

# 2017 Madeline Island Marathon and Half Marathon

## Pre-Race Email Update – 5/18/17

Greetings Runners! Here is some updated information for race weekend.

Course and weather update:

We completed an inspection of the course this morning and everything looks good. The town Public Works Department has already taken care of any issues caused by the rainfall the past couple of days. We are not aware of any issues with the major roadways getting to Bayfield and Madeline Island, but please check your specific route getting here.

Weather conditions are continued being monitored. As of this morning, severe weather is not in the forecast, but as we all know, things can and do change. If severe weather conditions warrant a delay or cancellation, we will update Facebook and the event website [www.madelineislandmarathon.com](http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com).

Special “Start Music” on Saturday:

As you are starting the races on Saturday morning, listen for our special “start music,” the song “Over to Old La Pointe” written by Warren Nelson.

Madeline Island Ferry - UPDATED:

For runners not staying on Madeline Island, the Ferry Line is **STRONGLY** recommending that you pre-purchase your ticket for Saturday morning. This does not guarantee you passage on a specific trip race morning, but will expedite things for you on race morning.

On Friday, the Ferry Line will be running its normal schedule to and from Bayfield. If you are not staying on Madeline Island for the weekend, you can park in Bayfield and walk onto the ferry (regular rates apply), Packet Pick-up is at the Madeline Island Museum one block from the Ferry Terminal.

On Saturday morning (race day), the Ferry Line will be making multiple trips. The first scheduled trip to the Island for runners will be at 6:30am. Boats will run between 6:30 and 7:30am. The ferry ride is about 25 minutes long. You must be on one of these boats in order to make the start of the race. Race starts at 8:30am sharp. Please also have a parking plan ready. You must be at the Ferry Landing early enough to find parking, buy your ferry ticket, and board the ferry. The ferry does not take reservations, it's first-come, first served, so please give yourselves enough time. You can pre-purchase your ticket the night before, but that does not guarantee you passage on a specific trip race morning. Regular Rates Apply.

\*We would encourage runners to carpool to Bayfield, park, and walk onto ferry. There is a free race day shuttle on island and there is no parking at the race start/finish.

Visit [www.madferry.com](http://www.madferry.com) for more information on the Madeline Island Ferry.

#### Parking:

Parking in Bayfield: If you are planning to park in Bayfield and walk onto the ferry, there are several lots available. Visit <http://bayfield.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/parking-map.pdf> for a map.

#### Parking on Madeline Island: Follow

[http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/2/1/8/6/21862050/parking\\_and\\_shuttle\\_route\\_2017.pdf](http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/2/1/8/6/21862050/parking_and_shuttle_route_2017.pdf) for a map. \*Please note there is NO PARKING at the start/finish area. There will be a shuttle running between the ferry, downtown La Pointe parking areas and the Start/Finish area. Walking and biking is recommended on race day.

#### Expo/Package Pick-up:

Friday, May 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Madeline Island Museum. The Museum is about 1 block from the Ferry Terminal. Museum displays will be open for runners to learn about the history of Madeline Island.

Saturday, May 20th (race day) from 6:30 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. at Joni's Beach (start/finish line). There are free shuttles from the Ferry Terminal and various parking lots in La Pointe to the start/finish line.

Madeline Island Marathon hats, stickers, and sweatshirts will be available at the Expo/Package Pick-up while supplies last. Please note: cash only for purchases.

#### Race Packets and Gear Bags:

Inside your race packet will be your race number (please wear on the front of your clothing), pins and other items from our sponsors. You will also get a gear check bag for warm clothing and anything you need post-race.

#### Gear Check:

Gear check will be available at the Package Pick-up/Post Race Party Tent on race morning. Stickers and markers will be available for you to write your race number on the provided gear bags. The gear bags will be stored under the tent and will be supervised.

#### Restrooms:

Bathrooms and portable restrooms are located at Joni's Beach on each end of the park.

#### Race Start:

Both the marathon and half marathon start at 8:30 a.m.

#### Courses:

Both the Marathon

([http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/2/1/8/6/21862050/mrathon\\_course\\_2017.pdf](http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/2/1/8/6/21862050/mrathon_course_2017.pdf))

and Half Marathon

([http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/2/1/8/6/21862050/half\\_marathon\\_course\\_new.pdf](http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/2/1/8/6/21862050/half_marathon_course_new.pdf)) have been certified by USA Track & Field. Keep in mind that both courses are open to vehicle traffic and that you will be restricted to certain sides of the road. Please follow all instructions by race officials or signs. Both courses have out-and-back sections and there will be two-way runner traffic. We ask that you be courteous of other runners at aid stations, especially on the out-and-back sections. Portable music devices are strongly discouraged, but if you are listening to music, please turn down the volume and be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Aid Stations: Water, Gatorade, Vaseline, and medical personnel for the marathon will be located at approximately miles: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10/16, 12/14, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 25. Water, Gatorade, Vaseline, and medical personnel for the half marathon will be located at approximately miles: 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12.

If you need to drop out of the race for any reason, please do so at an aid station location. The sweep vehicle will pick you up and bring you to the start/finish area at Joni's Beach.

Spectators:

We encourage same-day spectators to please take the 7:30 a.m. ferry or later and we recommend walking onto the ferry. You may choose to bring a bike to the island to be able to access various locations on the course, but we strongly discourage driving the course to spectate.

Finish Line:

The Finish Line is located at Joni's Beach. After you cross the finish line, you will receive your Custom Finisher's Medal, bottled water, Gatorade, and post-race snacks including chocolate milk. A medical tent is located near the finish line in the park.

The Post-Race entertainment begins at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The awards ceremony will start at approximately 3:30 p.m. Enjoy a free beer from Bent Paddle Brewing and music from 12-4 by Pachanga Society. Brats and hot dogs will also be available while supplies last. For spectators, we encourage visiting the restaurants that will be open during the race. For a complete list of dining options during event weekend, follow this link:

<http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/2/1/8/6/21862050/timeline6.pdf>

The last free shuttle from Joni's Beach to the Ferry Terminal and La Pointe parking lots will leave Joni's Beach at 4pm.

Results:

Results will be posted on the event website [www.madelineislandmarathon.com](http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com) after the race.

On-Island Dining - UPDATED:

All the Madeline Island Restaurants will be open Friday, May 19 for Pre-race dinner, pasta specials, runner specials. Several of the Madeline Island Restaurants are opening on race day, Saturday, May 20 at 5:30am with runner breakfast options. For more info on dining options follow this link:

[http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/2/1/8/6/21862050/timeline\\_9.pdf](http://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/2/1/8/6/21862050/timeline_9.pdf). Island

Restaurants will be open during the day and night on Saturday May 20, for spectators and runners. There will be a free shuttle from the tent at Joni's to downtown. 7am-4pm.

Thank you for choosing to join us for the 2017 Madeline Island Marathon and Half Marathon!  
We look forward to seeing you this weekend!