

SURF CITY

USA

MARATHON
HALF MARATHON
5K
BEACH MILE

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

#RUNSURFCITYUSA



Huntington Beach, CA



Thank you for joining us for the 2024 Surf City Marathon presented by 361° 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!



A SNAIL'S PACE RACE EXPO & PACKET PICK - UP

DATE & TIME

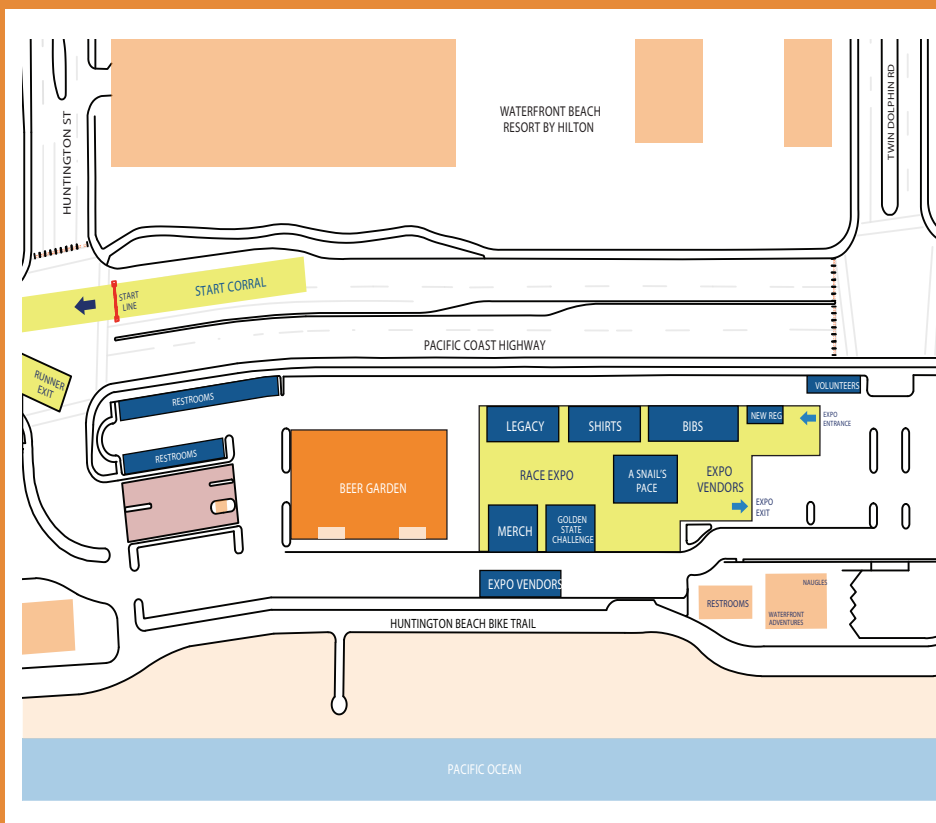
Friday, February 2nd
12:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday, February 3rd
*10:00am - 4:00pm

*Beach Mile Participants
must pick up by 10:30am

LOCATION

Huntington Beach
“Beach” Parking Lots
21291 Pacific Coast Highway
Huntington Beach, CA 92648



Participants are required to pick up their race bib during the A Snail's Pace Race Expo unless you have upgraded to race day packet pick-up. Race day packet pick-up instructions will be emailed on Wednesday, January 31st for those that purchased this service.

Beach Mile participants may pick up on Race Day for no extra charge, but to avoid long lines, we recommend picking up on Friday.

Bring your confirmation email with your bib number QR code (to be sent Wednesday, January 31st) to expedite the pick-up process.

Can someone pick up your bib for you? Yes, [click here](#) to see what the person will need.

OFFICIAL Merchandise



The official line of 2024 Surf City Marathon merchandise is here! Pick-up your pre-orders at the Official Merchandise tent during race weekend. Secure your size before they're all gone!

[Pre-Order Now!](#)

Register for 2025

Participants can register for the 2025 Surf City Marathon presented by 361° weekend, scheduled for February 2nd, 2025, for the absolute LOWEST pricing available at the Race Expo! Visit the 2025 Registration booth in the event expo! And, when you register with us at the expo, you will receive a gift* while supplies last!

- Marathon - \$109
- Half Marathon - \$99
- 5K - \$35
- Beach Mile - \$20



Longboard Legacy Club

Longboard Legacy status is reached after running the marathon or half marathon distance at Surf City Marathon presented by 361° 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 Longboard Legacy Shirt Pick-up tent at the A Snail's Pace Race Expo. Legacy runners are also eligible to receive a second, complimentary beverage, with choice of, Michelob Ultra, Michelob Ultra Organic Seltzer or Kona Big Wave*, in the Michelob Ultra Beer Garden. The extra beer/seltzer can be enjoyed in the Michelob Ultra 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.

BEACH MILE

Start

Saturday, February 3rd
Starts at 11:00am

Location

21291 Pacific Coast Highway,
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**On the sand in Huntington Beach, adjacent
to the Race Expo - Lifeguard Tower 13*

Michelob Ultra Beer Garden

11:00am - 3:30pm

Parking

Beach Mile participants can park in the beach parking lots adjacent to the A Snail's Pace 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.

