



2027 Annapolis Frogman Swim
to
Benefit The Navy SEAL Foundation
April 25, 2027
Event Plan



Location: Bay Ridge Pool Association-Community Beach
2 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis, MD

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Professionalism

The AFS is a physical challenge that can only be accomplished through coordinated teamwork and a spirit of shared responsibility for the safety of all participants.

At the AFS we pay pay homage to the best of the best that paid the ultimate sacrifice by matching their professionalism and tactical acumen with like professionalism and tactical acumen.

Two critical principles for a successful and safe AFS:

1. This is a Team Event.
2. Accountability is mandatory.

Preparation

First: The Team consists of one swimmer and one safety kayaker operating as a cohesive unit. We ask that each Team think and function in a manner that honors those we represent during the swim and kayak.

A cohesive Team operates, navigates and communicates effectively in all conditions. To be effective requires a degree of rigor and discipline. The entirety of the AFS Event Organizers and Volunteers requests that each swimmer/kayaker Team take the time to develop an individual Team plan.

Swimming in the Chesapeake Bay in April is a significant challenge for swimmers and kayakers of all levels. Please know and respect the swim area dynamics (tides, current, wind, waves, water temperature, floating debris) and know the swim course buoy markers.

Accountability

Accountability is non-negotiable and we ask your support for everyone's safety and a successful AFS. Please read and understand this 'Event Plan', and two Briefings found on the AFS website:

1. Swimmer and Kayaker Safety Briefing
2. Safety Boat & Jet Ski Briefing

Please read and understand the Start, Finish and rounding Turn Buoys procedures.

Swimmers are chipped and manually counted in at the start and out at the finish.
Kayakers are manually counted in at the start and out at the finish.

Know distress signals and procedures to get on water assistance.

We ask that each swimmer and each kayaker commit to ensuring their Team's accountability and follow all procedures during the event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Registration Opens: November 11, 2026

Swimmer and Kayaker Check-In: April 24 and 25, 2027

Event Swim Date: April 25, 2027

Check website (www.annapolisfrogman.com) for updates

Times are subject to change based on weather conditions. Check website starting on Friday, April 23, 2027

There is no alternate date. If event is cancelled due to weather the Pre-Swim Ceremony and After Party will still take place starting around 10:15 AM.

DISCLAIMER

This Event Plan Summary does not include all of the safety protocols for the event. Each swimmer and kayaker is responsible to read the Swimmer and Kayaker Safety Briefing, which includes information on hyperthermia, distress signals, and protocol that needs to be followed in the event of a distressed swimmer or kayaker or changes made due to weather. Safety and Support boats and jet skis are also required to read the Safety Boat & Jet Ski Briefing.

Event Site

Open Water Event in the Chesapeake Bay

Swim starts and finishes off the beach in front of the Bay Ridge Community Pool

The course is marked by buoys as described in the event notes

Support craft include kayakers, jet skis, small motorboats, and Fire Dept. Search and Rescue Crafts

Land Facility includes:

Parking (Please carpool)

Bathrooms & Showers

Warming Tent on the beach

Clubhouse

After party will be hosted upstairs

Seating for all swimmers, kayakers, volunteers and Gold Star Families only.

Swim Plan

5 K Open Water Swim

Cold Water Swim (55-60°F)

Wetsuits required unless approved in writing by Event Organizers. Fins are allowed

All swimmers must have a kayak escort. Personal swim buoys are allowed and encouraged

Swim preceded by:

Ceremonial Events Honoring Navy SEALs and Special Warfare Combatants who died in action or training and Gold Star Families.

Safety Briefing, Course Briefing and Weather/Water Conditions Update

Motorboats will be anchored at the turn marks or inside the course to observe swimmers. Motorboats will not approach swimmers, but swimmers can swim to the anchored boat, or a jet ski may bring a swimmer to the boat.

Jet Skis may go inside the course and around swimmers to pick up a swimmer in distress. May have a sled for the swimmer to climb on and be towed to a Fire Dept. boat for evaluation and then to shore or to an anchored boat if necessary.

