



## The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim 4.4 and 1 Mile Bay Challenge Conducted Sunday, June 12, 2022

### POST SWIM OVERVIEW - Saturday, June 18, 2022

57 Pier One Rd., Bay Bridge Marina, Eastern Shores of the Twin Bridges  
Exit 37 S. off Rt. 50, Pier One Road, Stevensville, MD 21666

Despite threatening lightening-thunder storms up and down the east coast, GCBS took place as planned. On time, in safety with all swimmers accounted for from start to finish, both the One Mile Bay Challenge and the 4.4 Miles Bay swim. We received a major break from a very large storm cell which missed our location.

“The race starts from the shores of Sandy Point State Park, which is about 5 miles northeast of Annapolis. The course extends eastward between the two spans of the William Preston Lane, Jr., Memorial Bridge (U.S. Highway 50) and finishes at a small sandy beach on Kent Island immediately south of the Bridge eastern-shore.”

The 4.4 started from the Annapolis side of the twin bridges at Sandy Point State Park. Two waves of swimmers, swam back to the finish beach next to the bridges in Stevensville, MD. The previous swim was conducted in 2019, which also proved to be a very challenging event day.

The 1 Mile Bay Challenge started and finished in Stevensville at the Marina beach area, next to the twin bridges. The same beach was utilized by the 4.4 swim for their 4.4 finish.

Kudos to all 2022 swimmers, who first had to meet 4.4 entry requirements, and train during a very difficult weather/Covid-19 time period.

You all did it . . . all winners! Until next June, for the love of the sport and the always exciting, and challenging Great Chesapeake Bay Swim 2023.

Now, let's move on to some interesting statistics and this overview.



<b>4.4:</b>	<b>ENTRANTS</b>	<b>STARTED</b>	<b>FINISHERS</b>
	<b>573</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>485</b>
<b>1 MILE:</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>148</b>

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LIVE LINK TO VIEW SWIM DAY 4.4 and 1 Mile Bay Challenge RESULTS:

**Click on link below to view.** Each listed name also has a video link of their live finish. <https://runsignup.com/Race/Results/91381#resultSetId-322833;perpage:5000>

**When the page comes up, select the 1 Mile or just arrow down to select 4.4 Swim.**

All results were on-going sent via text to phone and on-going web site posted

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### **THE SWIMMERS: 6/12/2022**

This year, GCBS had the largest contingent of competitive youth swimmers. 13 to 19 years old. I communicated, one-on-one, with each of their parents/guardians to be assured as to the level of training/experience. Their documentation was submitted by either their team swim coach, or directly by their parents. All had representation at their swim packet check-in. Many are

first timers.

Your selected Swim Wave was entry-form selected, by each entrants. It was a question within your entry form. Your wave assignment was according to your entry form selection. LINMARK does not select your wave assignments:

**Wave 1 Selection: predicting you would finish OVER two hours.**

**Wave 2 Selection: predicting you would finish UNDER two hours.**

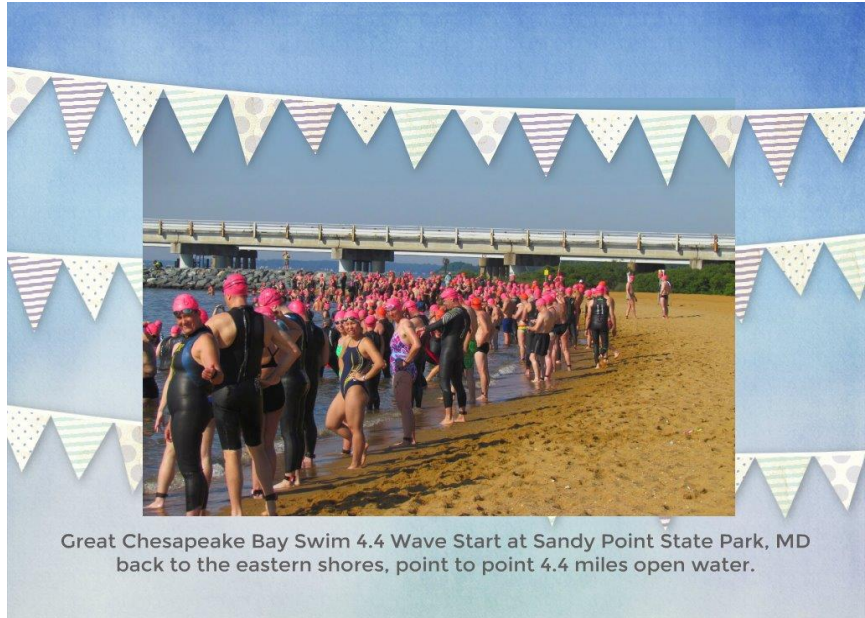
**4.4 wave start times were 15 minutes apart. Note: the program times you from when LINMARK actually starts our time machine, at each wave's start. The time gap between waves is removed by the timing process, and now reflects that all swimmers started at the same time. All then merged to reflect same start times : overall finish times, regardless of wave start time differentials.**

