

Manatee 2x1 Open Water Relay

With Tag 'n Go

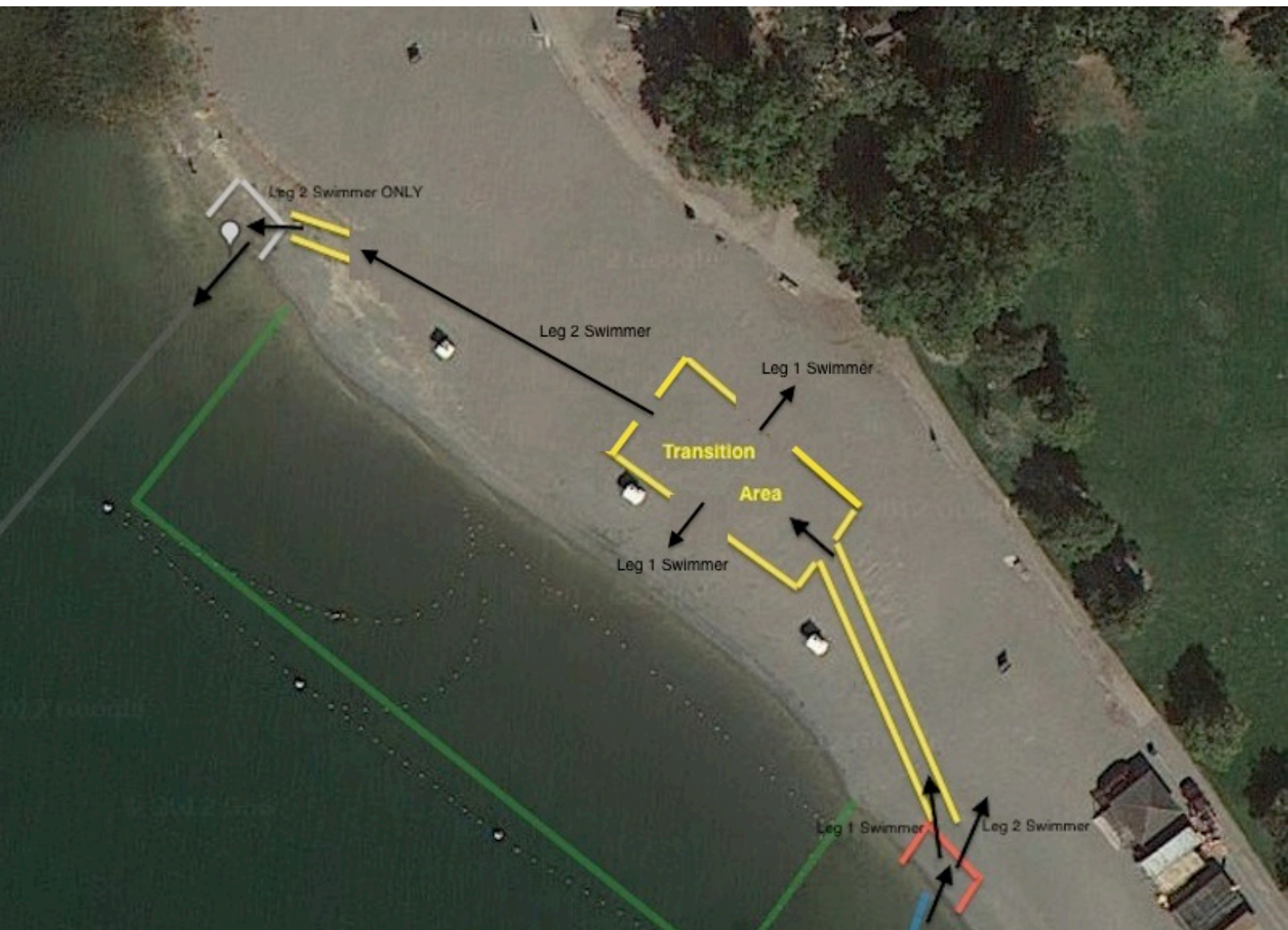
Leg 1 - water start at red line, follow the blue course. The Leg 1 swimmer ends their race by exiting the water through the finish chute, entering the transition area (yellow area), tagging their partner, and then exiting the transition area to warm down. Transition area details are below.



Leg 2 - Beach start. After being tagged by their Leg 1 partner the Leg 2 swimmer will pass through the entry chute, swim to their first buoy (small gray buoy), turn right, and swim the rest of the gray course. After passing through the exit chute their race is over.



The transition area is a fairly long way away from the exit chute and the entry chute for a good reason: any swimmer with a timing chip will accidentally record a finish or a start if they get too close to either of the chutes. The transition area is large enough to hold 100 people or so. The strategy is for the leg 2 swimmer to wait in or near the transition area until they see their partner exit the water, then meet and tag their partner in the transition area, and then walk or run to and through their entry chute to begin their swim. The team time includes the transition time. The leg 2 time only starts when the swimmer passes through the entry chute.



This map shows the location of the lifeguard headquarters which houses emergency communication and other support. There will be two EMT's stationed with the on-site ambulance, along with a registered nurse and her staff at a first aid tent on the beach. There are 18-20 lifeguards on paddleboards in the water during the event on "zone patrol", along with a EB Parks Lifeguard supervisor on the beach. In addition, there are two jet skis available for emergency transport (both off the course; one in the middle of the rectangle and the other outside the rectangle.) Not shown: The Independent Safety Monitor and a USA swimming coach who will be on the beach during the event.

