

Maggie Fischer Memorial Great South Bay Cross Bay Swim COVID-19 Statement

We want everyone to understand that we hold safety first and foremost in our plans. On the water and on the shore.

This year will present special challenges. We do not know what the status will be on July 24, but we have adapted and continue to adapt to conditions in effect now.

Please remember that this is a Swim: a local, casual, friendly neighborhood event that has grown to attract a large following around the country and around the world. We are very proud of our success but we realize that success cannot be sacrificed to a loss a safety.

Please also keep in mind that this is a charitable event. Your registration fee and your fundraising supports the Hospice Care Network, an organization that is more important now than ever before. Your registration fee can be considered a donation, as we do not offer refunds.

We have made many changes to our procedures. Our logistics guide (available on our website) details these requirements. The following are among the changes:

- We will not supply any transportation. Swimmers and kayakers are responsible for getting to the Lighthouse.
- We may need to control the rate at which swimmers arrive at the finish line
- Swimmers and kayakers will handle their equipment at the finish line
- Our After-Party is cancelled
- There will be minimal facilities at Gilbert Park.
- Gilbert Park is closed to spectators
- Under guidance from NYS Dept. Of Health, only swimmers residing in Nassau or Suffolk Counties may participate.

This is not a good year for non-open water swimmers, or those who have no experience in the Great South Bay, or those with vulnerable medical conditions.

Please follow this site and our FaceBook page frequently. We will post updates as we get further clarity on the situation. Thanks and Good Luck!

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