



## **Athlete Guide 2017**

Thank you for running the 15<sup>th</sup> Santa Cruz Half Marathon & 10K/5K

**Event Date:**

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Location:**

400 Beach Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Time:**

Half Marathon – 8:00am

10K Run/Walk – 8:15am

5K Run/Walk – 8:25am

This is self-seeded event. Faster runners please seed your self at the front. Do not seed yourself at the front if you are not a fast runner. When the start horn goes off, all waves will start through the arch. We are using chip time, so your time does not start until you cross the start line.

**Race Bibs/Package Pick-up**

The Santa Cruz Half Marathon, 10K/5K we will be offering various times and locations prior to the race for you to pick up all of your pre-race materials so as to make race day worry-free.

We will be offering race registration on race day

**Package Pick-up Dates and Times:**

**Friday, April 7th –4:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Sports Basement** – [Map](#)  
1875 S Bascom Ave #240



Pruneyard Shopping Center  
Campbell, CA 95008

**Saturday, April 8th – 11:00am to 4:00pm**

**Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk – [Map](#)**

Aloha Terrace next to the Cocoanut Grove  
400 Beach St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Sunday, April 9th – Race Day – 6:00am to 7:45am**

*There will be RACE DAY REGISTRATION!!!*

**Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk – [Map](#)**

Aloha Terrace next to the Cocoanut Grove  
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Please arrive early enough to pick up your race materials. The race will begin promptly at 8am!

### **Changing Distances**

**You can do it at the one of the packet Pick-up until the distance you want to change to is sold out.**

### **Picking up for a Friend**

Yes, you can pick up your friends or coworkers packet. You are responsible for getting the packet to your friend or coworkers. They can not be replaced. Please do not pick up for a friend or coworker if you have not arranged to do so with them.

### **About the Timing**

**Your chip is on your BIB. This bib MUST be worn on the front of your body exposed.** If it is covered it is possible you will not receive a time. Do not remove the chip from the bib! Make sure your bib is viewable.

We will be tracking splits points on the Half Marathon course.

### **T-Shirts**



T-shirts for the Santa Cruz Half Marathon, 10K/5K will be **handed out at the end of the race**. We have done our best to order the correct sizing for everyone... But we have to order T-shirt well in advance of the race and we have tried our best to predict what sizes will be needed from the time we order to race day. Sorry in advance if we run out of your size.

### Aid Stations

There are aid stations about every 2 miles. They will have sports drink and water.

Half Marathon Aid Station:

Aid will be provided at the start, finish and at six course aid stations as follows:

- Start Zone on Beach Street (Water)
- Station 1 on West Cliff (Water)
- Station 2 on Mission St. (Water, Gel)
- Station 3 in Wilder Ranch Parking Lot (Water, Sports Drink)
- Station 4 in Wilder Ranch Parking Lot (Water, Sports Drink)
- Station 5 on Mission St. (Water, Gel)
- Station 6 on West Cliff (Water)
- Finish Line on the Main Beach (Water, Food)

10K Run/Walk:

Aid will be provided at the start, finish and at two course aid stations located near miles 2 & 4.

- Start Zone on Beach Street (Water)
- Station 1 on West Cliff (Water)
- Station 2 on West Cliff (Water)
- Finish Line on the Main Beach (Water, Food)

5K Mini Mermaid Run

Aid will be provided at the start, finish and at one course aid stations located near mile 2.

- Start Zone on Beach Street (Water)
- Station 1 on West Cliff (Water)
- Finish Line on the Main Beach (Water, Food)



### **Port-a-Potties**

We have port-a-potties near the start and finishline. Give yourself enough time to use them. There will be near each aid station along the course.

### **Pacers**

There will pacers in the start area holding up pace signs. These pace signs are times they are shooting for. Get near the one you want to run with and they will help you make your time. Remember anyone could have a bad day, even a pacer. Remember to thank them. Pacers are provided by Running Addicts.

### **Road Closer/Walkers /Time Limit**

The Course will be managed at a 15 minute per mile pace. Aid stations and volunteers will start clearing the course shortly. You can finish on your own, but it's likely the finish area will be down. We will hold the finish arch up as long as we can.

### **Volunteers**

We have done our best to put volunteers out on this course. Please thank them.

### **Parking Information**

The Santa Cruz Half Marathon & 10K start line, registration and packet pick-up all take place near the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk at 400 Beach Street in Santa Cruz, CA 95060. The actual start line is at the corner of Beach and Main Streets.

For door-to-door driving directions [click here.](#)

For a map of the Santa Cruz area, [click here.](#)

### **Driving Directions**

- From Hwy 1 or Hwy 17
- Exit at Ocean Street heading south
- Right on San Lorenzo Blvd.
- Left on Riverside Ave.
- Right on 2nd Street
- Left on Cliff Street
- Left on Beach Street and into public parking on your left or metered parking adjacent to Beach Street.

**Parking**

The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk has several public lots and the daily parking fee is \$15. All lots will be open and accessible on race day. There is additional metered and free parking in the surrounding area.

Please plan to arrive early. Many of the streets around the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk are one-way street and can be a bit confusing. If you plan to park in the main Boardwalk parking lot after 7:30am, you may miss the start of the race!