The **One-Mile Swimmers were assigned to their wave according** to their completed swim-entry form and fee-payment date. The only One-mile Swim Requirement, was to finish a one mile open-water swim within 40 minutes. **No swim documentation required.** 100 Entrants per wave, according to the date of their processed entry form with the required fee.

Completed-past . . . 2022 GCBS swim results (which we have on record) is a permitted 4.4 documentation submission. It is required to be within two years of the current 4.4 swim date. **(Thanks to COVID-19, of course, that time frame, for this year's swim, was just about non-existent.)**

**Swim documentation**, either from a past event, or a 1.5k distance - from the swim portion of a triathlon or a single competitive swim, is also permitted. If none of the above were available, LINMARK had a Witnessed 3-Mile Pool swim form, posted for entrants to either download or mail directly to LINMARK Sports . . . witnessed, signed . . . It was the applicant's responsibility to submit the completed form.

Specific, additional event requirements were all available and detailed, by utilizing the **MORE INFO. Drop-down menus listing of all info./instructional pages.** (This and additional drop-down options were available at the top of GCBS 2022 event page. **Unfortunately, this year, all 4.4 swimmers were mandatory required to submit 4.4 swim documentation to LINMARK Sports. *You all, were not happy campers over this swim requirement.***



Great Chesapeake Bay Swim 4.4 Wave Start at Sandy Point State Park, MD back to the eastern shores, point to point 4.4 miles open water.

**Let’s look at some of our awesome swimmers, whether they could or could not finish the distance:**

**1. Our youngest newbie youth swimmer was Ms. Lorelei Schmidt, 13 yrs old, from NC - she finished in 2:09:47, first in her age division, and 120 overall among male & female finishers field. **Awesome!**** (She was a lottery selected entrant. I hesitated to accept her, until speaking with her parents and received her coach’s submitted documentation.) (a proven dolphin)

**THE SWIMMERS: 6/12/2022**

Place	O'All	Events	Name	Age	City	St	Time
1	120	4MILE	<b>Lorelei Schmidt</b>	13	Raleigh	NC	2:09:47
2	139	4MILE	<b>Aliyah Majeed-Hall</b>	14	Arlington	VA	2:12:40

**We had Nineteen, ages 13 to 19 , GCBS swimmer-minor finishers. Six youth swimmers, finishing in lower**

**2-hour times, with the remainder under 2-hours range of times. *All dolphins* .**



**2. Included in the youth group, is our Overall Winner, and many times, during his youth-years, within the GCBS 4.4 top finisher’s field, the ever so classy and talented . . . **Matt Fallon, 19 yrs old, from St. Petersburg, FL, in a winning time of 1:30:32.****  
It is an honor to have such talented swimmers, as Matt Fallon, with GBCS for so many years.  
**Congratulations Matt, most excellent!**

Place	O'All	Events	Name	G	Ag	City	St	Time
1	1	485 4MILE	<b>Matt Fallon</b>	M	19	SAINT PETERSBURG	FL	1:30:32
2	2	408 4MILE	<b>Ryan Altera</b>	M	18	ATLANTA	GA	1:30:52
3	4	473 4MILE	<b>Patrick Donahue</b>	M	48	BETHESDA	MD	1:37:10

