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SWIMMER REQUIREMENTS

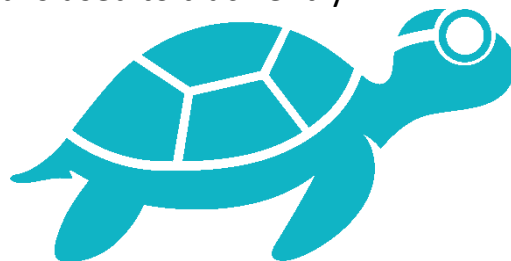
- **WETSUITS ARE MANDATORY***

- Required as outlined by event permit from US Coast Guard
- You may use shortie wetsuits (sleeveless with short leg)
- Check out our TYR discounts if you still need a wetsuit.
www.swimaroundmac.com/discounts

*Those with registered kayak support OR a registered land support person may swim **without** a wetsuit.

- **A SWIM BUOY IS MANDATORY**

- Swimmers must have name and emergency contact listed on their swim buoy or race bib. The race bib is to be placed in/on your buoy and is used to track entry and exit from the water at the start and finish line, respectively.
- Swim caps must be worn and will be provided at packet pick-up
 - Black & gray caps – individual swimmers
 - All other colored caps – relay swimmers
 - Silicone caps are available to those that identified they had latex allergies during registration. Extras may be purchased for \$20 (limited availability)
- Emergency whistles will be provided if you do not have your own. Please return these at the end of the swim.
- Relay exchanges must be made at exchange points or from a kayak.



SWIMMERS & REGISTERED KAYAKERS MUST PURCHASE THEIR FERRY TICKET from SheplersFerry.com by August 8

- Adults use the code “08islandswim26” at SheplersFerry.com
- Children use the code “childswim26” at SheplersFerry.com
 - Using the code gets you a \$5 (adults) or \$6 (children) discount.
 - Using the code **guarantees you seating on the reserved 6:30am ferry on event morning.** However, the code can be used for other ferry rides during the event weekend as well.
- Registered kayakers bringing their own kayak will receive ferry passage, in the form of a wristband, for their kayak. This wristband will need to be picked up at packet pick-up.

Exiting the water before the finish

- You **MUST** let a volunteer know you are done swimming.
- You **MUST** go to the finish line and check your bib # in.
- You will be responsible for walking to the finish line.
- If you need medical assistance, please alert an MIS staff member. There are paramedics at the start/finish and aid stations as well as roaming the island on bike.
- Another option upon exiting the water is to text your name and bib# to **616.499.4434**



**WE MUST ACCOUNT FOR ALL SWIMMERS
EXITING THE WATER BEFORE REACHING
THE FINISH LINE**

TIME LIMITS – 8 hours

- We will be instructing our staff at the exchange areas to keep swimmers moving to get everyone to the finish line by 4:00pm.
- If you fall behind an 8-hour pace, staff may politely ask you to walk a length of the course in order to reach the finish line before 4:00pm.
- Prior to the start, if you feel that you cannot complete 8 miles in under 8 hours, please attempt the 7 mile route.
- Any swimmer that is not accompanied by a kayaker and is still in the water at 4:00pm will be asked to exit the water.

Packet Pick-Up

FOR ALL SWIMMERS, KAYAKERS & VOLUNTEERS

- **Packet pick-up will only be available in Mackinaw City (mainland).**
 - All participants living on or staying ON MACKINAC ISLAND - and - arriving before Friday, please let Jon know (jon@swimaroundmac.com).
- There is no in-person safety meeting. You will receive a safety briefing video prior to the event weekend. Any extra questions should be directed towards MIS staff at the packet pick-up.
- Packet pick-up option #1
 - **Friday August 7, 2026**
 - 3:00pm – 6:00pm
 - Mackinaw Woman's Club - 310 E. Jamet, Mackinaw City, MI 49701
- Packet pick-up option #2
 - **Saturday August 8, 2026**
 - 11:00AM – 3:00PM
 - Mackinaw Woman's Club - 310 E. Jamet, Mackinaw City, MI 49701
 - **KAYAK DROP-OFF (for those on the mainland)**
 - 2:00PM – 3:00PM
 - Shepler's ferry docks in Mackinaw City (pg 5, see map #1)
 - Additional kayak info on pages 7-9
 - Kayaks will be brought to Mackinac Island and staged at the start line
 - This is not mandatory, you may still take the kayak on Sunday morning if you prefer



Weekend Itinerary

FOR SWIMMERS, KAYAKERS, VOLUNTEERS & SPECTATORS

- Friday August 7
 - packet pickup option #1 (see page 3)
- Saturday August 8
 - Packet pickup option #2 (see page 3)
 - Brad's Famous Bike Tour! – Saturday August 8 @ 10:00 am

- Hosted by local resident & MIS founding swimmer Brad Conkey!
- Brad will meet everyone at the Mission Point at 10am and give everyone a guided bike tour.
- Be warned, there may be hills!
- Brad has been known to be a friendly, charismatic and often generous host on this bike tour.