Kayaks and Paddleboards

Swimmers escort

Roving kayaks to observe swimmers and other kayaks and to replace another kayaker if necessary

Event Notes

On the Beach – Swimmer Area

Starting Corral for each Wave of Swimmers to Enter Before Their Start

Swimmers Need to Wear Timing Chip When Entering the Corral

Swimmers Need to Hand In Swim Ticket (Wooden Tongue Blade with their number on it) when entering Corral

Once in the Corral the Swimmer cannot Leave

On the Water

Primary course: Triangular – Know the course beforehand.

Each Turn has a Large Tetrahedron Buoy

Additional buoys are lined up on the course to guide kayakers and swimmers

Guide buoys will be Cylindrical and Round. “Freddie the Frog” buoys will mark the Start/Finish turn.

On the Beach – Kayak Area

Kayaks are tagged for wave and swimmer number before being brought down to the beach

Kayaks leave from separate area on beach

Kayaks are lined up on beach according to Waves

Event Rules

1. Wetsuits required unless approved in writing by Event Organizers. Fins are allowed
2. If the swimmer appears in distress and the Fire/Rescue Personnel tell them to get out of the water, they must get out of the water and follow any directions given
3. All swimmers must provide and register a support kayaker. Swimmer must be paired with a kayaker to start
4. Swimmers must hand in “swim stick” and wear timing chip when entering the Start Corral. Once the swimmer is in the corral, they may not leave it until after the start. If they decide not to swim they must see the corral organizer before exiting the corral.
5. Swimmers and Kayakers will have the swimmer’s number marked on their hands. Kayakers will have the Swimmer number pinned to their back and not covered by their PFD.
6. Swimmers and Kayakers must register an Emergency Contact Name and Number for the day of the event
7. No refunds for event/swim cancellation.
8. Only Swimmers, Kayakers, Start/Finish Personnel and Designated Event Officials. Volunteers and Gold Star Families are allowed on the beach between 8 AM and 11:45 AM
9. Swimmers and kayakers with disabilities must notify the Event Organizers in writing by March 26, 2027 of any special needs. The Event Organizers can decline participation and suggest a volunteer role.
10. The Annapolis Frogman Swim is “more than just a swim”. Most swimmers fundraise more than the goal of \$2000.

Event Rules (continued)

11. Swimmers and kayakers arriving late after the last Wave has started will not be allowed to swim.
12. All timing bands must be returned once the swimmer finishes the swim
13. Once the swimmer has completed the swim, they will be led to the Warming Tent and evaluated before they are allowed to leave. If there are any lingering effects from the cold, they must follow the directions of the Event volunteers and/or paramedics.

Contingency Plan

No make-up date due to weather cancellation. No refunds.

If conditions warrant, we may change the Swim Course for safety reasons. An alternative Swim Course is attached for use if the Swim Course is changed prior to the start

If weather conditions worsen during the swim, the course may be shortened

If the swim is abandoned after the start, it will not be restarted

If a Turn Buoy breaks loose, a roving kayaker may position himself as the turn until the Turn Buoy can be resecured

Read the Swimmer and Kayaker Safety Briefing to become familiar with all visual and sound notifications that may be made on the course

