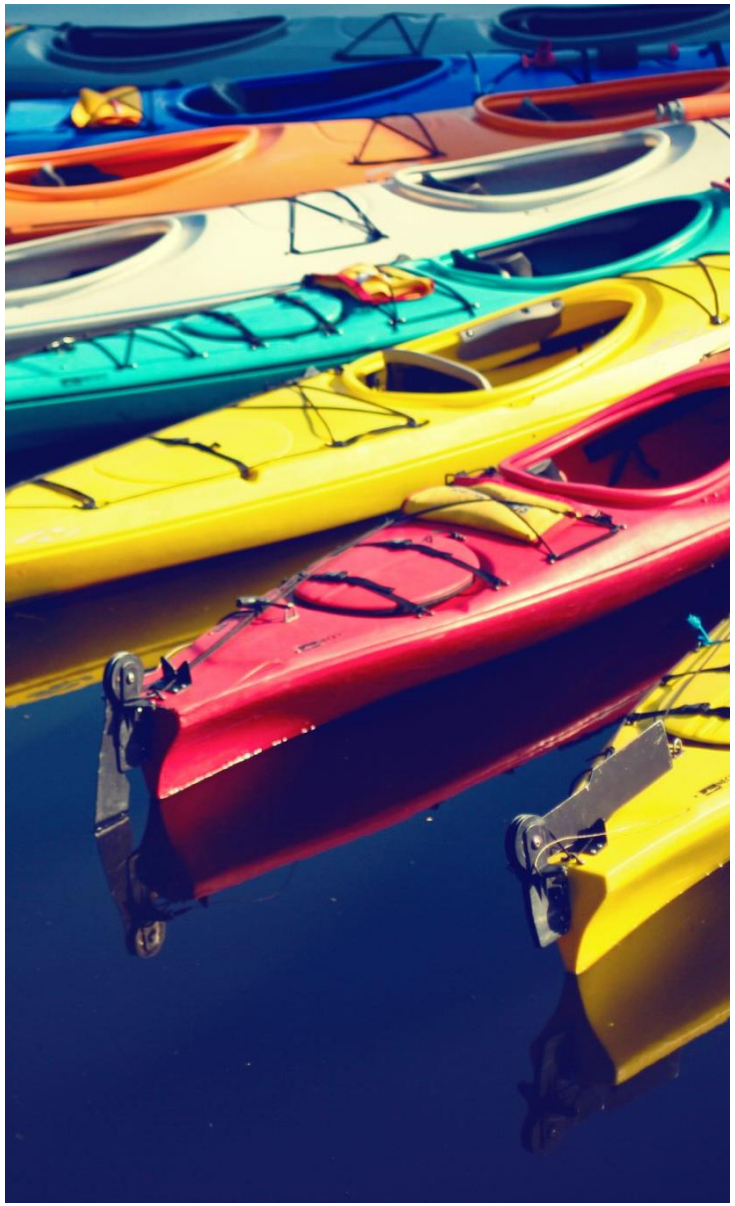
- **Freddie the Frog** Buoy **MUST** be set up in front of the Start/Finish. – Four anchors are required. Position the buoy 20’ in front of the mid-point outside the two rock breakwaters at the Start/Finish Arch.
- Set up guide buoys in line with the Freddie the Frog buoy in front of the Start/Finish. Swim Direction may be clockwise or counter-clockwise, depending on wind/wave direction.
  - Start to Turn 1 -3 round buoys (G1, G2, and G3)A1, A2 and A3)
  - Turn 1 to Turn 2 – 4 yellow cylinders (G4, G5, G6 and G7)
  - Turn 2 to Finish - 3 round buoys (G8, G9 and G10)
  - Freddie the Frog Buoy – 20’ in front of the mid-point outside the two rock breakwaters at the Start/Finish Arch. (coordinates)
  - There are 13 buoys total **requiring 16 anchors** with chains.