Awards

There are no awards for the top finishers of the Beach Mile, however every finisher will receive a medal upon completion of the race!

Post-Race Michelob Ultra Beer Garden

After completing the Beach Mile race, participants 21 years of age and older will be able to visit the Michelob Ultra Beer Garden adjacent to the A Snail's Pace Expo and partake in a complimentary beverage. Your choices will be Michelob Ultra, Michelob Ultra Organic Seltzer, Kona Big Wave*. Those interested in visiting the Michelob Ultra Beer Garden must visit the age verification station and present their ID to obtain a wristband.



MARATHON, HALF MARATHON & 5K

Start

Sunday, February 4th
Marathon: 6:30am
5k: 7:00 am
Half Marathon: 7:45 am

Location

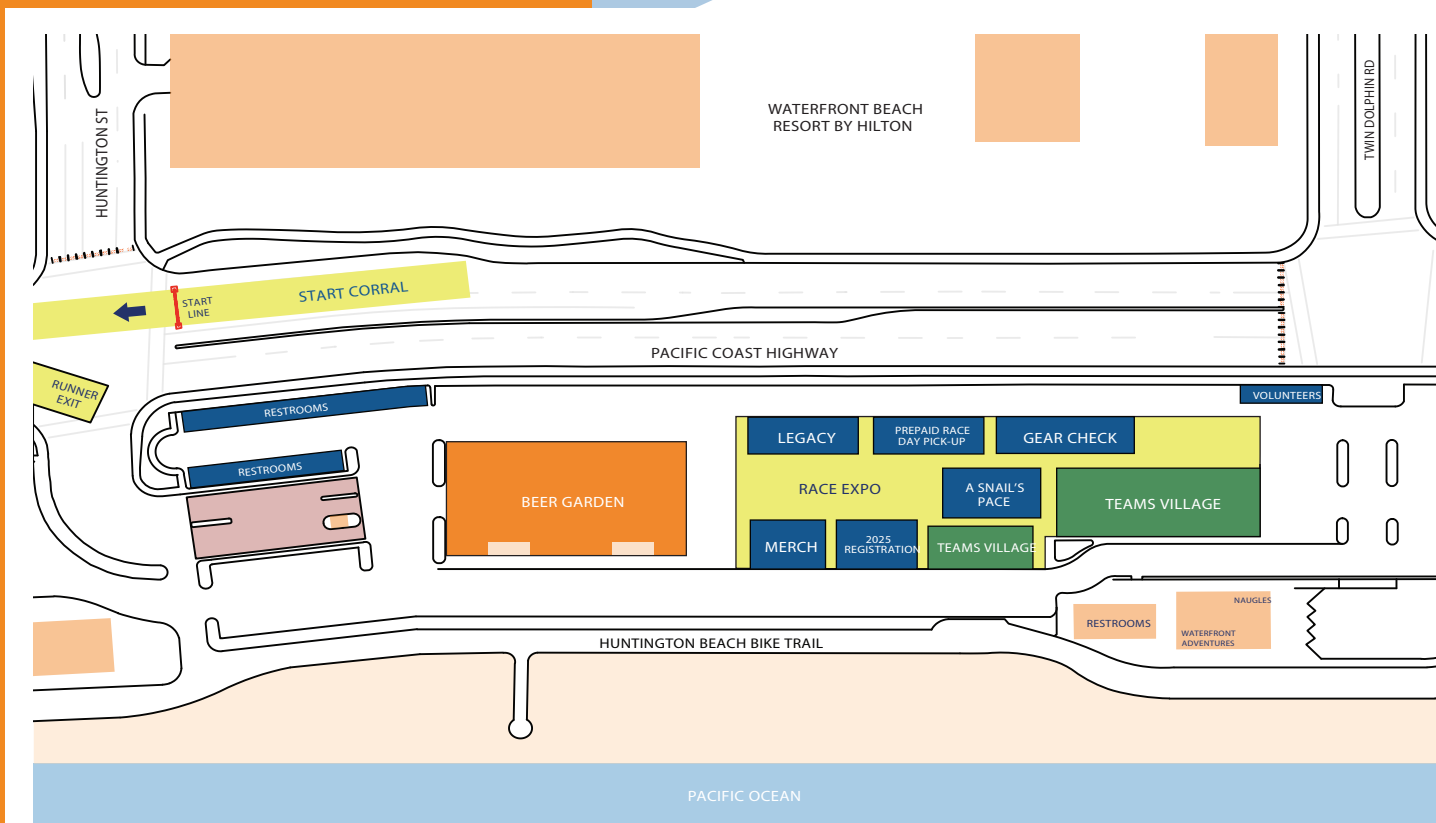
Intersection of Pacific Coast Highway & Huntington Street in Huntington Beach

Getting to the Start

There are multiple ways to get to the start line - parking lots that are within 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

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.



