

FINAL RACE INSTRUCTIONS



February 3-5, 2023

Thank you for joining us for the 2023 Surf City Marathon event weekend! Please read the information below to answer your questions about race weekend. Safe travels to Huntington Beach – Surf City, USA and we look forward to hosting you at the race!



EVENT SCHEDULE

Event	Date/Time	Location
Race Expo & Packet Pick-Up	Friday, February 3rd 12:00pm - 6:00pm	Huntington Beach “Beach” Parking Lots 21291 Pacific Coast Highway Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Race Expo & Packet Pick-Up	Saturday, February 4th 10:00am - 4:00pm	Huntington Beach “Beach” Parking Lots 21291 Pacific Coast Highway Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Beach Mile Race Start	Saturday, February 4th 11:00am	Huntington Beach “Beach” Parking Lots 21291 Pacific Coast Highway Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Beer Garden	Saturday, February 4th 11:00am - 3:30pm	Huntington Beach “Beach” Parking Lots 21291 Pacific Coast Highway Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Marathon Race Start	Sunday, February 5th 6:30am	Intersection of Pacific Coast Highway & Huntington St Huntington Beach, CA 92648
5K Race Start	Sunday, February 5th 7:00am	Intersection of Pacific Coast Highway & Huntington St Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Half Marathon Start	Sunday, February 5th 7:45am	Intersection of Pacific Coast Highway & Huntington St Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Beer Garden	Sunday, February 5th 8:00am - 1:00pm	Huntington Beach “Beach” Parking Lots 21291 Pacific Coast Highway Huntington Beach, CA 92648



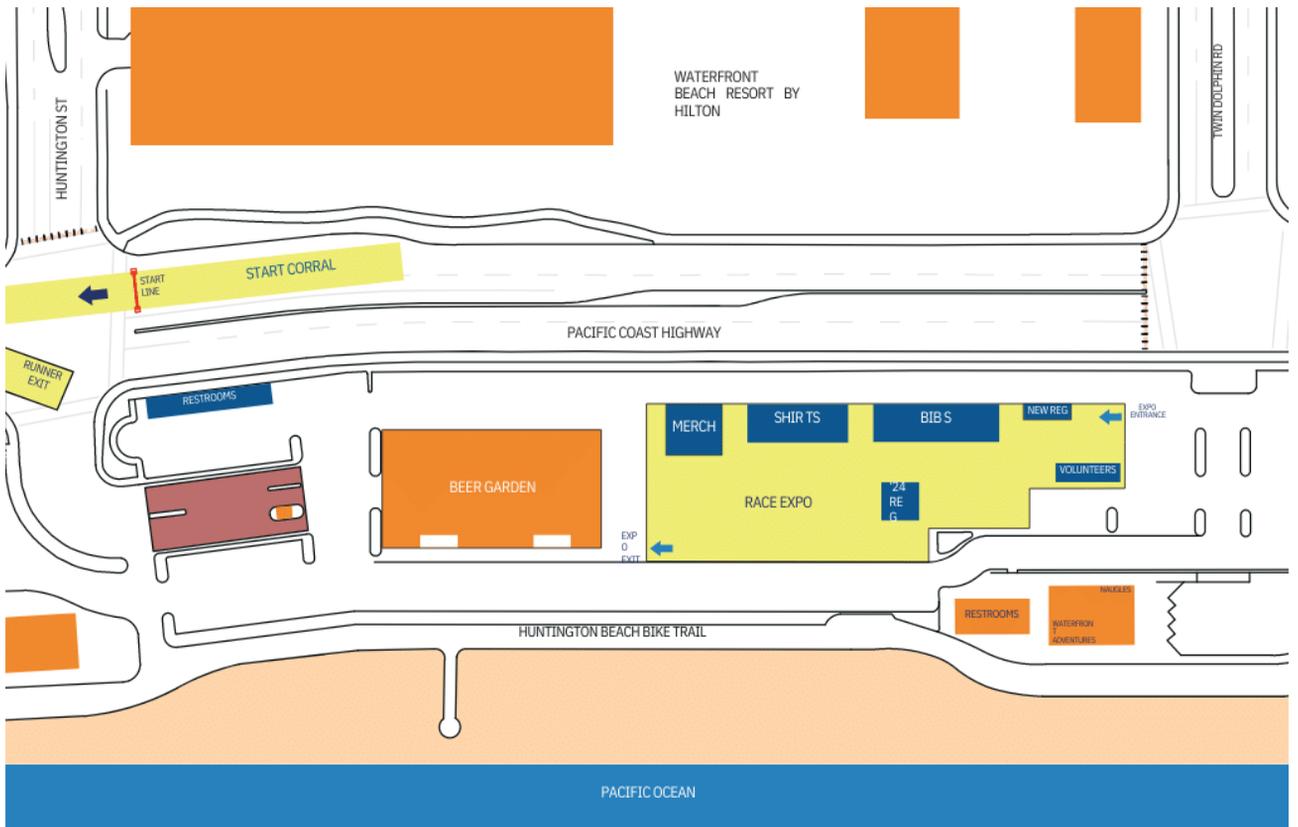
PRE-RACE: Friday, February 3rd - Saturday, February 4th