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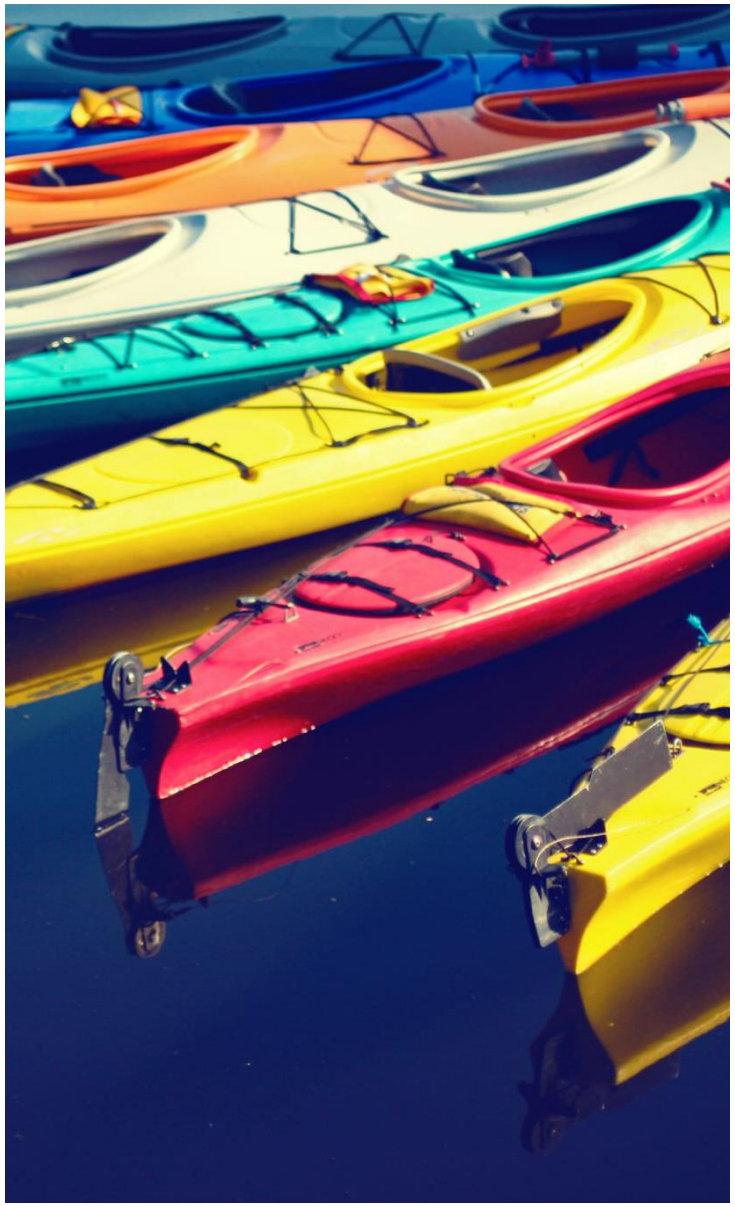
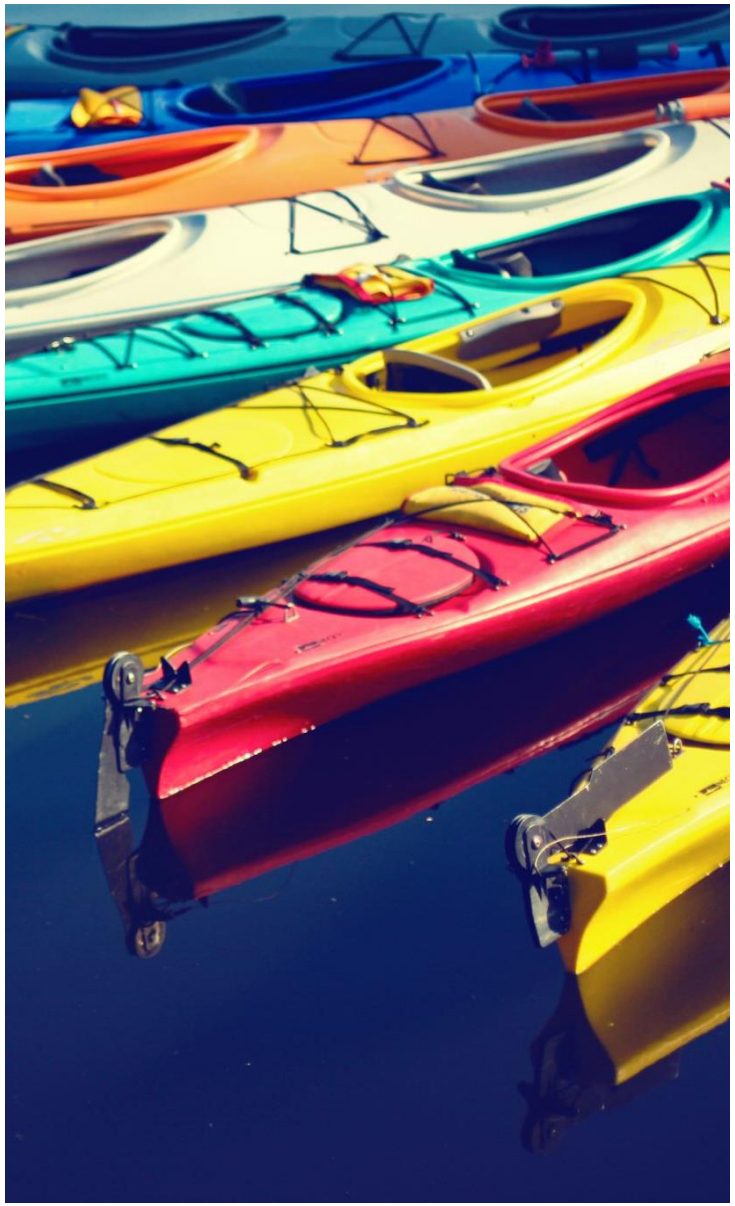
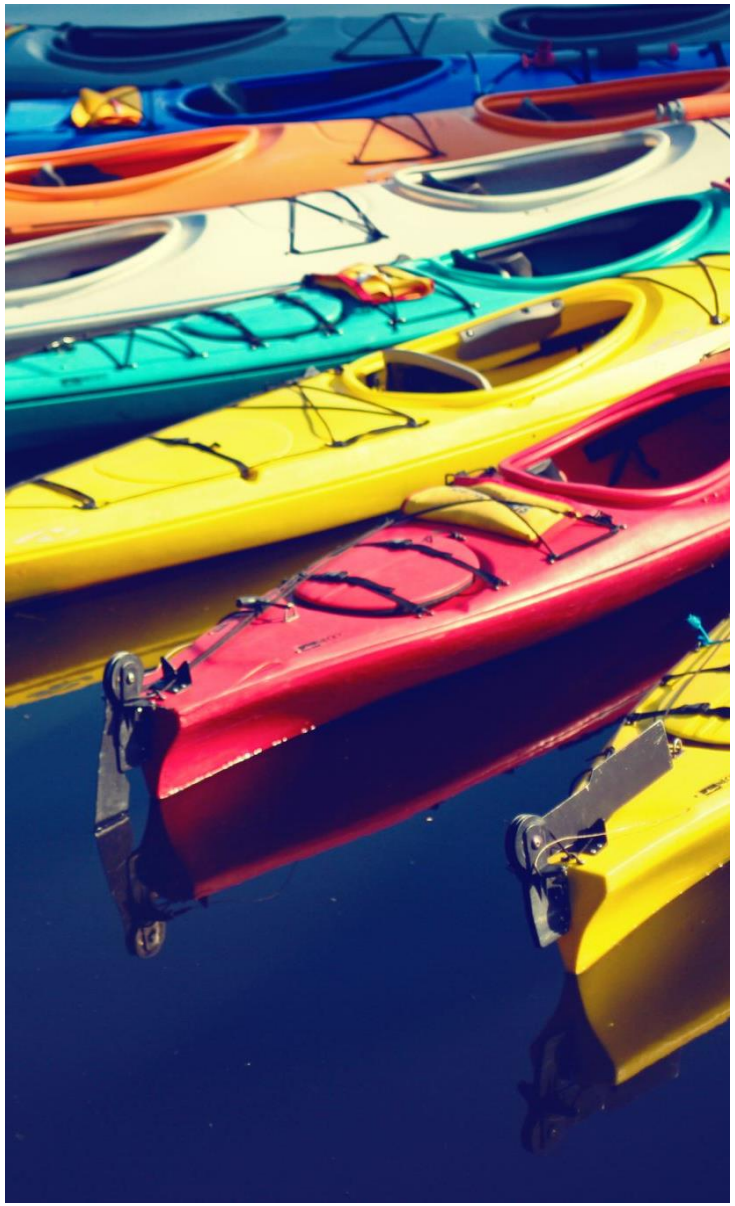
- The four cylinder buoys on the long leg of the course (between Turn Buoy 1 and Turn Buoy 2) require counter weights to make them stand up so they are more visible.
  - Counter weights may be a weight or a section of chain.
  - A 1 foot section of chain will work best for transporting the buoys.