- EVENT DAY - Sunday August 9, 2026
 - FOR THOSE STAYING OFF ISLAND (Mackinaw City, St. Ignace, etc.)
 - 5:45am – Shuttle from Shepler's overflow lot (Mackinaw City) to ferry begins (map #1, pg 5) – otherwise plan for a 10-15 min walk (1/2 mi)
 - 5:45am – 6:25am – Bike transport tickets will be available for purchase at the ticket window (if you haven't done so online).
 - **6:30AM** – Ferry from Mackinaw City -> Mackinac Island departs with or without you.
 - Bathrooms are available at the ferry docks.
 - **THERE WILL BE NO BATHROOMS AT THE START LINE**
 - There is **NO ferry from St. Ignace** at 6:30am
 - 7:00AM – Ferry arrives at Mackinac Island
 - Begin walk from docks to start line. (map #2, pg 5)



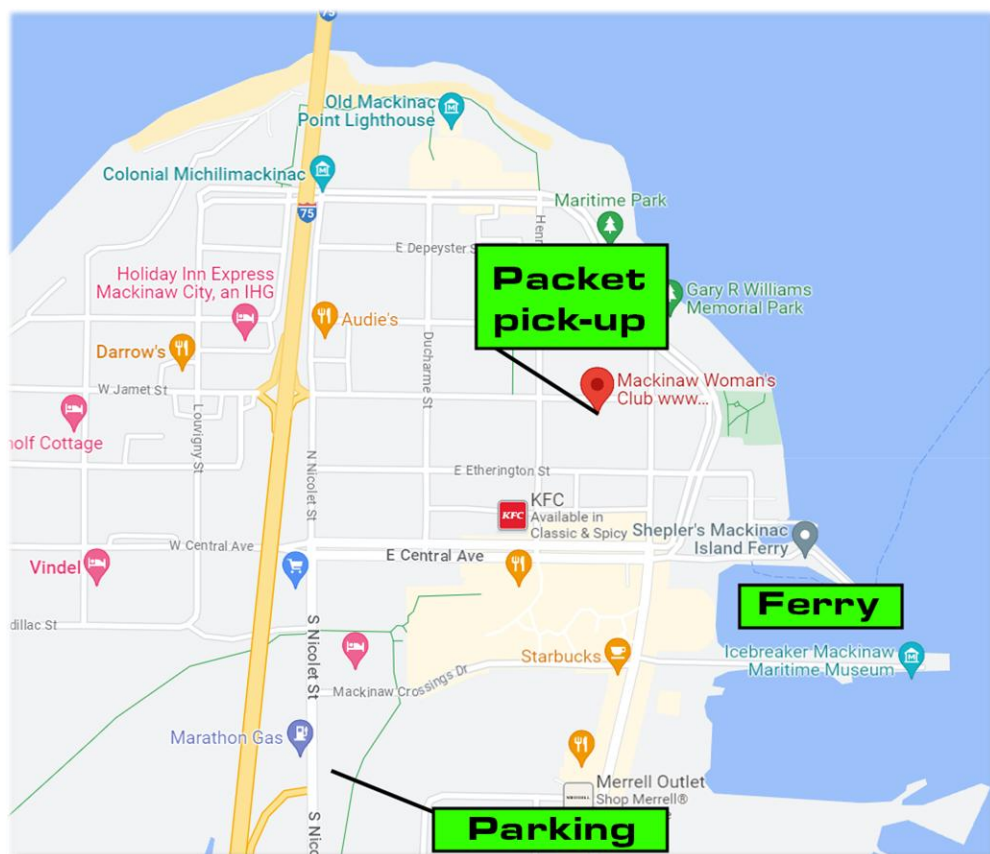
- Event day continued.... **APPLIES TO ALL SWIMMERS**
 - Walkers must remain on the boardwalk. The road needs to be clear for bicycles and horses.
 - **BAG DROP** will be available near the start line and at the kayak staging area. Have bags easily identifiable and labeled with your name and bib #.
 - Volunteers will load bags on the dray (horse carriage)
 - Bags will be brought and staged on the Mission Point lawn at the finish line

- We are not responsible for lost/stolen items
- **The Mackinac Bike Barn will be open starting at 7:00am for early bike rentals**
 - **Located East (right as you get off the dock) of Shepler's docks.**
- **Swimmers will align themselves on the boardwalk.**
 - Swimmers doing 7 miles (no 8.2 loop) will align on the north end of the beach (there is a sign identifying 7-mile route)
 - All 8.2 mi swimmers line up by their estimated finish times. Volunteers will hold signs with estimated times to help with organizing yourselves.
 - RELAYS – please do not congregate in the start chute. Lead off swimmer only.
- **REGISTERED SUPPORT KAYAKERS** must be in the water by 7:40am and headed to the designated kayak zone (pg 22 event map)
 - **DO NOT START FOLLOWING YOUR SWIMMER UNTIL AFTER THEY HAVE MADE THE TURNAROUND (pg 22 event map)**
- Kayakers supporting swimmers doing the **7 mi loop**.
 - You do **NOT** need to go to the in-water kayak zone (pictured pg 17).
 - You may enter the water north of the start line, by the “7 mi group” sign
- **7:45am – 8:00am: SWIM START**
 - We will try to start as early as possible. This depends on ferry arrival.
 - All swimmers will enter the water through the start line chute in groups of two.
 - The path is rocky; volunteers are available to help you in!
- **12:00 pm - Buffet opens at Mission Point**
- **3:00 pm - Buffet closes (boxed lunches will be provided after buffet closes)**
- **4:00 pm - Finish Line closes**
- **5:00 pm - kayak transport to Shepler's leaves (optional)**

