



2017 Galloway Captiva Tri is cancelled

Angie, Ken and I started working on the 2017 Galloway Captiva Triathlon over a year ago. We work hard to make this event fun, family friendly and safe. Unfortunately, Hurricane Irma is ruining all our plans.

We don't know the storm's path yet, but a storm this strong and big is nothing to trifle with and we want to be sure all our volunteers and athletes are safe. As a result, we are going to have to cancel the 2017 Galloway Captiva Triathlon.

This is the situation as we know it.

1. The races cannot be rescheduled, because there are already events planned at South Seas Island Resort on upcoming weekends and closing island roads is more difficult as the island gets busier.
2. South Seas will allow you to cancel reservations at no penalty. If you have problems, please let us know.
3. Southwest Florida Events, the company that puts on the triathlon, is a non-profit organization. We, along with most other triathlons, have a "no refunds, deferments or substitutions" policy. That is the reason Active has an insurance program. Those of you who purchased insurance can go through that process.
4. Despite this policy, we'd like to offer you some sort of compensation. We have paid for a number of things for which we cannot receive refunds. We would like to offer you a discount on next year's race of \$25 for the sprint, \$50 for teams for anyone who registers by June 1, 2018. Next spring, right before registration opens, we will send you codes to use when you register.
5. We also want to be able to provide Community Cooperative's Healthy School Pantry Program with a donation even though the race won't happen. With the impending storm, the children will need the food program all the more. Your race entry fees will help raise our \$35,000 donation this year for hungry kids.
6. We've spoken to USAT about one-day licenses. They can honor a transfer of the one-day license to next year's event. Their process is: Those of you who purchased one-day memberships this year will have to register for the 2018 event and then send USAT proof of the new registration so they will refund you the original one-day license fee for the 2017 event.
7. If you wish to deduct the cost of the triathlon from your income taxes (since we are a 501c3), we will be happy to provide paperwork. Just send an email to captri@gmail.com
8. We are trying to arrange for an opportunity for you to pick up your tee shirts. We'll let you know after Hurricane Irma passes. We are donating the medals to the children's hospital.
9. The 2018 Galloway Captiva Triathlon will be held Sept. 15-16, 2018 (weather permitting, of course).

We are sad to have to cancel this year's weekend, because we always look forward to seeing all of you have fun, reach goals and make a difference in our community. Please stay safe through this terrible storm, and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.

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