Tetrahedron Turn Buoy

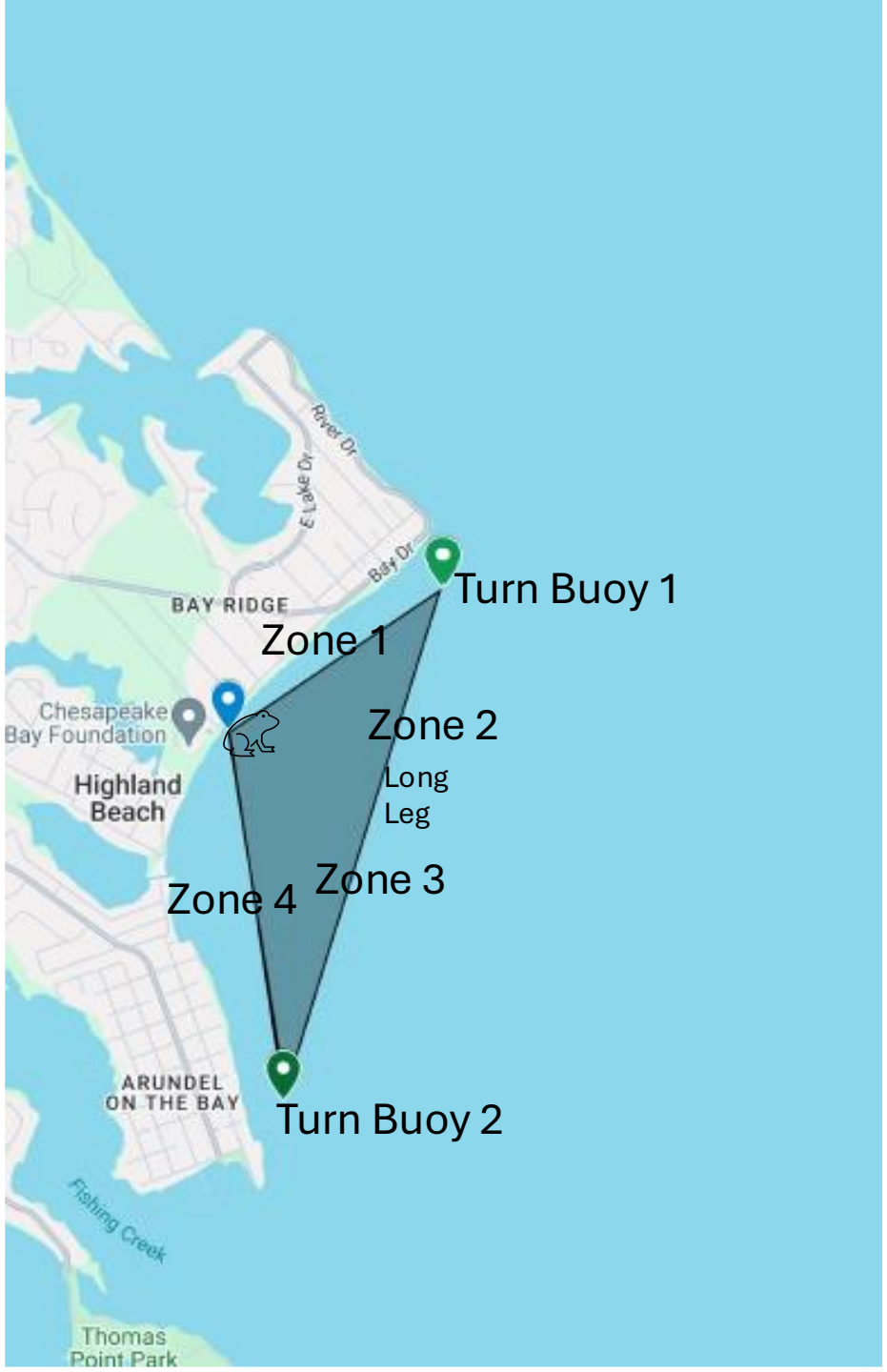


Cylindrical Guide Buoy



Round Guide Buoy

Primary Swim Course Map with Zones



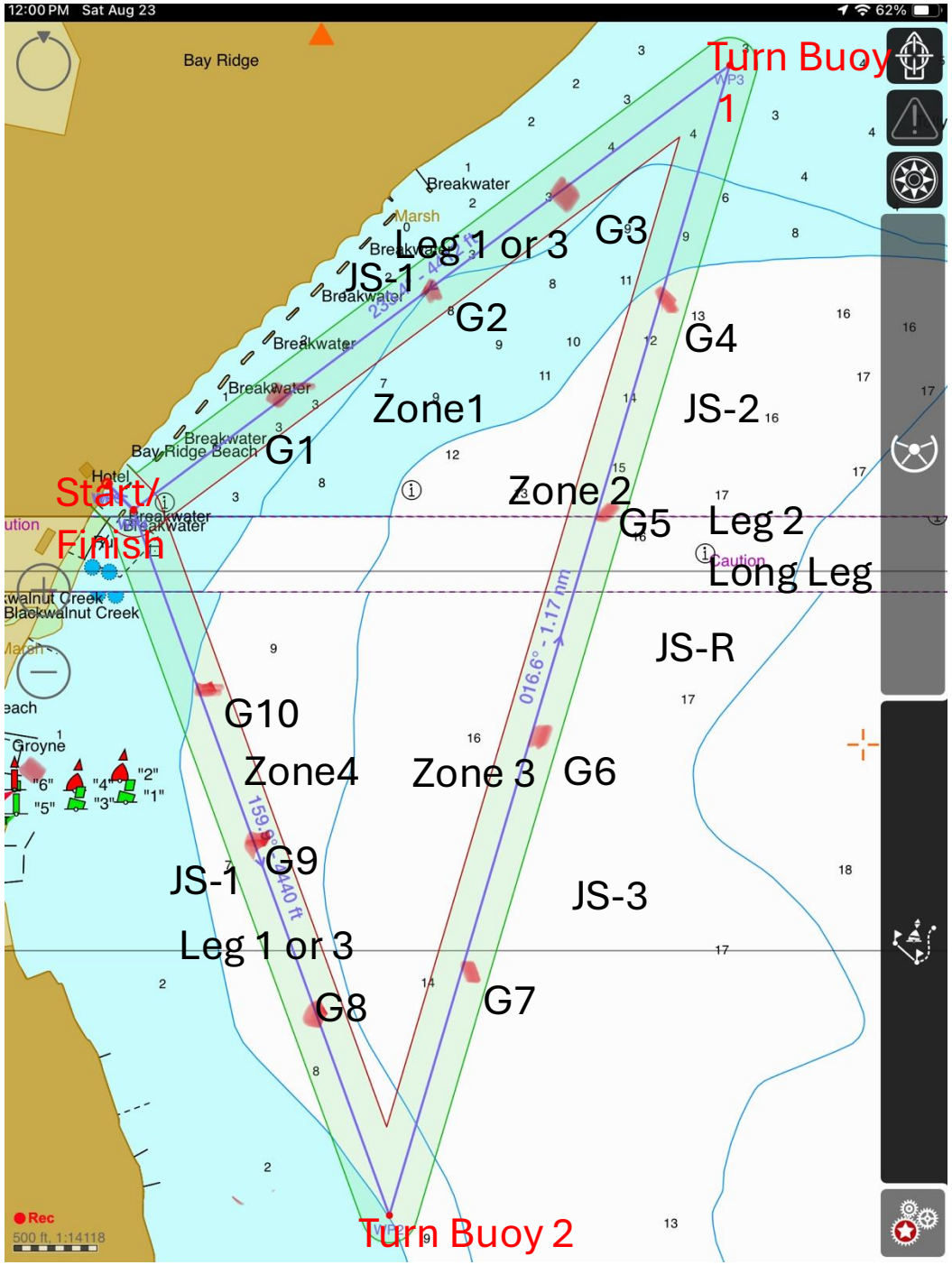