Free Parking & Shuttle Pick-Up

Civic Center Park and Ride
1900 Main Street, Huntington Beach
First Shuttle 5:00am

The Civic Center parking lot is a convenient option away from the closed traffic streets. This shuttle 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. 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
21400 Magnolia St., HB
First Shuttle 5:00am

Parking is available in Edison High School's parking lot. 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 Ave loading zone at 1:30PM.



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. 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

Please note: Huntington Beach Parking Enforcement can and will close access the the Beach City Lot (located at Beach Blvd and PCH) once it is full. In the event of heavy traffic, they may also opt to close the intersection at Beach Blvd and PCH, and detour traffic. It is advised to arrive early to avoid any delays.

PAID PARKING (NO SHUTTLE SERVICE)

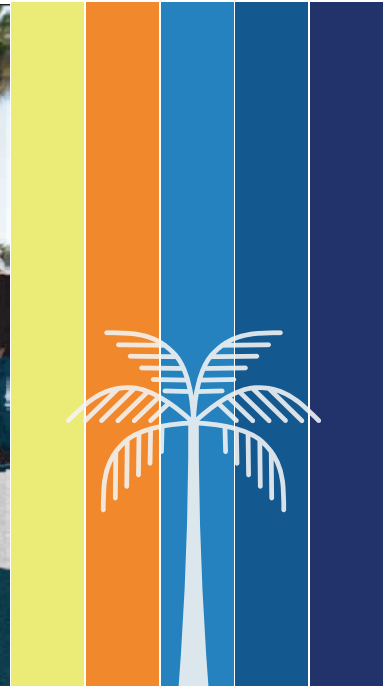
Pacific City - The Pacific City parking lot (21010 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach - access via Pacific View Ave) is likely the most convenient of all parking lots as it is located 1 block from the start/finish line. The hourly parking rate is set by the parking operator, not race officials.

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 aforementioned lots is not guaranteed and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please plan ahead and arrive early.





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 6:00am 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 at the back of the pack to avoid impeding those that are participating at a faster pace.

The event will utilize a wave start. When the horn sounds, only the first corral will be released. The rest of the participants will be held at the start line. Every few minutes, the next corral will be released. For the half marathon, this process will take up to 30 minutes. Your official time does not begin tracking until YOU cross the start line.

Start times were designed with the quality of the course in mind for each distance. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated so that we can ensure everyone has a great race day experience!

Pace Team

Join 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, 1:50, 2:00, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:40, 2:50, 3:00

Marathon: 3:10, 3:30, 3:50, 4:00, 4:10, 4:20, 4:30, 4:45, 5:00, 6:00

ON-COURSE SUPPORT

Please find the locations of the aid stations along each course listed below. Water is provided at all aid stations. Gatorade Lemon Lime and Glacier Freeze will be provided at the stations with asterisks below. GU TriBerry and Strawberry Banana will be offered at Mile 8.5 on the half marathon course and miles 12 and 22 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.

The finish line will close at 1:15PM sharp, so please pace yourself accordingly!





COWABUNGA CHALLENGE

Participants that complete Saturday's Beach Mile and a race on Sunday are eligible to earn a Combo medal. The following combination of events are eligible for the "Cowabunga Challenge" medal:

Beach Mile + 5K

Beach Mile + Half Marathon

Beach Mile + Marathon

Those participating in two races over race weekend will have the COMBO box on their Sunday race bib denoted with a marking. If you are participating in two races but do not have the "COMBO" designation, please visit the Solutions table in the Bib Pick-Up tent with your bibs and our team will be able to give you a COMBO sticker.

AWARDS

The top 3 male and female finishers overall in the marathon, half marathon, and 5K will receive an award.

The top 3 male and female finishers in each age group in the marathon and half-marathon will receive an award.

The top male and female finisher in the 5K in each age group will receive an award.

Awards must be picked up on-site in the Awards/Medals tent. Awards will not be mailed.

Please see the age groups below:

Marathon: Under 20, 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+

Half Marathon & 5K: Under 15, 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+

BEACH CITIES CHALLENGE

The Beach Cities Challenge is a participation challenge involving the Surf City Marathon presented by 361°, Long Beach Marathon, and OC Marathon events. Participants that complete these races consecutively are eligible to collect an additional medal after finishing their race. Participants must have completed the following races (in person or virtually) to be eligible to complete the Beach Cities Challenge at this race.

2023 SDCCU OC Marathon - Half Marathon or Marathon

2023 Long Beach Marathon - Half Marathon or Marathon

Those completing their third race, and thus, completing the Beach Cities Challenge at the race will have the BCC box on their Sunday race bib denoted with a marking. If you are completing the Beach Cities Challenge at this race, but do not have the BCC designation, please visit the Solutions table in the Bib Pick-Up tent and our team will be able to assist you.

Michelob Ultra BEER GARDEN

Participants 21 years of age or older can make plans to join us at the post-race Michelob Ultra Beer Garden to celebrate their race with a complimentary beer! While enjoying music, participants can take their pick of Michelob Ultra, Michelob Ultra Organic Seltzer, 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 Michelob Ultra 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)

Michelob Ultra Beer Garden Hours: 8:00am - 1:30pm



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!

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