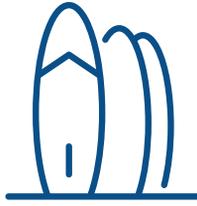
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- Participants are required to pick up their race bib during the Race Expo unless you have upgraded to race day packet pick-up. Race day packet pick-up instructions will be emailed on Wednesday, February 2nd for those that purchased this service.
- Bring your confirmation email with your bib number (to be sent Wednesday, February 1st) to expedite the pick-up process.
- Can someone pick up your bib for you? Yes, check out what that person will need to pick-up your race number on your behalf.



EXPO VENUE MAP





LONGBOARD LEGACY CLUB

Longboard Legacy status is reached after running the marathon or half marathon distance at Surf City Marathon for three consecutive years. Runners can achieve legacy status by running any combination of either distance, if they are run consecutively. If the runner misses a year, they default on Legacy status and lose their legacy status.

Longboard Legacy status will be denoted on your race bib. Those that are eligible will be able to pick up their special-edition Longboard Legacy shirt in the Shirt Pick-up tent at the Race Expo. Legacy runners are also eligible to receive a second, complimentary Michelob ULTRA, Nutri seltzer or Kona Big Wave in the Beer Garden. The extra beer/seltzer can be enjoyed in the Beer Garden on Saturday or on Sunday after the race.

Legacy runners must have their legacy status denoted on their bib to collect their Legacy perks. If you are a Legacy runner, but do not have a legacy sticker, please visit the Solutions table in the Bib Pick-Up tent and our team will be able to assist you.



REGISTER FOR 2024 SURF CITY MARATHON

Participants can register for the 2024 Surf City Marathon weekend, scheduled for February 2-4, 2024, for the absolute **LOWEST** pricing available at the Race Expo! Visit the 2024 Registration booth in the event expo!

Marathon - \$99

Half Marathon - \$89

5K - \$30

Beach Mile - \$15



OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE



The official line of [2023 Surf City Marathon merchandise](#) is here! Check out the latest styles and pre-order your favorites for pick-up at the Official Merchandise tent during race weekend. Secure your size before they're all gone!



RACE DAY - BEACH MILE

START LINE - BEACH MILE

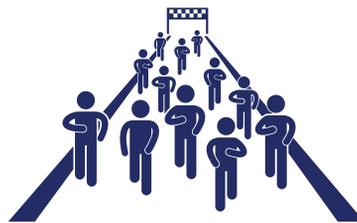
- Beach Mile starts at 11:00am
- 21291 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach, CA 92648
- Located on the sand in Huntington Beach, adjacent to the Race Expo - Lifeguard Tower 13

PARKING - BEACH MILE

Beach Mile participants can park in the beach parking lots adjacent to the Race Expo. Parking will be free on Saturday with proof of bib. For additional hourly parking options, please visit the city's [Official Guide to Parking in Huntington Beach](#).