Primary Swim Course with guide buoys

Turn Buoy1 and Turn Buoy 2: Tetrahedrons

Guide Buoys on Leg 1 and Leg 3: Round
(determined whether swim direction is clockwise or counter-clockwise)

Guide Buoys on Leg 2 (Long Leg): Cylindrical

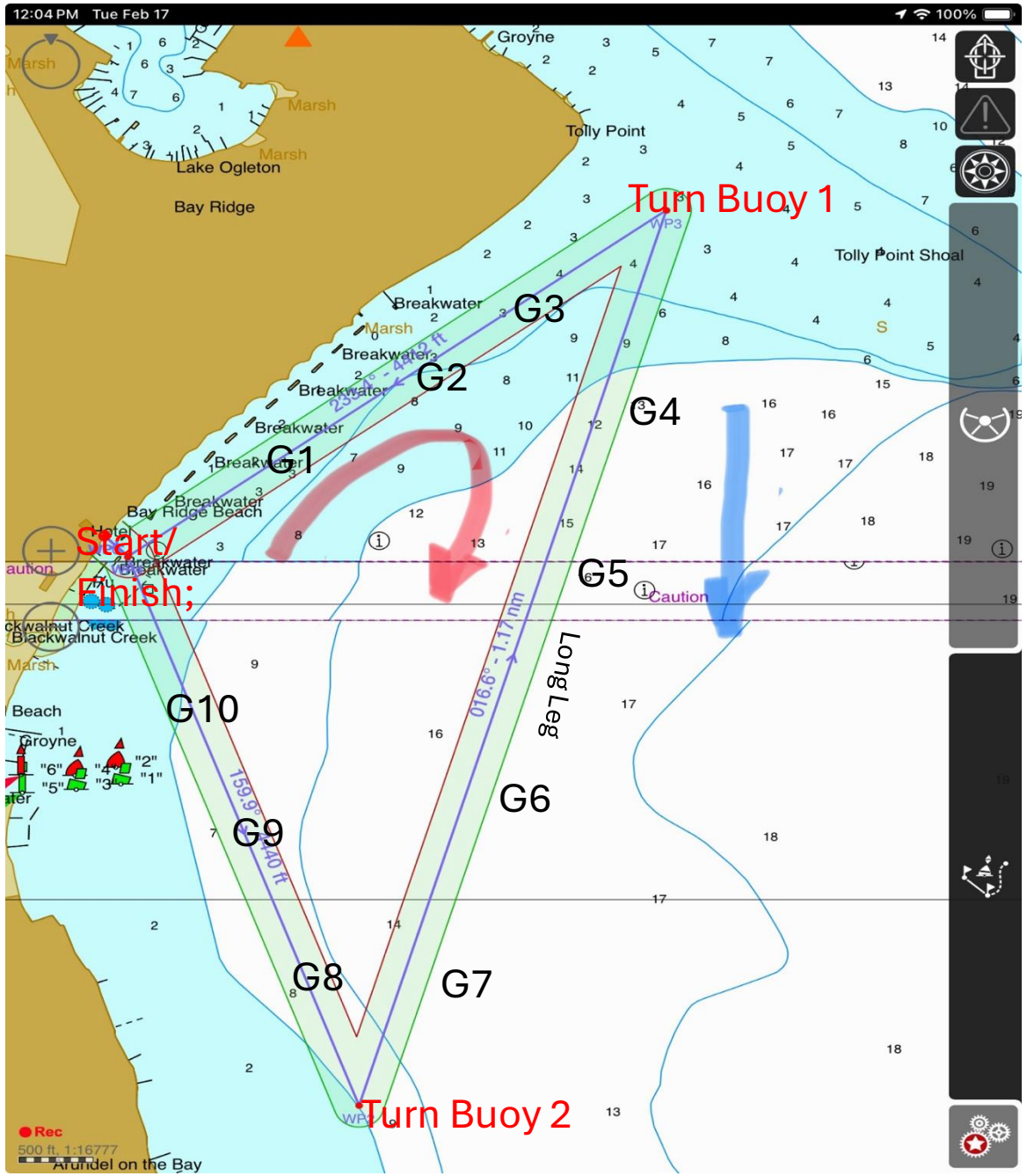
Guide buoys are labeled with a G and may be passed on either side. Turn buoys have to be rounded to the outside of the Swim Course.