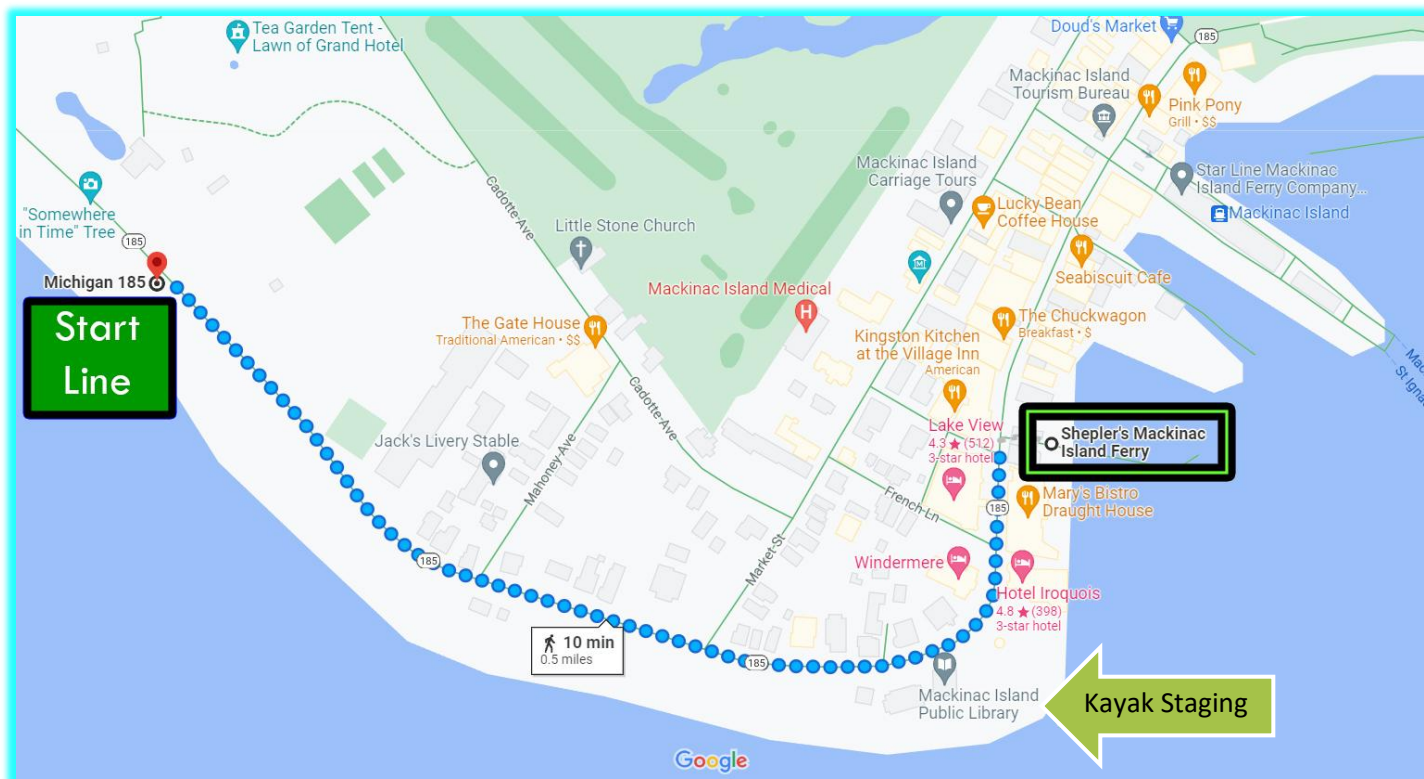


Watch this YouTube video for more info on event weekend logistics
<https://youtu.be/919zwYqd8So>

Map #1 – Mackinaw City: Important Locations



Map #2 – Mackinac Island: Walk to Start from Ferry Dock



PARTICIPANTS STAYING ON THE ISLAND

- **THERE IS NO PACKET PICK UP ON THE ISLAND**, please let Jon (jon@swimaroundmac.com) know if you are arriving on Mackinac Island before Friday. Make plans to go to packet pick-up before heading to the island (Friday & Saturday options).
- **EVENT MORNING INFO**
 - **24 hour taxi service available (horse taxi)**
 - If you would like transport to the start line you **MUST** call them at least a week prior.
 - Information can be found at www.mict.com or (906) 847-3323
 - **Start Line**
 - 1.1 miles from Mission Point to start line (20-25 min walk)
 - ½ mile from Shepler's to Start Line (10-15 min walk)
 - THERE WILL BE **NO BATHROOMS** AT THE START LINE – use hotel OR
 - Bathrooms will be available at:
 - Mackinac Island State Park Visitors Center starting at 6:30am
 - Near Pink Pony and the Marina
 - Shepler's Ferry Dock bathroom will be opened, **but not until the ferries arrive around 7:00am**



