

Dear Athlete,

Thank you for signing up for the **Wild Fish Open Water Swim** this Saturday morning August 7th in Salem, MA at Collins Cove.

Please take a few minutes to read through the rest of this email, which will answer all questions you may have.

Quick Snapshot

Date: Saturday, Aug 7th

Start Time: 10:30 A.M.

Race Day Registration/Package Pickup: **Opens at 9:15AM & Closes at 10:15AM!** Please do not arrive earlier than 9:15AM!

Location: 102 Webb St. Salem MA 01970

Registration/Package Pickup: ONLY available on race day. If you are pre-registered and already know you would like to change distances or change your wetsuit/non wetsuit distinction email events@bnsfitness.com by Friday at 5PM. **If you already communicated this and received a response, you are all set.

Any changes after that can be reported at race day registration after you check in at the pre-registration table. **At check-in you will receive an envelope that will contain your index card stapled to the front and your timing chip. Don't lose that index card, it's your ticket into the water!!** Ankle chips can go on either ankle, and we recommend tucking it under your wetsuit if you are wearing one. You will also receive your swim cap and t-shirt at check in. No size changes till post event at the merch booth.

*****Wave Start Times: ****

10:30AM – ½ Mile Swimmers

10:35AM – 2 Mile Swimmers

10:40AM – 1 Mile Swimmers

Courses:

All distances will swim counterclockwise and it's a BEACH FINISH!!

The 1/2 mile swimmers will turn left at the first buoy and cut across the cove, following the buoys back into shore.

The 1 mile swimmers will complete 1 full counter clockwise loop and the 2 mile swimmers will complete 2 full counter clockwise loops, swimming around the closest buoy to shore to begin his/her 2nd loop. You DO NOT exit the water before starting your 2nd loop.

Swim Safety: There will be a dozen or so safety vessels on the water including the Salem Harbormaster. If you need help, or are feeling anxious, try not to panic. Put your hand up, and our safety personnel will get to you as quickly as possible. Each vessel will have a noodle if you would like to take a minute to rest. If you need to be brought back to shore for any reason let them know and they will assist you. We do encourage wetsuits for extra buoyancy, but they are not required. If you are nervous about the swim, please be sure to wear an orange swim cap so our safety volunteers keep an extra eye on you.

Parking: We do encourage carpooling if possible. There is parking along the cove and neighborhood parking. Please don't park where resident stickers signs are posted. For overflow parking please use the Bentley School parking lot, which is at 25 Memorial Drive, Salem, MA.

It is a short, beautiful walk along the walking path across the street back to Collins Cove Beach.

Bathrooms: Available at race site. No changing facilities.

Award Details:

Top 3 M/F Wetsuit in each swim distance (1/2, 1, 2)

Top M/F Non-Wetsuit in each swim distance (1/2, 1, 2)

No Double Dipping

Award Timeline: ½ mile: 11:15AM estimated, 1 mile: 11:45AM estimated, 2 mile: Noon estimated

Race Results: Will be available on runsignup.com where you registered for the event. [CLICK HERE](#)

Merchandise: There will be a merch tent with items for sale. (Cash/Check/Credit/Venmo)

Vendors: **Enjoy Your Life**, a lifestyle, apparel company headquartered out of Newburyport, MA will be on site selling a slew of product! (Cash/Check/Credit)

Post Event: There will be fruit and several packaged snacks to choose from. Boston Common iced coffee will be available for swimmers. We encourage you to head downtown Salem where there are several restaurants, bars, cafes, and boutique shops that are worth checking out.

Questions: Email events@bnsfitness.com

See you on Saturday,

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