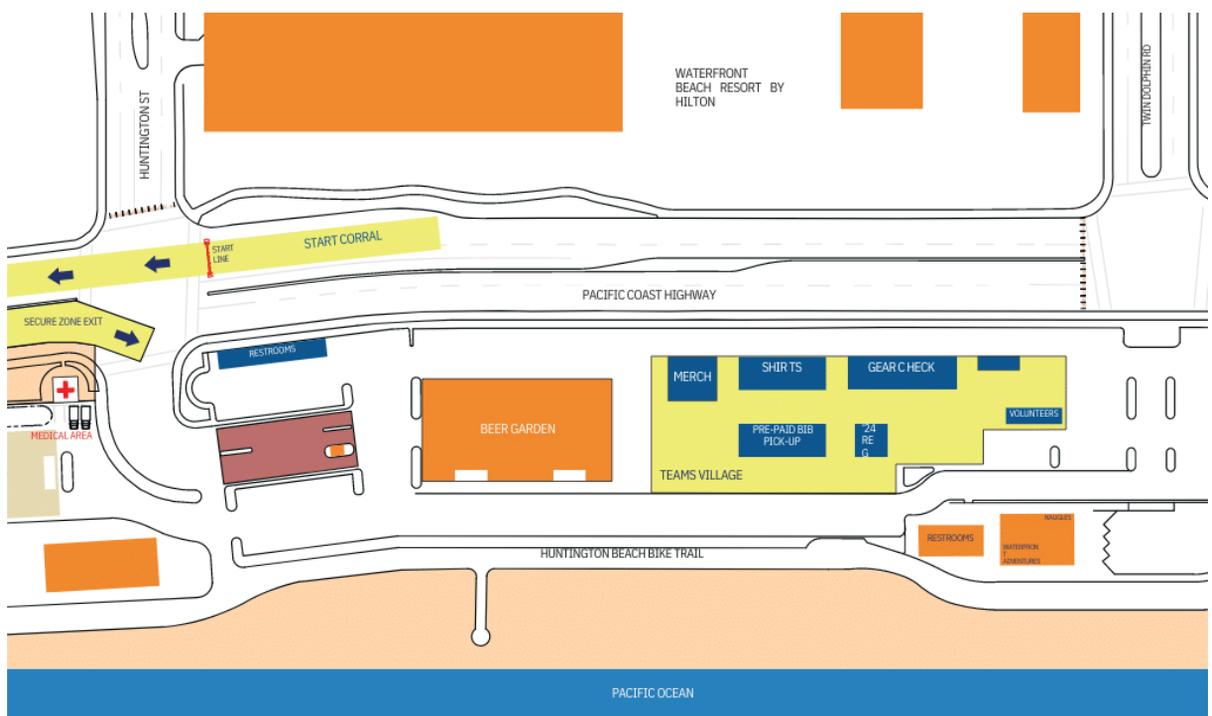
POST-RACE SURF CITY BEER GARDEN

After completing the Beach Mile race, participants 21 years of age and older will be able to visit the Beer Garden adjacent to the Race Expo and partake in a complimentary Michelob ULTRA, Nutri seltzer or Kona Big Wave. Those interested in visiting the Beer Garden must visit the age verification station and present their ID to obtain a wristband.



RACE DAY – MARATHON, HALF MARATHON & 5K

RACE DAY VENUE MAP



START LINE – MARATHON, HALF MARATHON & 5K

- Marathon starts at 6:30am
- 5K starts at 7:00am
- Half Marathon starts at 7:45am, the final wave of half marathon will be released at approximately 8:15am.
- All races begin at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway & Huntington Street in Huntington Beach

GETTING TO THE START LINE

There are multiple ways to get to the start line - parking lots that are walking distance or parking lots that have shuttle pick-ups to bring you to the start. Visit our [FAQs](#) for driving directions to get to the start line.

RUNNER DROP OFF

Drop Off Zone: There is a specific drop-off area (including rideshare/Uber/Lyft) designated at the intersection of Beach Blvd and Atlanta Ave (21229 Beach Blvd). There is no parking available at this intersection but participants will be able to walk approximately 3 blocks down Beach Blvd and then up Pacific Coast Highway toward the start line. The start line is at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Huntington Street.

PARKING

FREE PARKING & SHUTTLE PICK-UP

Civic Center Park and Ride

The Civic Center parking lot (1900 Main Street, Huntington Beach) is a convenient option away from the closed traffic streets. A shuttle stop is located at the Civic Center parking lot and will drop off 1-2 blocks from the start/finish line. Shuttle service will start at 5:00am and continue on a rolling basis throughout the morning. The last shuttle will depart the Pacific View loading zone at 1:30PM. Masks are required to be worn on all shuttles. Please note – city staff parking areas are restricted from public parking and indicated as such with signs. Unauthorized vehicles who park in City Staff parking sections will be ticketed at their own expense.