JS = Jet Ski
JS-R – Roams with the FD
JS-r will pick up Rescue swimmer if needed.
JS-1 will start in Zone 1 and move to Zone 4 once Zone 1 is clear.

All Jet Skis remain on outside perimeter unless a swimmer is in distress.

Primary Swim Course Swim Direction: Clockwise (Red Arrow) Current Direction: Left to Right (Blue Arrow)



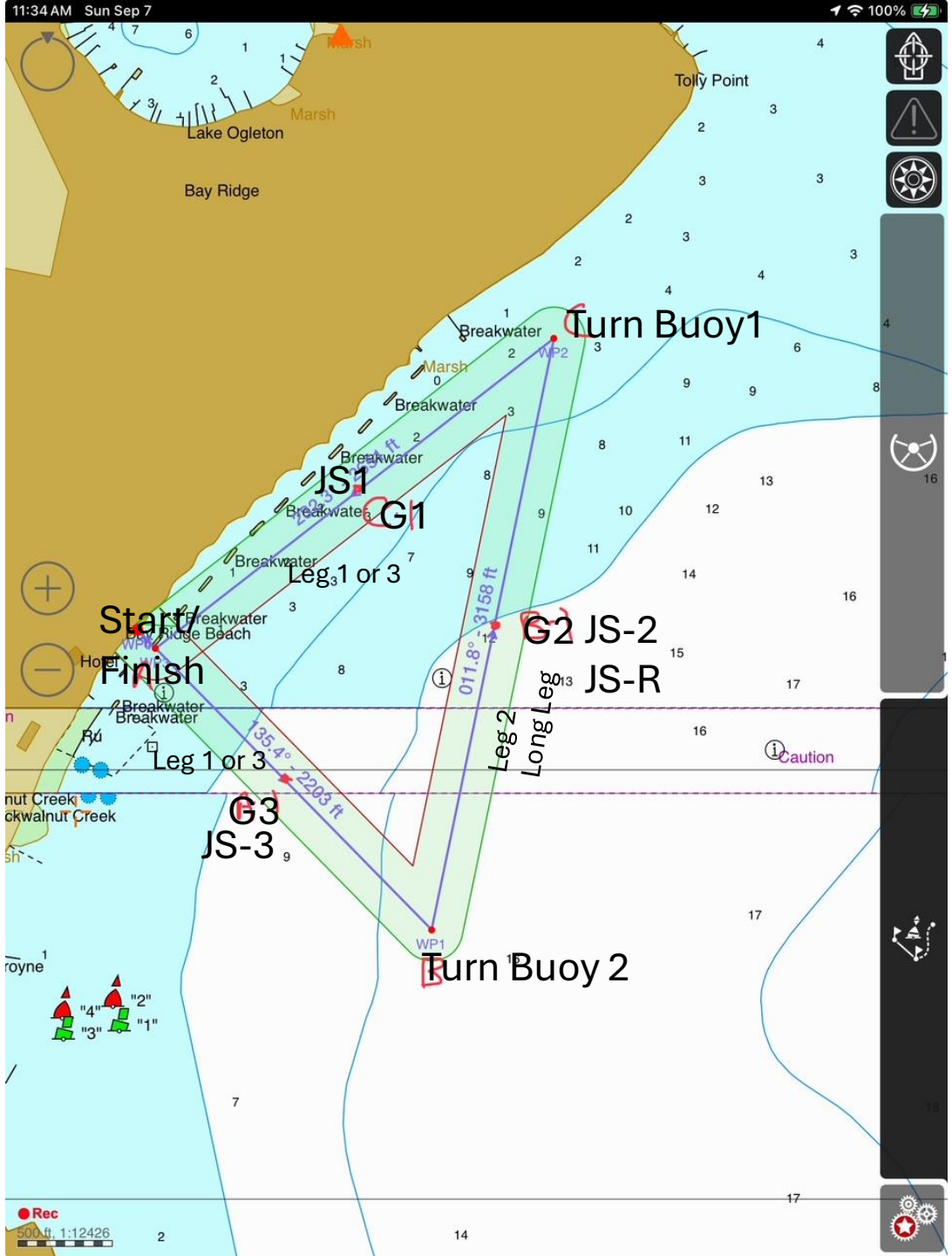
Annapolis Frogman Primary Swim Course Buoy Locations