Map #3 - Mackinac Island: Walk to Ferry Dock



SUPPORT kayakers

- It is the responsibility of participants with support kayakers to have a plan in place on event day. The kayak portion of this event tends to be the most logistically arduous process. Please read carefully to make sure you are aware of all the plans in place to make this process easier for you.
- **No motorized kayaks.**
- **No inflatable kayaks** unless pre-approved by staff (email: jon@swimaroundmac.com)
- Stand up paddleboards (SUP) permitted, please understand this may be difficult.
- **You must always wear a lifejacket!**
- If you are bringing your own kayak and do NOT have a kayak trolley, consider purchasing one (about \$50 on Amazon). This will make your life much easier!
- **YOU NEED TO PURCHASE YOUR OWN FERRY TICKET FROM SHEPLERSFERRY.COM using code "08islandswim26"**
- ALL registered kayakers need to be at packet pick-up and will receive:
 - A roundtrip ferry ticket via Shepler's for your kayak
 - **Note: you will still need to purchase your own personal ferry ticket**
 - Wristband for your meal at the finish line
- Relay teams sharing a kayak among their swimmers do **not** need to register a swimmer as kayak support. However, if you are bringing your own kayak, you may still need to purchase a ferry ticket for the kayak upon arrival. During registration, there was an add-on option called "**Relay Team Kayak Logistics Fee.**" If you selected that option, you're all set.
- Kayaks may be staged at **Windermere Point*** beginning 12:00 pm **on Saturday August 8**
 - Please make sure personal kayaks are marked as your own with waterproof tag or marker.
 - We are not responsible for lost/stolen kayaks
 - *** Please see page 11 for the more information regarding kayak staging.**
- Kayak transport to the island.
 - Option #1, transport your kayak to the island via Shepler's at your discretion



- Store at your hotel, or at Mission Point Resort (Friendship Altar room)
 - Bring the kayak on Sunday morning. Head to staging area immediately.
 - Kayaks can be staged at Windermere Point starting 12pm Saturday
- Option #2, kayaks will be transported to Windermere Point for you **IF you drop them at Shepler's Mackinaw City dock between 2:00pm – 3:00pm Saturday August 8.**
- Staff will be available at Windermere Point throughout the day to assist with kayak logistics and answer questions. However, kayaks are left at your own risk, as there is no dedicated security monitoring the area. For added peace of mind, a live webcam records the waterfront 24/7 and can be viewed here: <https://www.windermerehotel.com/webcam.html>
- Those staying on the island but NOT at Mission Point
 - Please speak to your hotel about the best storage for your kayak. Otherwise, there is a storage room at Mission Point you may use (the Friendships Altar room).
- Those staying at Mission Point
 - Please store your kayak in the Friendships Altar room.
- Event day logistics for kayakers
 - Kayakers MUST be in the water by 7:30am
 - There is a designated location for kayakers to be at and await their swimmers. Do not leave this zone and start paddling next to your swimmer **until after they make the turnaround** (pg 22 event map)
 - Kayakers with swimmers doing the 7 mile loop, you will want to get in the water before 7:30 if you plan to kayak to the swimmer start line. Otherwise, you may start from the north end of the swimmer start line.
 - Be aware of:
 - **Waves**, you will likely encounter waves and currents.
 - If you are someone who gets seasick, plan accordingly
 - Have a plan to bale water if necessary
 - You will likely be in a kayak for **at least** 4 hours, maybe 8, plan accordingly.
 - **Bathrooms**, there is one public restroom on the course, it is at British Landing (pg 17)
 - **If you see something, DO SOMETHING.** There will be vessels and on shore staff comprised of medical personnel and lifeguards, but that does not mean they see everything. Please alert us (call, radio, wave down a boat, blow your whistle) if you see anything alarming. **For serious emergencies call 911.**
 - For other concerns please call:
 - Phil Meiste (paramedic) ----- 616.405.7245
 - Deb Vos (volunteer coordinator) ---- 616.990.1676
 - Jon Vos (event director) ----- 616.403.2523
 - Please follow the direction of our staff and do not argue with them. They are there to assist in the safety of all the swimmers and to follow the guidelines of our permits.

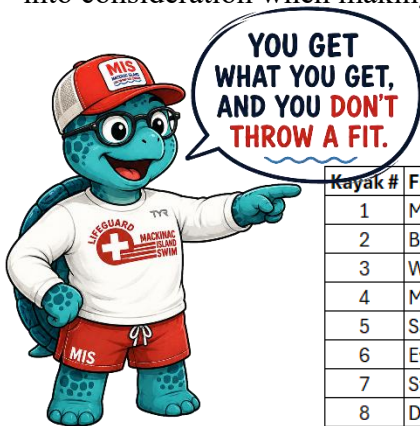
- There will be a designated kayak area for transport from Mission Point to Shepler's Ferry Docks.
This usually leaves Mission Point between 4:00 and 5:00pm
 - Not mandatory, but there for your convenience.
 - For those leaving the island on Sunday or willing to wait for their kayaks to arrive in Mackinaw City after 6:00pm on Sunday.
 - Kayaks will be left along Shepler's docks in Mackinaw City

Kayak Rentals

Our rental fleet is a combination of kayaks from three different rental providers.