Edison High School Park and Ride

Parking is available in the school parking lot at Edison High School, located at 21400 Magnolia St., HB. The parking lot can only be entered from Magnolia St., between Atlanta Ave. and Hamilton Ave. Shuttle service will start at 5:00am and continue on a rolling basis throughout the morning. The last shuttle will depart the Pacific View loading zone at 1:30PM.

Masks are required to be worn on all shuttles.

Beach Parking Lots Park and Ride

Beach Parking lots are located off Pacific Coast Highway and can be accessed by heading west via Beach Blvd, Newland St, Magnolia Blvd, or Brookhurst St. While these lots are generally a walkable distance to the start/finish line, two shuttle stops are located within these lots for those that want transportation closer to the start line. The first shuttle stop is located within the parking lot near Newland St. The second shuttle stop is located within the parking lot between Magnolia Blvd and Brookhurst St. Shuttle service will start at 5:00am and continue on a rolling basis throughout the morning. **Masks are required to be worn on all shuttles.**

For reference, here is the approximate walking distance to the Race Expo from each entrance:

- From Beach Blvd: approximately .5 miles
- From Newland St: approximately 1 mile
- From Magnolia Blvd: approximately 1.5 miles
- From Brookhurst Blvd: approximately 2.25 miles

PAID PARKING (NO SHUTTLE SERVICE)

Pacific City

The Pacific City parking lot (21010 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach - access via Pacific View Ave) is likely the most convenient of all parking lots as it is located 1 block from the start/finish line. The hourly parking rate is set by the parking operator, not race officials.

Main Street Promenade

The Main Street Promenade Garage (200 Main St, Huntington Beach) is closest to the Huntington Beach Pier and all the restaurants/shops on Main Street. This lot is just 4-5 blocks from the finish line. The hourly parking rate is set by the parking operator, not race officials.

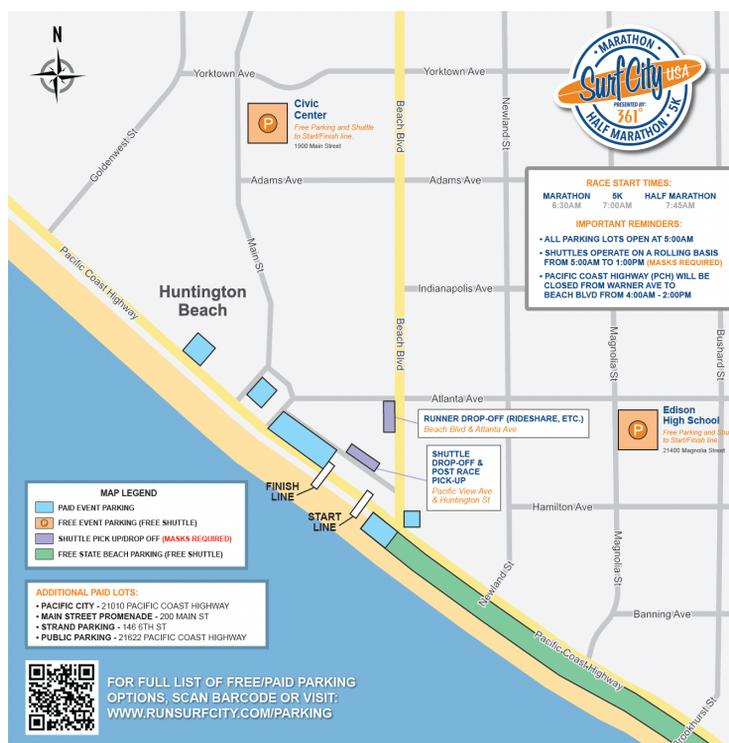
Strand Parking

The Strand Parking lot (146 6th Street, Huntington Beach) is close to the Huntington Beach Pier and all the restaurants/shops on Main Street. This lot is 6-7 blocks from the finish line. The hourly parking rate is set by the parking operator, not race officials.

Public Parking

The Public Parking lot (21622 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach) is located at the intersection of Beach Blvd and Pacific Coast Highway (entrance on Beach Blvd). This lot is 1-2 blocks from the start line of the race. The all-day rate is \$15 for race participants (enter before noon) and will open at 4:30am. The parking rate is set by the parking operator, not race officials.

*Parking at all of the above-mentioned lots is not guaranteed and available on a first come, first served basis. Please plan ahead and arrive early.