**Our Overall Female Champion, 18 years old, Caroline Benda from Parkton, Md in a time of 1:31:01. Strong finisher Caroline! Pulled it away.**

**Caroline Benda is another dolphin from a family of GCBS dolphins. So Good!**

Place	O'All	Events	Name	G	Ag	City	St	Time
1	3	4MILE	<b>Caroline Benda</b>	F	18	PARKTON	MD	1:31:01
2	7	4MILE	<b>Alice Treuth</b>	F	25	SALISBURY	MD	1:39:57
3	19	4MILE	<b>Samantha Elko</b>	F	45	EGG HARBOR TOWNS	NJ	1:46:54

**Top Master Swimmers: They Never Looked Back . . .**

**TOP MASTER - MALE**

Place	O'All	Event	Name	G	AG	City	ST	Time
1	6	4MILE	<b>Robert Bellamy</b>	M	40	LUTHERVILLE	TIMO MD	1:38:59

**TOP MASTER - FEMALE**

Place	O'All	Events	Name	G	AG	Ag City	St	Time
1	23	4MILE	<b>Dana Gianniny</b>	F	52	ROCHESTER	NY	1:48:14

**3. Overall Supermen:**

- **Martin Wasserman, 80 yrs old, Ellicott City, Maryland** finish time: 3:05:29  
Overall Place 4Mile: 438 out of 485 Finishers. (Of course he won his age group!)
- **Edward Briggs, 85 years old, Waynesboro, PA - Oldest GCBS Swimmer**, and also a consistent age division placer, was so disappointed to have to be removed from his swim. We should all be so fortunate to even be approved to be a GCBS participant at 85 yrs. Yes. He submitted his swim documentation. Amazing, taking on again . . . *the Challenge of the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim so many times.*

**ONE MILE BAY CHALLENGE:**

**TOP 3 MALES ONE MILE BAY CHALLENGE:**

1	1MILE	Luke Corey	M	16	CROFTON	MD	17:47
2	1MILE	Trevor Donley	M	13	SILVER SPRING	MD	19:33
3	1MILE	Alex Hartman	M	17	COLUMBIA	MD	21:08

**TOP 3 FEMALES**

1	1MILE	Sammy Weimer	F	13	CROWNSVILLE	MD	21:07
2	1MILE	Natalie Janiszewski	F	55	SEVERNA PARK	MD	22:42
3	1MILE	Mabel Zegowitz	F	14	CROFTON	MD	23:05

**IT'S A GCBS FAMILY TRADITION - CONTINUED:**

**Altera Family** Atlanta, GA: **Ryan** (18 yrs old, wave 2) **Ashley** 19 yrs old, wave 2 **Allan** 57 yrs old Wave 2

**Benda Family** Parkton, MD **CAROLINE BENDA 18 yrs old, wave 2 THIS YEAR'S OVERALL FEMALE WINNER!**  
**Brian Benda** (51 yrs old, wave 2) Also has won Overall during his many GCBS swims

**Breza Family** MD & VA **Scott** 51 yrs old, wave 2 **Paul** 54 yrs old, wave 2

**The CAYWOOD FAMILY!** They have scattered over the years, but it is a Family GCBS Tradition:  
**Curtis 63 yrs old Wave 1 FL, William 72 yrs old Wave 1 PA, Michael 45 yrs old Wave 1, PA**  
**Cattie 44 yrs old Wave 1, CO Christopher 37 yrs old Wave 2 VA** -- the family "youth" swimmer)



*Total of 5 Caywoods – A true dolphin Pod!*

**Dean Family** -- beginning their family tradition? From St. Petersburg, FL  
**Liam** 16 yrs old, wave 2 **Selah** 19 yrs old, wave 2

**Engstrom Family** Annandale, VA **Allan** 17 yrs old Wave 2, **Eric** 48 yrs old Wave 2

**The FALLON FAMILY!** They have scattered over the years, but it is a Family GCBS Tradition:  
**MATT FALLON** 19 yrs old, wave 2 **THIS YEAR'S OVERALL MALE WINNER!** St. Petersburg, FL  
**William Fallon** 59 yrs old, wave 2  
**Tom Fallon** 64 yrs old, wave, NJ  
**Frank Fallon** 66 yrs old, MD *Total of 4 Caywoods – Another true dolphin Pod!*