A fair warning: These are **not sea kayaks**, and if Mother Nature decides not to cooperate, they can be a bit more challenging to paddle. The fleet consists of a mix of **sit-on-top, sit-inside, recreational, and touring kayaks**. In previous years, we essentially had a "first come, first served" approach to kayak selection. We've learned a few things since then. This year, **you will be assigned a specific kayak during packet pickup**, identified by the kayak number shown on the rental list. *All rental kayaks come with a lifejacket and paddle.*

Some kayaks are better suited for larger paddlers than others. If you think that may apply to you, it would be very helpful if you could **email Jon (jon@swimaroundmac.com) before event weekend** so we can take that into consideration when making assignments.



Kayak Rental List

Kayak #	First name	Last name	Swimmer or Relay	Kayak #	First name	Last name	Swimmer or Relay
1	Matthew	Barabas	Adrienne Fletcher	20	Kristina	Lovell	Paul Morrissey
2	Bradley	Conway	Kelly Conway	21	Mitch	White	Alexandria White
3	Walter	Cooper	Donald Cooper	22	Nathan	Piwowski	Cameron Mathews
4	Matthew	Dilley	Joanne Dilley	23	Shannon	Powers	Ethan Wire
5	Sam	Dion	Team Drip Squad	24	David	Mainero	Mariah Reading
6	Evan	Dogariu	Yongwei Che	25	Nathan	Robertson	Fynn Robertson
7	Steve	Eckert	Andrea Eckert	26	Mary	Rodermund	Natalie & Luca Rodermund
8	Donna	Finnegan	Jordan Finnegan	27	Ira	Schpok	Andrea Schpok
9	Dannielle	Hadaway	Lindsey Slack	28	Ethan	Schultz	Aspen Morgan
10	Allison	Hartley	Benjamin Guzovsky	29	David	Shustin	Yongwei Che
11	Craig	Hauser	Colton Donley	30	Andy	Smith	Holly Schmitt
12	Samantha	Hauser	Clara Meyer	31	David	Sroda	Sarah Swoch
13	Pat	Heyboer	Alycia Heyboer	32	Michael	Waldecker	Blake Hicks
14	Lauren	Hurley	Eric Barbour	33	Cameron	White	Jennifer Wang
15	Keith	Johnson	Cheri Johnson	34	Devon	Williams	Kyle & Dane Williams
16	Dale	Kerkman	Alyssa Kerkman	35	EJ	Winslow	Katie Glupker
17	Nicholas	Kilstein	Dr. Chloe Kannan	36	Benjamin	York	Katie Hermann
18	William	Kroppe	Patricia Kroppe	37	Carla	Howe Ruffo	Jenny & Kinley Birmelin
19	Taylor	Lebakken	Sarah Lebakken	38	Nick	Smith	Christine Smith

IF YOUR SWIMMER DOES NOT FINISH THE EVENT, YOU ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING THE RENTAL KAYAK AT THE FINISH LINE

DO NOT ABANDON YOUR KAYAK!

STAGING/START area FOR KAYAKS

ALL kayaks may be staged at Windermere Point starting Saturday afternoon. This is a large lawn just West of Shepler's ferry docks. Former MIS athletes may recognize this area from the "NO SWIMMING" sign.

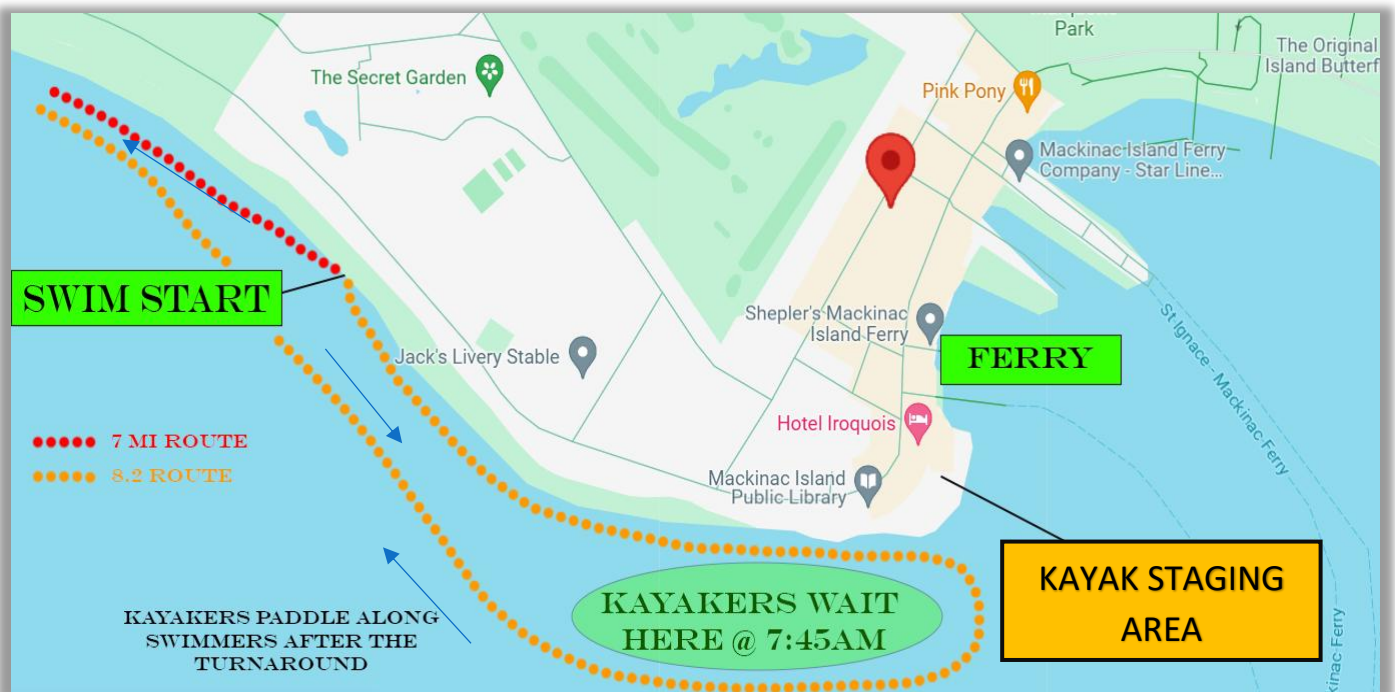
Kayaks can be stored here starting the afternoon of Saturday August 8. This is also where rental kayaks will be staged. The area is under surveillance and can be viewed from the webcam here: www.windermerehotel.com/webcam.html