To download a PDF of the parking map, [click here](#).

GEAR CHECK

Participants can check gear with us to be held during the race. Clear, gear check bags will be provided on race day in the Gear Check tent. **Luggage or large bags will not be accepted. Gear check will open at 5:30am and close at 1:00pm.** All bags that are not picked up by participants will be taken back to the event office and held for one week. Afterward, all items will be donated to a local charity. Any clothing items left at the start line of each race will be collected and donated to a local charity.

START LINE

The marathon, half marathon, and 5K will all operate on a self-seeded corral system. Participants should look for the pace-per-mile signs that line the start line to seed themselves accordingly. Those that plan to walk during the race should plan to start toward the back of the pack to avoid impeding those that are running at a faster pace.

The event will utilize a wave start. This will enable a comfortable starting position for runners and walkers of all paces. When the horn sounds, only the first corral will be released. The rest of the participants will be held at the start line. At predetermined intervals (every few minutes), the next corral will be released. By using this staggered starting method, the pack will be spread out and allow every runner to settle into their racing rhythm from their first step to the finish line. This will allow sufficient room along the course for the marathon and half-marathon, and at the finish line

without affecting individuals' time or the time participants have to complete the race. All runners should still plan to arrive at least 60 minutes prior to their start time.

Start times were designed with the quality of the course in mind for each distance. Please note, start times will be strictly enforced. **You must start the race with your registered distance, do not start earlier.** Those attempting to start earlier than their designated time will be asked to leave the starting corrals and/or removed from the course and disqualified. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated so that we can ensure everyone has a great race day experience!

PACE TEAM

Join over 50 pacers from A Snail's Pace running team as they look to lead you to the finish line in your goal time. Look for our pacers and their goal finish time signs in the start chute and join them on your way to a great finish!

Half Marathon: 1:30, 1:40, 1:45, 1:50, 1:55, 2:00, 2:10, 2:15, 2:20, 2:30, 2:40, 2:50, 3:00

Marathon: 3:05, 3:15, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 4:00, 4:10, 4:20, 4:30, 4:45, 4:50, 5:00, 5:10

ON-COURSE SUPPORT

Please find the locations of the aid stations along each course listed below. Water is provided at all aid stations. [IV2 Hydration](#) will be provided at the stations with asterisks below. [Chargel athletic gel drink](#) will be offered at Mile 8 on the half marathon course and miles 12 and 21 on the marathon course.

5K: Mile 1.5

Half Marathon: Miles 1.5*, 2.5, 4.5*, 5.5, 7*, 8.5*, 9.5*, 10.5, 11.5*

Marathon: Miles 1.5*, 2.5, 4.5*, 6*, 7*, 8.5*, 9.5, 11*, 12*, 13*, 14.5, 15.5*, 19*, 21*, 22.5*, 25.5*

COURSE CUT-OFFS

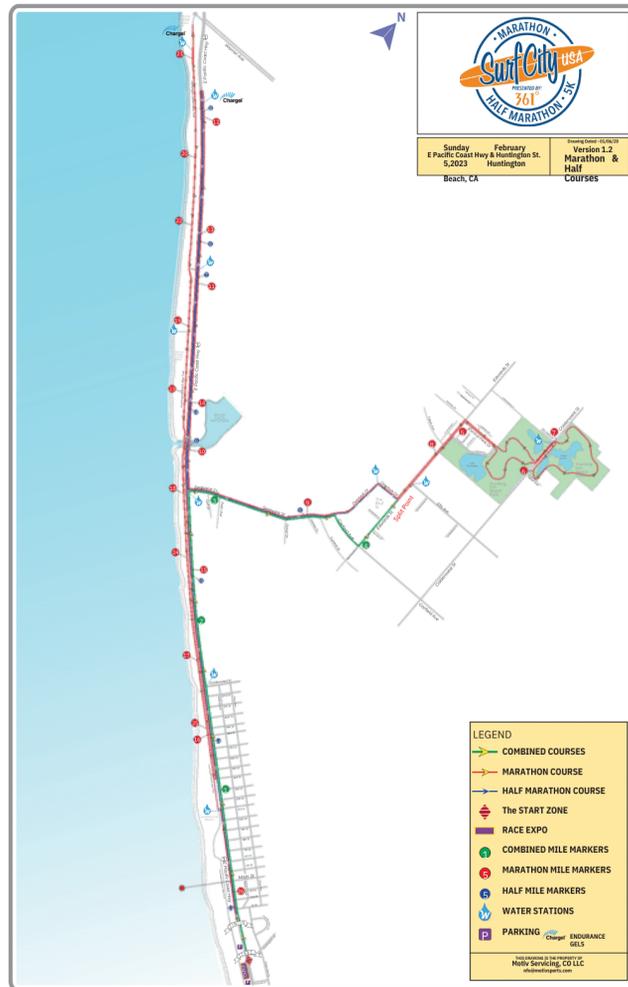
The official course time limit for the marathon is 6.5 hours (14:53 minute/mile pace) and 4.5 hours for the half marathon (20:36 minute/mile pace). The course will have a rolling reopening that will be strictly enforced by the Huntington Beach Police Department and Surf City Marathon staff. Participants will be required to pass certain points on course by a specific time or they will have the option to either be a pedestrian and obey all traffic laws or be moved up on course by the marathon Sag Wagon:

- Mile 4.4 - Marathon runners must be past Edwards Street & Overlook Drive by 7:45am
- Mile 9.9 - Marathon runners must be past Seapoint Street & Pacific Coast Hwy by 9:07am
- Mile 16.5 - Marathon runners returning from Bolsa Chica must be past the 14th Street Path & Pacific Coast Hwy by 10:45am

Because the race will utilize a wave start; your official chip time will not start until you cross the start line. A tail vehicle will follow the last runner. A strict time limit will be enforced as Pacific Coast Highway needs to be re-opened for regular activity.

COURSE MAP

Marathon/Half Marathon



To download a PDF of the Marathon/Half Marathon map, [click here](#).

5K



To download a PDF of the 5K map, [click here](#).



POST-RACE – MARATHON, HALF MARATHON & 5K

AWARDS – MARATHON, HALF MARATHON & 5K

The top 3 male and female finishers overall in the marathon and half marathon will receive an award. The top 3 male and female finishers in each age group (listed below) will also receive an award. Awards must be picked up on-site in the Awards/Medals tent. Awards will not be mailed.

Half Marathon: 14 & Under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+

Marathon: 19 & Under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+

The top 3 male and female finishers overall in the 5K will receive an award. The top male and female finishers in each age group (listed below) will also receive an award. Awards must be picked up on-site in the Awards/Medals tent. Awards will not be mailed.

5K: 14 & Under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+

COWABUNGA CHALLENGE

Participants that complete Saturday's Beach Mile and a race on Sunday (marathon, half marathon & 5K) will earn a third, Cowabunga Challenge medal. Cowabunga Challenge medals must be picked up on-site in the Challenge Medals tent after your Sunday race.



BEACH CITIES CHALLENGE

The Beach Cities Challenge is a participation challenge involving the Surf City Marathon, Long Beach Marathon, and OC Marathon events. Beach Cities Challenge medals must be picked up on-site at the tent after your race.

To be eligible to receive your Beach Cities Challenge medal at the 2023 Surf City Marathon, you must have completed the 2022 OC Marathon or Half Marathon Virtual Run and the 2022 Long Beach Marathon or Half Marathon Virtual Run.

POST-RACE SURF CITY BEER GARDEN

Participants 21 years of age or older can make plans to join us at the post-race Beer Garden to celebrate their race with a complimentary beer! While enjoying live music, participants can take their pick of Michelob ULTRA, Nutri seltzer, or Kona Big Wave* after the race. Longboard Legacy runners - don't forget to claim your second, complimentary beer while relaxing in the Longboard Legacy Lounge!

Additional beer can be purchased in the Beer Garden for \$5 with proceeds going to Ainsley's Angels to support their quest to build awareness about the importance of inclusion, through action, while transforming populations into all-inclusive communities.

*While supplies last

COMMEMORATE YOUR RACE

Make sure to wear your bib on the front of your body and bring your best smile to race day! FinisherPix will be on course capturing you in action. [Your photos are available for pre-purchase in our shop!](#)

We know you've been training for a Personal Record, and a great way to celebrate is with an iTAB! Your iTAB will be customized with your name and finish time and will be mailed to you post-race. iTABS are also available for pre-purchase in our shop!

We can't wait to see you for Surf City 2023!