

Wicked Participants,

Happy Race Week!

We hope you are getting excited for this **<u>Sunday's Half Marathon</u>**. If you have any friends thinking of registering, remind them & encourage them to register online, before **Saturday at 5PM**.

PRE-RACE PACKET PICK UP

(YES YOU MAY PICK UP FOR YOUR FRIENDS) Saturday, 9/23, from 10-2pm at B&S Fitness Programs GPS: 90 Leavitt St. Salem, MA, Enter Shetland Parking lot at the end of Leavitt St, veer left in the lot and look for Dock 19/20 with the B&S signage out front! Follow the steps inside to the facility. Sunday, 9/24 (Race Day), Memorial Drive at Willows Soccer Field, 129 Fort Ave, Salem, MA from 5:30am-7am

> (Issues finding either location please call/text: 978-594-7050) *Text is best.

6:30AM Sunshine Start: For many years we've offered a sunshine start **for those who are worried about finishing within the 4 hour cut off!!** This will give you an extra 30minutes, if your pace is slower than 16 min miles. Make sure you are at the start line, over by the tennis courts at 6:25AM, so the timing company can record your bib # before you start.

Dogs/Strollers: We do welcome dogs and strollers. We do ask that you line up in the back at the start line. All dogs must be leashed at all times.

PARKING: There is ample parking by the beach/fields, all through the Willows casino/entertainment area, along Fort Avenue and at the Bentley School (25 Memorial Dr) less than a 1/2 mile away from the race site. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARK IN FRONT OF ANY HOUSES AROUND RACE SITE OR IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OFF FORT AVE. **YOUR CAR WILL BE TOWED. PLEASE OBEY ALL PARKING SIGNS.**

BAG STORAGE: If you are getting dropped off or walking to the venue and would like to store your personal belongings, you will have the opportunity to do that after you check in, next to Race Day Reg. Pack light, as your belongings will have to fit in a clear 18x24 plastic bag provided to you. You'll be requested to label your own bag with your bib #

Clothes Drop: You'll have the opportunity to drop any extra layers at the first FUEL STATION at the Salem/MHD line at approximately mile 3. **All clothes will be brought back by 10:30AM and stationed by bag storage.**

Fuel Stations: The Half Marathon will have 7 Fuel Stations. (1-7) Fuel Stations 3 and 7 will only offer water. All the other Fuel Stations will have water and Gatorade. Fuel Station 2 and 4 will offer GU, Vaseline, Bandages, Porta Potties (DEVEREUX BEACH STATION)

Fuel Stations will be staffed by volunteers from our charitable partners, Salem Academy Charter School and Good Sports, Inc.!! Please be sure to thank them when stopping or passing by.

Course Details: The Wicked Half course is a USATF certified course and is one of the best around with some amazing views that'll make the miles pass!! We will start in Salem down by Salem Willows and follow Rt. 114 into Marblehead up around the neck and down through historic Salem, Derby Street and back to the Willows to finish. We encourage runners to always run with traffic.

Clickable maps are available on www.bnseventmanagement.com

Award Details: 9am will be the estimated time of the award ceremony.

Age Group Awards: Top 3 Overall M/F Top 3 M/F in each age group: Under 19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+ **No double dipping Fastest Team (Cumulative score for the top 4 fastest runners, 1 must be a female)

Everyone will be receiving a finisher medal at the finish line.

Results: The results will be uploaded on to runsignup.com where you registered for the race: https://runsignup.com/wickedhalfmarathon

Pictures: Be sure to smile crossing the finish line!! We'll have our event photographer roaming around pre-race and at the finish line snapping photos all morning. They'll be

uploaded to our Facebook page as soon as they are available and also a link will be made available here: <u>https://www.bnseventmanagement.com/wickedhalf</u>

Post Race Details: An assortment of homemade and packaged food/drink will be available post-race, including nonalcoholic beer from Athletic Brewing, Kates Real Bars and more. We will have Mimosas and a beer tent sponsored by Notch Brewing so bring some cash (venmo also accepted). Each beer/mimosa is an additional \$8. We then encourage you to head downtown Salem where there are several restaurants, bars, cafes, and boutique shops that are worth checking out. If you're looking for Food or more post run beverages, we recommend visiting any of these three partner restaurants including: Barrio New England who will be offering a "BUY One Taco, Get One 50% off", The Derby or Brothers Taverna who will be offering 10% off food.

***What's going around in Salem?! Salem Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival, Saturday and Sunday 11am-6pm, Salem Common, N Washington Square.

Thank you for choosing the **Tache Real Estate** Wicked 1/2 Marathon! We hope you have a great race and a wonderful race experience!

Questions: events@bnsfitness.com or 978-594-7050

Happy Running,

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