Kayakers will be directed to enter the water from this area before the start of the swim. From there you will head to the designated kayak area, just North of the first turnaround buoy.

Note: Kayakers that are paddling with swimmers doing the **7 mile route** will need to be to the swim start line before the start. You should get in the water ASAP from the kayak staging area and head over there via kayak. Your other option is to walk your kayak the half mile to the start line, please understand this will be a congested area.



DO NOT START KAYAKING NEXT TO YOUR SWIMMER UNTIL AFTER YOUR SWIMMER MAKES THE TURNAROUND



RELAY INFORMATION

- All relays are responsible for creating a plan with their team
 - Prepare for the logistics of getting to/from each exchange location.
 - Many teams choose to have a bike, and backpack loaded with clothes/shoes/food/water/phone.
 - Bike rentals are available on August 9 at The Mackinac Bike Barn starting at 7am. All other rental sites open at 8am.
- Each relay team will be given one race bib with chip at packet pick-up.
 - Swimmers **MUST** exchange this bib during any relay exchanges. (place it in your buoy)
- The **5 relay exchange options** are marked by green buoys (see event map pg 22)
 1. *Start line (following 1 mile loop)
 2. 1 mi North of start line (before West edge of island)
 3. British Landing (Aid Station #1)
 4. Northeast of island along a pebble beach
 5. 'Last Chance' Aid Station #2 on east side of the island

*start line is not marked by a buoy, all other relay exchanges have a green buoy

- For relay exchanges
 - Relay teams must check-in with volunteers at the exchange
 - Swimmers shall not re-enter the water unless they do so at an exchange station.
- Teams with kayaks may make in-water exchanges.
- Distances between relay exchanges are shown on the relay exchange chart on page 13. Locations can be found on the event map, will be marked on event day with green buoys, and on land with flags.

Relay exchange chart



	Grand Hotel		British Landing		Mission Point	
	Start Line	Exchange #1	Exchange #2	Exchange #3	Exchange #4	Exchange #5
		(start loop)		(aid station)		(aid station)
Start Line	0	1	2	3.75	4.75	6.25
Exchange #1		0	1	2.75	3.75	5.25
Exchange #2			0	1.75	2.75	4.25
Exchange #3				0	1	2.5
Exchange #4					0	1.5
Exchange #5						0
Finish Line						0

*Yellow highlight represents the distance between each subsequent relay exchange

* To find distance between relay exchanges, find the intersection of the exchange you start at and the one you finish at
i.e. the distance between the two aid stations (exchange #3 and exchange #5) is 2.5 miles



AID STATIONS

- Each aid station will have the following
 - Water & sports drink
 - Food (a sugary option and a salty option)
 - Energy chews
 - At least 1 medical staff w/first aid
 - AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!
- Aid Station #1** – British Landing (mile 3.75 of the 8.2 route)
 - This has the **ONLY RESTROOM** along the route
 - Also serves as relay exchange option #3
 - Coordinates: 45.8774, -84.6454
- Aid Station #2** – East Side (mile 6.2 of the 8.2 route) Very rocky area
 - Coordinates: 45.8702, -84.6166
 - NO RESTROOM**
 - Final stop before finish line