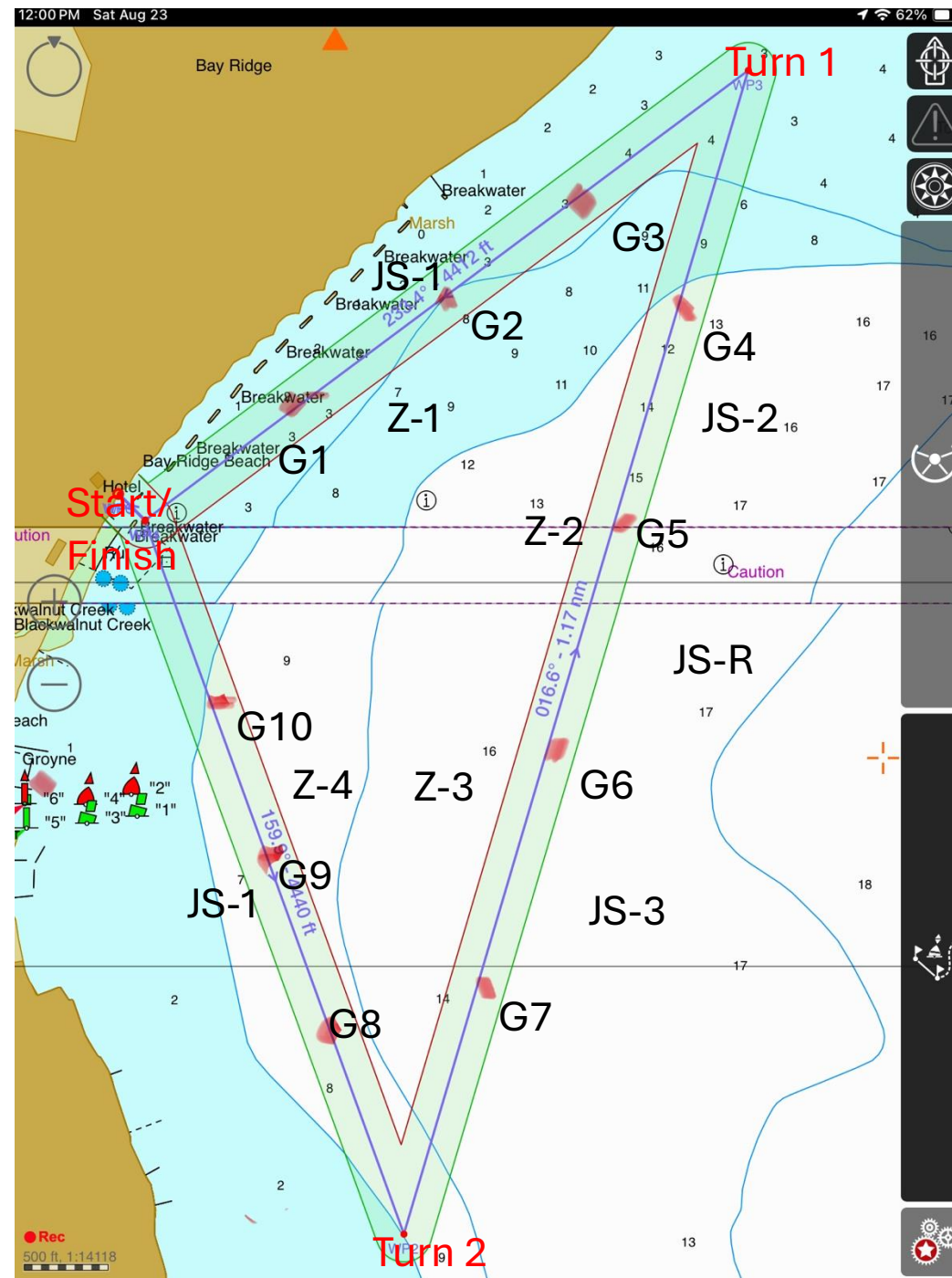
Primary course with
guide buoys

Turn Buoys:
Tetrahedrons

Guide Buoys on Leg 1
and Leg 3: Round

Guide Buoys on Leg
2: 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 course.