Buoy	Latitude (Degree-Minutes	Latitude (Degrees)	Longitude (Degree-Minutes)	Longitude (Degrees)
Start/Finish	38 deg 55.934 min N	38.9322 N	076 Deg 27.651 Min W	76.4609 W
G-1	38 56.044 N	38.9341 N	076 27.464 W	76.4577 W
G-2	38 56.167 N	38.9361 N	076 27.245 W	76.4541 W
G-3	38 56.260 N	38.9377 N	076 27.088 W	76.4515 W
Bturn 1	38 deg 55.247 min N	38.9208 N	076 Deg 27.330 Min W	76.4555 W
G-4	38 56.156 N	38.9359 N	076 26.982 W	76.4497 W
G-5	38 55.968 N	38.9328 N	076 27.056 W	76.4509 W
G-6	38 55.737 N	38.9290 N	076 27.146 W	76.4524 W
G-7	38 55.472 N	38.9245 N	076 27.244 W	76.4541 W
Turn 2	38 deg 56.368 min N	38.9395 N	076 Deg 26.903 Min W	76.4484 W
G-8	38 55.438 M	38.9240	076 27.418 W	76.4570 W
G-9	38 55.610 N	38.9263 N	076 27.498 W	76.4583 W
G-10	38 55.768 N	38.9295 N	076 27.569 W	76.4595 W

Annapolis Frogman Swim Alternate Swim Course 1

Guide buoys are labeled with a G and may be passed on either side. Turn buoys have to be rounded to the outside of the course.

- To be used only if weather from Northwest does not allow use of the Primary Swim Course, and express direction is provided by the AFS Event Organizers (Chris & Dave).



Annapolis Frogman Swim Alternate Swim Course 1 Coordinates

Buoy	Latitude (Degree-Minutes)	Longitude (Degree-Minutes)	Latitude (Degrees)	Longitude (Degrees)
A (Start/Finish)	38 deg 55.992 min N	076 deg 27.623 min W	38.9332 N	76.4604 W
G-1	38 56.103 N	076 27.419 W	38.9351 N	76.4530 W
Turn 1	38 deg 56.247 min N	076 min 27.179 min N	38.9374 N	76.4484 W
G-2	38 56.004 N	076 27.240 W	38.9334 N	76.4552 W
Turn 2	38 deg 55.739 min N	076 deg 27.314 min N	38.9290 N	76.4555 W
G-3	38 55.871 N	076 27.481 W	38.9312 N	76.4580 W

Post Swim Break Down – No Break Down will start until all swimmers and kayakers are safely on Shore and Chris & Frank Gives Permission

- After Chris & Frank give permission to a specific boat or all boats after the swim, breakdown and buoy removal may start. Zone 1 removal will commence first once all swimmers have cleared Turn 1 and Zone 1. Leave the Freddie the Frog Buoy in for the finish.
- Once the swimmers are past the mid-point of Leg 2 (the long leg) and have cleared Zone 2, the buoys in Zone 2 can be picked up if Chris or Frank have given permission.
- Once the swimmers have cleared Turn Buoy 2, the buoys in Zone 3 can be picked up if Chris or Frank have given permission.
- Buoys on Leg 3, the last leg, can be collected once all swimmers & kayakers have finished.
  - The boat and jet ski watching Zone 4 must stay in place until all swimmers & kayakers have finished.