THE SPECTATOR EXPERIENCE

CREW, SHERPA, HYPE-SQUAD, AID, SUPPORT, HANDLER

- First time to Mackinac Island?
 - Bring or rent a bike, it's the easiest and most enjoyable way to explore the island.
 - Watch for horses, they always have the right of way!
 - The island sits in the Lake Huron side of the Mackinac Straits, surrounded by some of the clearest freshwater in the world.
 - More than 80% of the island is protected as Mackinac Island State Park, with over 70 miles of hiking and biking trails.
 - Fudge... yeah, there's lots of it.
- How do I watch my swimmer?
 - Make a plan beforehand, what cap color will they have, what color buoy will they have, do they have a kayaker?
 - Great spots to look for your swimmer
 - Windemere Point (8.2 mile route only)
 - The Boardwalk
 - Any relay exchange point
 - British Landing
 - The entire east side of the island
- Bike info
 - Mackinac Bike Barn opens at 7am for MIS Event
 - just East of Shepler's entrance on Main St.
 - All other Rentals open at 8am
 - Rentals are around \$15/hr or \$100 for a 24hr rental
 - Ferry price to bring your own bike is \$21
- Ferry info
 - Spectators are encouraged to use the Shepler's Ferry discount codes when purchasing any tickets at **SheplersFerry.com**:



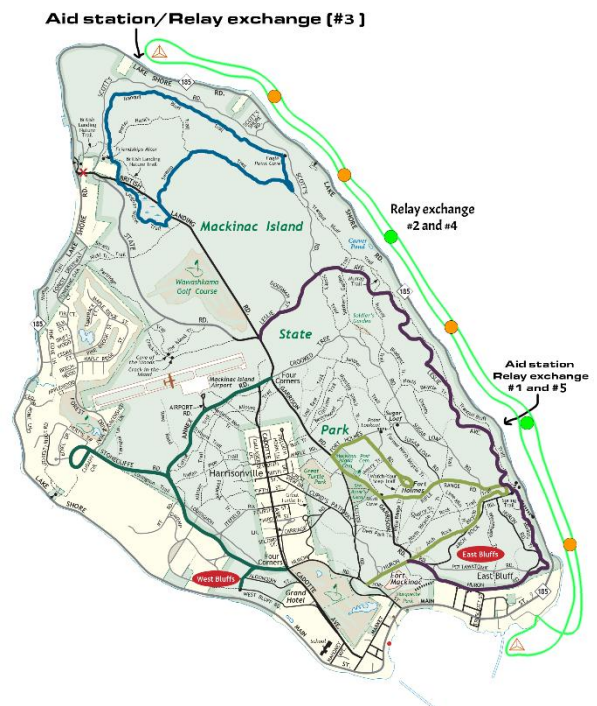
- **Adults:** 08islandswim
- **Children:** childswim26
- Spectators may board either of the reserved **6:30 AM** ferries on Sunday August 9; however, if either ferry reaches capacity, we ask that swimmers and kayakers be given priority. In that case, spectators are encouraged to take the **7:30 AM** ferry instead.
- **Please note:** In 5 years of this event we've never had either of these ferries reach capacity, but we cannot guarantee that they won't.
- Tracking your swimmer
 - Many Swimmers use:
 - Find My
 - Life360
 - Garmin LiveTrack
 - Apple Watch location sharing
 - Binoculars can be helpful.
 - **Have a game plan.** Decide ahead of time where you'll meet your swimmer. Relay exchanges and aid stations are perfect spots to cheer them on, snap a few photos, hand out a high five, or remind them they voluntarily signed up for this.
 - Finish Line information
 - Allow the Mackinac Island Swim staff room to do their jobs
 - If you have a buffet ticket, your name will be on a list or a wristband will have been given to you by your swimmer beforehand



INCLIMate weather and ALternate ROUTE

In the unfortunate circumstance of bad weather, our team will make decisions by 7am regarding delays, cancellations, or the use of an alternate route.

- In the event of rain, the event will go as planned.
- In the event of heavy fog during the morning of the event.
 - We may delay for up to 2 hours until conditions are deemed safe
- In the event of thunderstorms.
 - The forecast and a decision by our event team will decide if the swim is to be cancelled or delayed
- **Air Quality** – If the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) reaches a high-risk category, our safety team will evaluate conditions and determine whether a delay or cancellation is necessary. While this is highly unlikely, widespread smoke from wildfires in recent years has made it a consideration in our event planning.
- In the event of a small craft advisory
 - The event will be canceled if conditions are too dangerous for swimmers, kayakers and boaters to aid the event
 - An alternate 'out and back' route will be used on the leeward side of the island
 - Swimmers will swim out (north) staying towards the deeper water, and back closer to the shore. (see map)
 - Kayakers will no longer be able to participate.



**Lunch will be provided regardless of the cancellation of the event.
Come to Mission Point at 12:00pm to celebrate your hard work and
to support the Mackinaw Woman's Club**