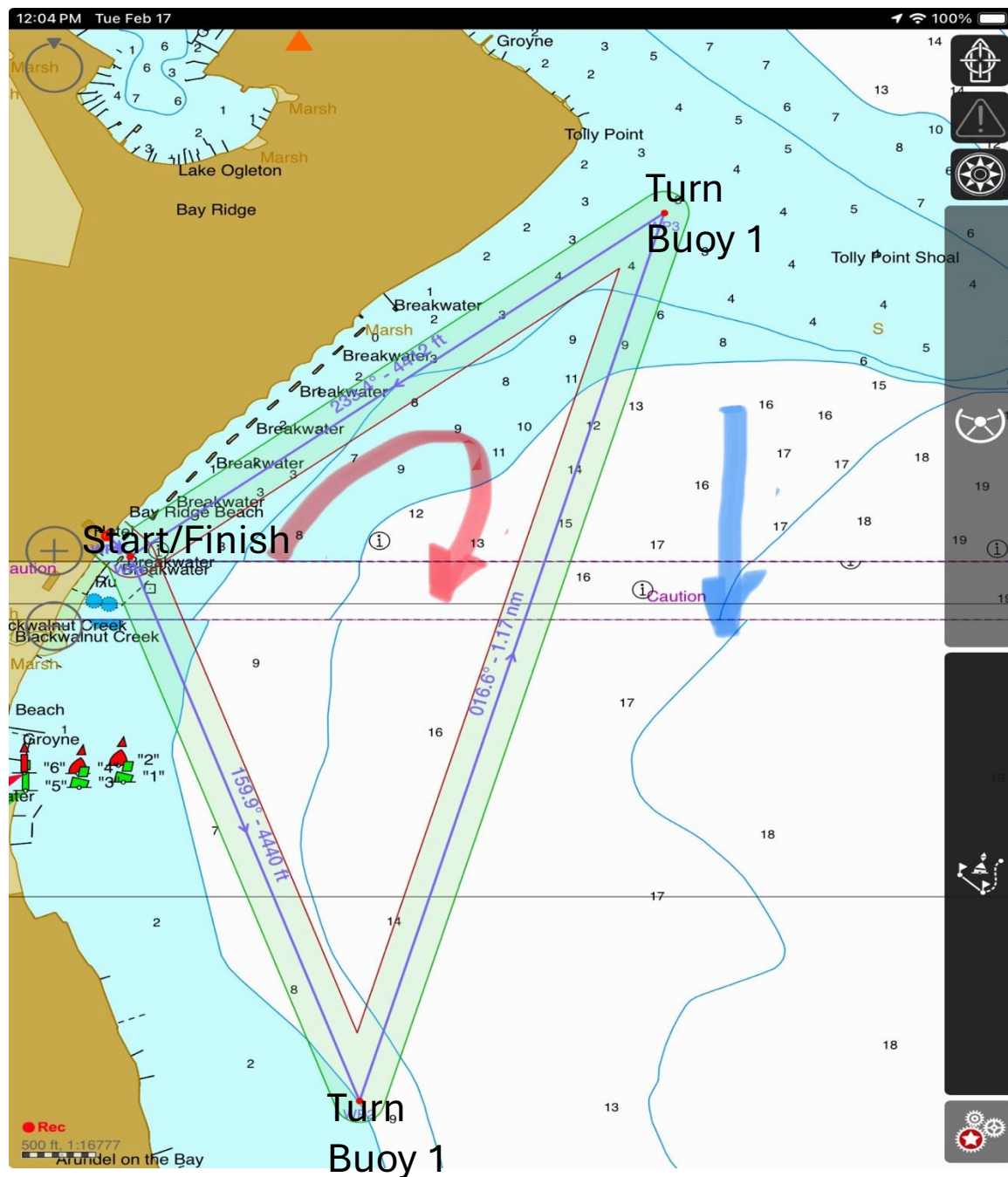
JS = Jet Ski

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
parimeter unless a swimmer
is in distress.

