

Coney Island Brighton Beach Open Water Swimmers
presents

GRIMALDO'S MILE VIII

1-mile point-to-point open water swim race
Sunday, June 30, 2013

Course description

This is a 1-mile point-to-point race from Coney Island to Brighton Beach. Starting on the beach at the end of Stillwell Ave, swimmers head straight out approximately 50 yards going around the orange buoy, turning left and continuing parallel to shore all the way to the Shorefront YMHA at Brighton Beach. There will be one large orange buoy at the finish, as well as a safety boat with flashing lights. Kayakers will line up along the inside of the course and keep swimmers away from the jetties, and jet skis will line the outside of the course to prevent swimmers from going out too far and prevent unwanted boat traffic from interfering with the swimmers.



One orange buoy will mark the final turn. Swimmers must swim **around** the orange buoys and exit the water and cross the finish line on land to finish.

Kayakers will provide help to guide swimmers. Jet skiers will constantly monitor the course for anyone needing assistance. There will also be certified lifeguards on land, in kayaks, on jet skis, and swimming in the water --as "swim buddies" at the back of the pack to reassure the more inexperienced swimmers to help guide them to the finish. We will have 4 certified beach lifeguards and 8 certified red cross lifeguards deployed at strategic points along the course, 12 lifeguards total.

Water conditions

Water temperature is predicted to be 69° - 76° F. There may be a weak to moderate current with light swells and chop from surf and wind. Expect random flotsam and jetsam, and the occasional jellyfish.

Swimmers

Approximately 200 swimmers are expected to participate this year, competing in 2 divisions.

Division 1 – No Wetsuit
Division 2 – Wetsuits

Everyone will set off at the same time, 8:00am. Last swimmer must exit by 9:45am.

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