

# RACE DAY INFO



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Dear Racers,

Congratulations on making it into the 2013 Charlotte Bridges Half Marathon! We are excited to be bringing a Covered Bridge Half Marathon back and are excited to have your run this new course. We expect it to be a beautiful, fast half marathon! Please read below for important information regarding pre-race pickup, race day procedures, course information and more.

**Pre-race Packet Pickup:** This year, for all of our races, racers will be able to pick up their numbers and other relevant items at Fleet Feet Sports in Essex Junction, VT the day before the race. Fleet Feet Sports is located at 76 Pearl Street (across the street from the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds) and hours of pickup for this particular race will be **Friday, September 13 from noon until 6:30 pm**. You may pick up your own packet as well as that of a friend as long as your friend doesn't need to sign a waiver or HIPAA form. (If you signed up via active.com, no signatures are needed.) Those who pick up their packet the day before the race do not need to arrive until just prior to the Pre-Race meeting (7:45 am). For those wishing to pick up their packets on race day, please arrive as early as you are able.

**The Course:** For this race, we are using a 13.1 mile out-and-back course starting and finishing at Shelburne Beach, at the end of Beach Road in Shelburne, Vermont. The race map for all of our races can be found at <http://www.racevermont.com/maps/>. Just click on the Covered Bridges Half Marathon link. Please note that this race map was just recently updated with the new route on July 11, 2013, so if you haven't reviewed the map since you registered, you might want to take a look. You will begin at Shelburne Beach where you will enjoy a beautiful view of Lake Champlain and the Adirondack mountains before you start out on some beautiful country roads passing by Shelburne Orchards before reaching the Holmes Covered Bridge at Charlotte Beach where you will have again enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Champlain. Continue enjoying the countryside of Charlotte before turning around and returning back through the covered bridge. This route is made up of both paved and dirt roads and is relatively flat.

**Parking:** Please park in the lot at the top of Beach Street. There will be parking volunteers to help you find your spot.

**Race Day Timeline:**

**6:45-7:40 am** – Race Day registration and packet pickup (There will be NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION.)

**7:45 – 7:55 am** – Race Director announcements at Shelburne Beach

**8:00 am** – Start of Race

**9:15 am** – First Finisher (1-1/4 hrs +/-)

**9:30 am** – Food and refreshments offered

**11:00 am** – Last Finisher (3 hrs +/-) **RACE COURSE CLOSED AFTER 3 HOURS.**

**11:05 am** – Awards and raffle.

**Post- Race Refreshments are provided by Shelburne Supermarket, Coca-Cola, Nuun, and North Ferrisburgh Bakery & Deli.**

**Some important notes about race day and the race:**

- Due to the number of racers participating in this race, parking will be at a premium. Please cooperate with our parking volunteers.
- The use of personal music devices is strongly discouraged at this race. To enjoy all that our race has to offer and for the safety of all participants, Racevermont.com encourages a headphone-free environment during the running of our races. If you do choose to use a music device, **PLEASE REMOVE YOUR EARPHONES/EAR BUDS PRIOR TO RE-ENTERING SHELburne BEACH FOR YOUR APPROACH TO THE FINISH LINE.** Not only do we want you to hear traffic that may be headed your way, but the timing team may need to get your attention.
- Racevermont.com has no objection to and does not discourage the safe and prudent use of strollers or baby joggers during our races. Stroller or baby joggers or similar devices should be started in the back of the runners and walkers.
- Racers must be courteous to other racers, volunteers, race officials, spectators at all times.
- Racers must adhere to/abide by instructions, warnings, course signs from race director, race officials, volunteers, police, state and local traffic laws.
- All athletes must clearly display their bib #'s on the front of their body throughout the course
- **Race numbers MUST BE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES, BUT ESPECIALLY WHEN APPROACHING THE FINISH LINE. Accurate race results may depend on the timing team being able to see your bib number. This race will be chip timed. It is very important that you not fold or otherwise damage the chip that may be attached to the back of your bib number.**
- **Runners can only run two abreast.** This will be enforced by the Race Director, course volunteers, and Shelburne Police. The future of this event depends on your cooperation.
- **Race Prizes will not be mailed.** You must be present to receive your race prize (thank you for your understanding with this.) If you must leave early, hopefully you can have someone at the finish pick up the award for you.

Thank you for supporting the Racevermont.com 2013 Race Series . The success of the Racevermont.com Race Series is due to your continued participation, the support of our volunteers, and to the many volunteers who help support Racevermont.com and all of our racers throughout the year.

Our final half marathon will be held on Sunday, November 3. This race still has openings. Please consider joining us for our final race of the year. We hope to see you there!

Be well,

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