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



Annapolis Frogman Swim Primary Swim Course Buoy Locations

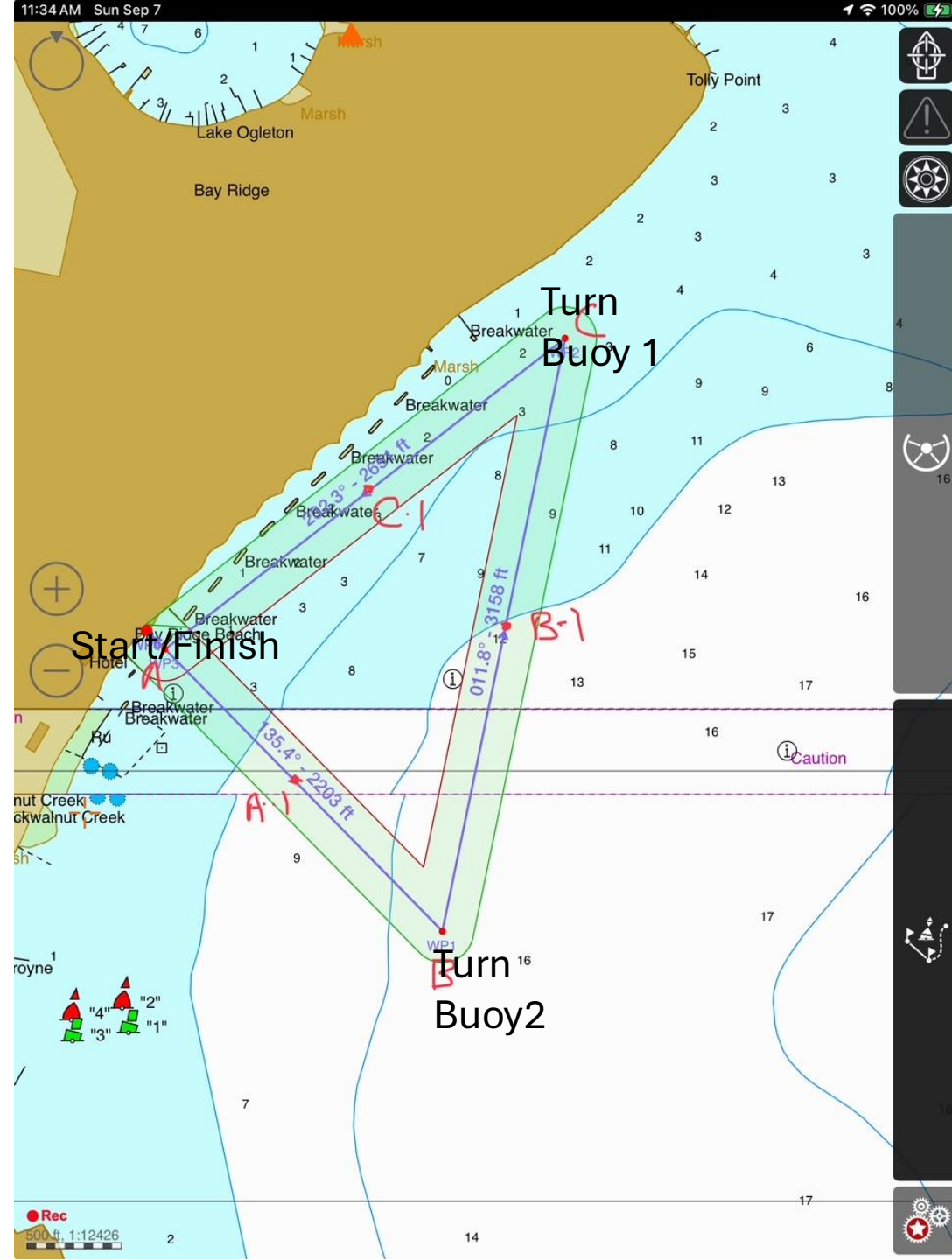
Buoy	Latitude (Degree-Minutes)	Latitude (Degrees)	Longitude (Degree-Minutes)	Longitude (Degrees)
A	38 deg 55.934 min N	38.9322 N	076 Deg 27.651 Min W	76.4609 W
A-1	38 55.768 N	38.9295 N	076 27.569 W	76.4595 W
A-2	38 55.610 N	38.9263 N	076 27.498 W	76.4583 W
A-3	38 55.438 M	38.9240	076 27.418 W	76.4570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

Annapolis Frogman Swim Alternate Course

To be used if weather from Northwest does not allow use of the primary course.

Turn Buoys: Large Tetrahedrons

Guide Buoys: Cylinder and Round buoys – smaller than turn buoys





Tetrahedron Turn Buoy





Cylindrical Guide Buoy





Round Guide Buoy



Annapolis Frogman Swim Alternate Swim Course Coordinates

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