

# 9th Annual St. Croix Coral Reef Swim Two Mile Information

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## Two Mile Schedule

**Sunday, November 6, 2016**

- **Two Miles meet at the Mermaid Restaurant at 7:45:** Taxis will leave the Restaurant at approx. at 8 AM to head to the race start at Pull Point. Swimmers must check in at the Mermaid Restaurant in order to participate in the race. .
- **Two Mile Race begins from Pull Point at Approx. 8:15 AM.**
- **Swimmers begin finishing the race: 9 AM.** Family and friends gather at the Mermaid to cheer swimmers through the finish line.
- **Awards lunch begins at The Terrace Restaurant at 11:45. Remember your lunch ticket.**
- **Awards Ceremony Begins: 1:00 PM (approx.)**



## Safety Protocol

Kayakers are on the course as first responders in case a swimmer has an emergency in the water. Kayakers are not there to lead you along the racecourse, however they will instruct you when you have deviated from the course and must change your direction in order to avoid reef areas. You must obey their instructions.

**Should you need assistance in the water please take the**

**following steps:**

- ★ Stop and wave your swim cap.
- ★ A kayaker will approach you and give you a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) to put on.
- ★ Do not attempt to grab the kay or the kayaker as this will risk swamping the boat. They kayaker will contact a boat to come and get you get you.
- ★ If you are pulled from the race, you will need to stay on board until the race is over as they are not allowed to leave until the race is finished

Please make safety your #1 concern!

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# During the Race...

You will leave the beach at Pull Point and swim out to the first buoy and head towards Green Cay. From there you will head west back towards The Buccaneer.

Your goal is to swim from buoy to buoy to help keep you swimming straight. At the buoys you may either swim to the left or right of them. There will be a water boat available near Green Cay. At Green Cay you should keep the island on our right and the St. Croix shoreline on your left. Keep swimming from buoy to buoy.

You should now be able to spot the final marker boat and the triangle buoy that marks your last turn of the race. You **MUST** go around this buoy keeping it on your left-any other variations will have you disqualified.

After you round the final finish buoy and boat, favor the left side of the bay in order to keep a safe distance from the large reef on the right side of Mermaid Bay.

Once you round this buoy you will be in full view of The Buccaneer. Head towards the dock on the beach. There will be buoys in the water to guide you to the shore. Once you reach the shore, run through the palm-lined finish chute and be certain to shout out your race number so you can properly be scored (you must go over the pad).

Once you have finished, please keep moving through the chute and head towards the refreshments offered to you. Please remember that the timer is working and needs to stay focused on other swimmers, so please avoid distracting him.

## Please read the safety protocol so you are familiar with the procedures.

- Spectators are not allowed on the boats to Buck Island. Please discourage your friends and family from going out on their own motor boats to observe the race. The fumes bother the swimmers and there is a concern for safety with so many swimmers in the water. These boats may also confuse swimmers as to which boats to follow. The best place to observe the race is at the finish line.
- Do not put sunscreen on your arm until you have been body marked.
- If you are using a floatation device or swim aid you will not receive a time or placement.. Swimmers may use a safeswimmer buoy for visual siting.
- Water will be available from all the boats along the race course, not from the kayaks. There will be a boat every mile, so plan your liquids accordingly. This is a warm weather swim, so hydrate. Please pass the water bottles back to the boat crew.
- There are kayaks for safety in the water. If you are having trouble, stop and wave your swim cap and one will approach you. If you elect to not finish the race, you must advise Suzanne at the finish line as soon as possible that you have withdrawn.
- If you are pulled from the race you will need to stay on board the boat until the race is over, as the boats are not allowed to leave the race course until the last swimmers have finished. Once you get on shore, you must immediately report to Suzanne, located at the finish line on the Mermaid Beach.
- Swimmers are not allowed to touch the kayaks. This will result in a disqualification. Swimmers may hold onto an anchored boat at drink station provided they do not propel themselves forward.
- Swim caps must be worn during the race.
- Do not return to the water after crossing the finish line.
- You may not change your race distance on race day. Your declared distance at race check in is the **only** distance you may compete in.
- Race results will be posted at the beach. It is your responsibility to check the results for accuracy. Please check the TV screen monitors near the Mermaid Restaurant.

## Time Limits:

**Five Mile: First Turn: 1.5 hours, 3 Hours & 40 minute limit to complete the course**

**Two Mile: must have rounded the farthest east turn buoy: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours to complete the course**

**One Mile: One hour to complete the race**