DISCOUNTS

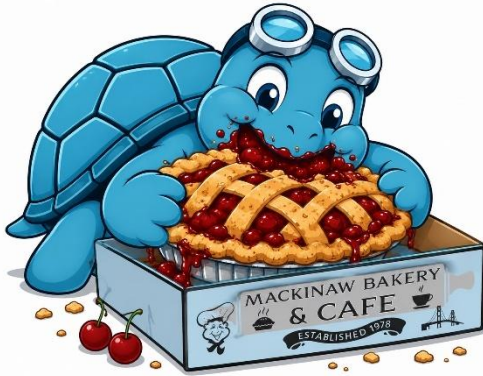
- **TYR offers a 40% off discount to all MIS swimmers.**
 - Instructions for how to log in to the team store can be found on our website: swimaroundmac.com/discounts
 - Once you are signed up, keep an eye out for emails from TYR for additional discount codes to add on top of our team pricing
- **Shepler's Ferry** has provided us with 2 reserved ferries this year. **All participants MUST PURCHASE THEIR OWN ticket using the code "08islandswim26"**. Spectators are encouraged to use this code as well to take advantage of the discount. The discount for a child ferry ticket is "childswim26". Make purchases at SheplersFerry.com
- **Mission Point Resort (Mackinac Island)** – Room blocks with discounted rates. Link at swimaroundmac.com/discounts
- **Murray Hotel (Mackinac Island)** – Room blocks for the Mackinac Island Swim at 10% discount. Use the code "Swim26" at MyMurrayHotel.com
- **Cedar Hill Lodge (St. Ignace)** – Room blocks for the Mackinac Island Swim at a discount for \$189/night. Please call them directly and mention the Mackinac Island Swim room block. (906) 643 - 9900
- **SBR Sports / TRISWIM** – 20% off with code "ERIKA20". Swim-specific skin care, anti-chafe, and chlorine removal products. Products will also be available at packet pickup. Visit SBRSportsInc.com to use the code.
- **Salty Britches** – 20% off with code "Mackinac". Premium anti-chafe ointment trusted by many Mackinac Island Swim participants, especially wetsuit swimmers. Visit GetSaltyBritches.com to use the code.



THE FINISH LINE

The Awards

If you don't already know, the Mackinac Island Swim is **not a race**. Our timing system exists simply to verify that everyone safely enters and exits the water. That said... we still like to have a little fun.



The first male, first female, and first relay team to reach the finish line will each receive a fresh pie from **The Mackinaw Bakery & Café**. We call it the **Humble Pie Award**. Why? Because swimming around an island is impressive enough. We want to recognize your speed without making it the point of the day. As we like to say, "**May this pie go to your gut and not your head.**" So enjoy your pie, celebrate your accomplishment, then stick around, cheer on the rest of the field, and remember that every person out there is

taking on the same incredible challenge. At the Mackinac Island Swim, we're far more interested in how you treat your fellow swimmers than where you finish.

The **Mackinaw Woman's Club** also presents a few additional Humble Pie Awards but for a very different reason. These awards recognize people who have inspired us through their perseverance, kindness, sportsmanship, dedication, or the unique way they've impacted this community. Rather than asking these recipients to be humble, these pies represent **our humility**. They are our way of saying that we are honored to have shared this journey with them and grateful for the example they've set. Because at the Mackinac Island Swim, the greatest accomplishments aren't always measured by the clock.

Don't worry if you don't take home a pie... you still get an award (and a meal)! Every participant will receive a commemorative medal at the finish line. Whether you completed a relay, the 7-Mile Swim, the full 8.2-Mile Swim, or simply made it as far as you could that day, you've taken on a challenge that few people ever will.

Be sure to pick up your medal before heading to the buffet. We don't want your pasta to distract you from your hardware! We hope your medal serves as a lasting reminder of an unforgettable day and everything you accomplished.

Finish line meal provided by Mission Point Resort

Pasta buffet served between 12:00pm – 3:00pm.

Caesar Salad | Penne Pasta* | Alfredo & Marinara
Sliced Grilled Chicken | Meatballs | Breadsticks |
Cannolis & Cookies

*gluten free pasta will be available

Cash bar will include craft beer, Bud Light, wine, seltzer
and soft drinks



Once the buffet closes we supply boxed lunches at the finish line. We want to allow every speed of swimmer a chance to complete the challenge, however, this has resulted in some swimmers not finishing before the buffet closes.

All swimmers and registered kayakers will receive a meal.

Those wishing to purchase extra meal tickets, **PLEASE DO SO BY July 24.**

A link to purchase a meal ticket can be found on our website: www.SwimAroundMac.com

THE MACKINAW WOMAN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER

Proudly Supporting the Mackinaw Woman's Club

The Mackinac Island Swim is proud to partner with the **Mackinaw Woman's Club**, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those in the Mackinaw City community.

Founded in **1914**, the Mackinaw Woman's Club is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to enriching the Mackinaw City community through education, philanthropy, and volunteer service. Through scholarships, community grants, support for local schools, libraries, arts organizations, food pantries, historical preservation, and countless volunteer hours, the Club has spent more than a century investing in the people and organizations that make Mackinaw City such a special place.

Since the very first Mackinac Island Swim, they have been an invaluable partner; welcoming participants at packet pickup, volunteering, assisting with event operations, and helping create the friendly atmosphere that makes this event so special.

Every purchase, raffle ticket, and donation made during the event helps support their mission and allows them to continue investing in the local community.



Raffles & Silent Auctions

You'll have the opportunity to win great prizes generously donated by our amazing partners, including:

- TYR
- RaceMaps
- Michigan Awesome
- Salty Britches
- Kilwins
- SBR Sports
- ...and many more!

EVENT MAP

August 9, 2026

6:30am - Ferry departs Mackinaw City
 6:45-7:00am - Ferry arrives on island
 7:30am - Kayakers in the water
 7:45 - 8:00am - Swim Starts

