

## 2014 MADISON OPEN WATER SWIM

### Description of Race

The 2014 Madison Open Water Swim will be started and contested in three waves.

The *1<sup>st</sup> wave* will be swimmers without wetsuits competing in the 2.4 mile event. These swimmers must finish within 140 minutes (2 hours and 20 minutes).

The *2<sup>nd</sup> wave* will be swimmers with wetsuits competing in the 2.4 mile event. These swimmers must also finish within 140 minutes (2 hours and 20 minutes).

The *3<sup>rd</sup> Wave* will be swimmers competing in the 1.2-mile event. Both wetsuit and non-wetsuit swimmers will be combined in this race. Swimmers must finish within 70 minutes (1 hour and 10 minutes).

#### The Course:

The course is a 1.2-mile rectangle with 18 buoys to guide swimmers. The course layout is shown below. The course is swum in a counterclockwise direction and is marked by larger orange buoys at the four corners, smaller buoys on the straight legs with 2 smaller red buoys marking half way on the long length. Each buoy is approximately 100 yards apart.

Swimmers in the first two waves will complete two laps of the course. Those in the third wave will complete a single lap.

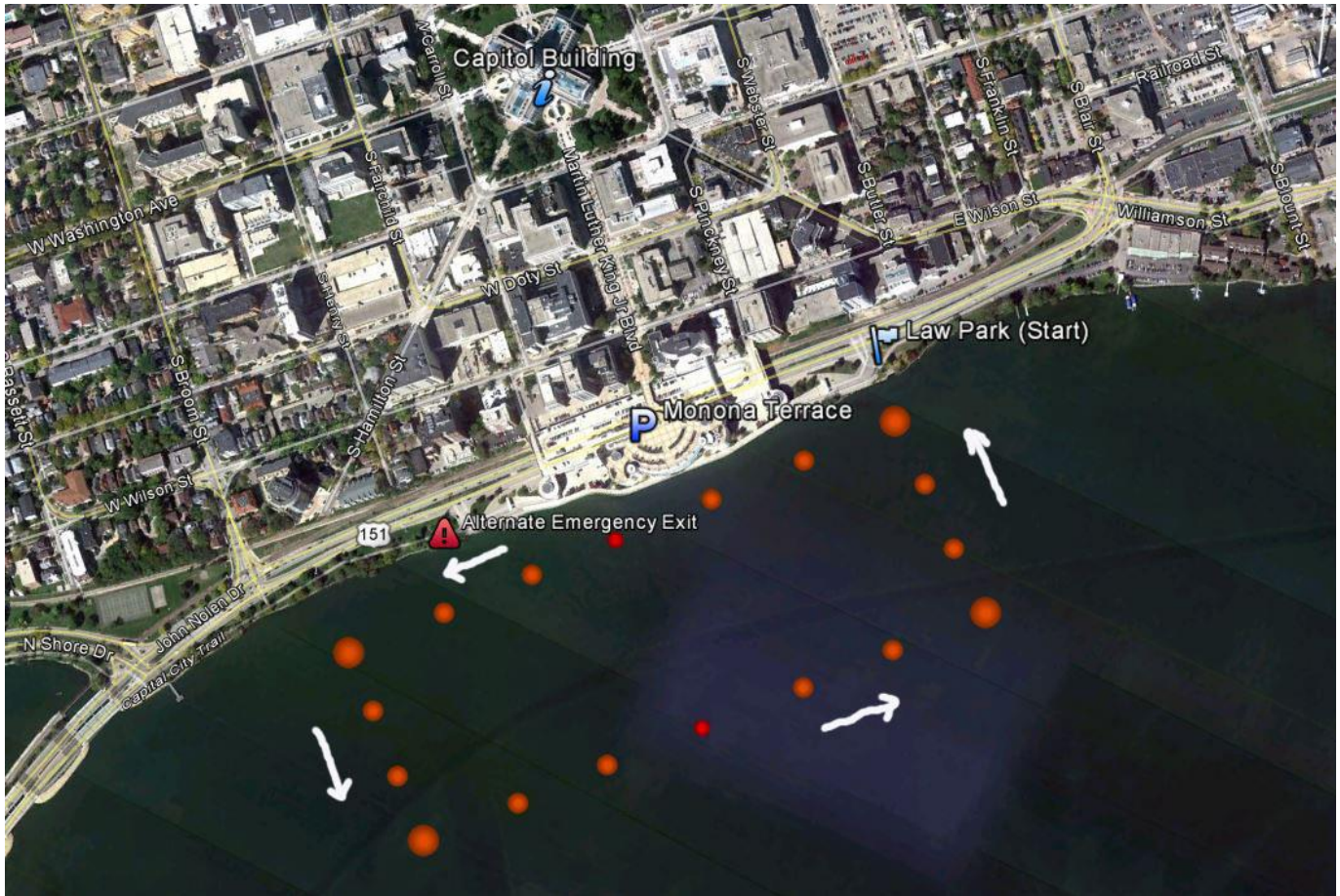
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### SCHEDULE

<b>7:00 – 8:10 AM</b>	<b>Registration Check-In</b>
<b>7:30 – 8:00</b>	<b>Monitored Warm-up</b>
<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>Pre-Race boat operator and safety volunteer meetings</b>
<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Pre-Race Instructions</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wave: 2.4 mile, non-wetsuit</b>
<b>8:40 AM</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wave: 2.4 mile, wetsuit</b>
<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wave: 1.2 mile, both wet-suit and non-wet-suit</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Race ends, any swimmers that are still in the water will be removed from the course.</b>
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Award Ceremony *</b>

\* Swimmers must be in attendance at the time of the award ceremony to receive an award. Awards will not be mailed to participants after the event, although you may designate someone to pick up an award for you. Awards will not be available until the conclusion of the event.

# Madison Open Water Swim Course



Participants will begin in the water at Law Park and swim counter-clockwise on the outside of the orange buoys.

If the race must be called due to safety considerations during the swim, an air-horn will sound with three (3) long blasts. Swimmers need to immediately swim to and exit the water either at the point where they entered the water or a secondary exit near the first turn buoy. The secondary exit point is marked on the course map. Kayakers and emergency evacuation powerboats will assist in the evacuation.