**The Gianniny's** from Rochester, NY, both in Wave 2: **Bruce**, 71 yrs old and **Danna** 52 yrs. old

**Must highlight SHIRLEY LOFTUS-CHARLEY wave 2, 70 yrs. old from Afton, VA**  
*Who, in 2018 received her 30 Year Longevity Award. This year was her 32<sup>nd</sup> crossing.*  
*She placed 93rd OVERALL. Time: 2:05:31. . . Awesome. Gotta love Shirley, now keep up with her!*

So many more which I would like to highlight from youngest to oldest, first to last, but . . . will never finish this swim overview! As they say "next time."

**GCBS 2022 Overview continues and finishes on the following page . . .**



HAVE SOME PHOTOS FROM GCBS VENUE 2022 YOU ARE THERE STYLE? SEND TO LINDA Toretzky to see if possible for me to do a college from what I receive. PLEASE SEND AS AN EMAIL ATTACHMENT.  
[lindat@linmarksports.com](mailto:lindat@linmarksports.com)





## THE GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY SWIM OVERVIEW 2022 . . .

It was a journey, for all of us, to finally start our 2022 journey, beginning with the COVID-19 enforced interruptions. It was frustrating, so many guidelines -- but we did it. Successfully, with correct entry processes, all timed, accounted for, from STEPPING ONTO YOUR start beach entry-point, to Your Beach Finish.

**Many, many "Thank You" to our long-term Safety Fleet. All sizes of water boats, staffed by men and women.** Experienced volunteers, year-after-year . . . keeping our GCBS swimmers always number one.  
Also, **Kudos to our excellent, so experienced, Medical Staff. All volunteers.**

**Thanks to everyone working at the GCBS Command Center**, with on-going communications land and water reporting, removing swimmers from water. From each start, to each finish, with their reporting and pulling of swimmer i.d. of those who did not proceed.

**Now, we all stand-up and thank the MARYLAND MARCH OF DIMES volunteers who staff so many venue positions, from packet pick-up tables, to event closure.**

**Also, we would like to acknowledge the Maryland Coast Guard, for their on-going swim support.**  
This year, Six Coast Guard Rescue Swimmers participated in the GCBS 4.4. *Awesome!*

GCBS continues its high-level of recognition because of the excellent groups associated with presenting year, after year, The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim.

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**LOST & FOUND:** Please directly email, Event Manager, Sherri Stolley at: [stolley@spfg.net](mailto:stolley@spfg.net)

**TO RECEIVE Your T-SHIRT or SWIM Award:** because you were not present or departed early. There is no cost to have your item sent to your address on record. If you send a request, be sure to include your current mailing address, sizes, which award, relating to your request to Event Manager, Sherri Stolley at: [stolley@spfg.net](mailto:stolley@spfg.net)

**PURCHASE GCBS EVENT ITEMS:** Please directly email, Event Accountant, Cathi Calato at: [ccalato@spfg.net](mailto:ccalato@spfg.net)

**GCBS 2023 plans to return to the 4.4 LOTTERY ENTRY SIGN-UP WITH SCHEDULED NAME SELECTION ROUNDS.**  
PRELIMINARY 2023 GCBS Information will begin mid-September, 2022.

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As always, you may also **participate in the GCBS Charitable Contributions 501(c)(3) 2023 program which has an incentive contributions level, granting you a direct entry-code, ENABLING BY-PASS OF THE LOTTERY ENTRY PROCESS.** [www.bayswim.com](http://www.bayswim.com)

GCBS corporate office directly manages the charitable program. Just go to the GCBS direct web page to obtain the charitable contributions form. Questions or Additional Information on this program should be directed to Event Manager, Sherri Stolley email: [stolley@spfg.net](mailto:stolley@spfg.net)

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**Questions regarding reporting of your 2022 swim-day times or data:** Please email directly: Mark Toretzky, GCBS Event Registrar & Event Timer, [linmarksports@linmarksports.com](mailto:linmarksports@linmarksports.com)



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