

Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon Plan of Action (PDF of [MCHH_OpPlan.pdf](#) - right click save as)

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Participants

- **Scott Larimer, KN4RPA ECIC (540--604--3196)**
- N4YMJ - Carroll Blake
- KK4WPR - Thomas Boergert
- N4ASX - Richard Bunn
- W5DXC - Jeffrey Burnett
- K4DWX - Leonard Burnett
- KV4RC - Michael Carrancho
- N4MEG - Megan Cheeks
- WC4J - Jack Cochran
- WB0RQF - Randy Cottle
- WB4TYS - John Cross
- NO3B - David Garvin
- KM4CCG - Greg Gresham
- KK4TCE - John Held

- KQ4EOL - Scott Houppermans
- KO4DCT - Larry Just
- KM4JMD - Sharon Kenny
- AA2FD - Robert Kenny Jr
- KA8CFM - Thomas Klimkowski
- KG4GIY - David Lane
- KO4CRM - James Langendorfer
- KX4JTL - John Launius
- W4GDD - Henry Mausolf
- K4OSL - Brian Mausolf
- KU4C - James McCloud
- KI4BXU - Erik Misavage
- KG4RSK - Edgar Morris Jr
- KD2HRC - Andy Moy
- KV4TZ - David Perrussel
- KY4WO - John Quaderer
- K4CAS - Clifford Scholl
- KB8RTZ - Patrick Schwarz
- N1BED - Marc Spaziano
- KQ4BTL - Jeff Staley
- KK4VR - Sam Stello
- N9VT - Andy Thompson
- KN4EXG - Timothy Wagner

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Assignments

2023 Marine Corps Historic Half					
Sunday 21 May 2023: Race Start 0600 Net Check in 0515					
Voice: Pri - MWH UHF Repeater 442.850 (+) PL 79.7 Alt - KATS Repeater 147.015 (+) 79.7					
	Station Name	Location	Service	Call	Name E-Mail/Cell Phone
1	Net Control	ROC-Expo Center	Voice	KN4RPA	Scott Larimer -ECIC kn4rpa@arrl.net/5406043196
2	Net Control		Voice	N9VT	Andy Thompson
3	G6	G6 Trailer -Outside Expo Center	Voice		
4	Shadow (CAPT Hoover)	Start/Finish Aid - Roving	Voice	KG4GY	David Lane
5	Aid Stn Start-Finish	Field in front of Wegmans at corner of Carl D Silver Pkwy & Gordon Shelton	Voice	KO4DCT	Larry Just
6			Voice	KQ4EOL	Scott Houppermans
7	Start-Finish Line	Carl D Silver Pkwy & Gordon Shelton	Voice	KD2HRC	Andy Moy
8	Mile 1 & Mile 12	Cowan Blvd at I-95 overpass	Voice	KK4WPR	Thomas Boergert
9	Water Point 1/6	Cowan Blvd near Hospital Dr	Voice	KI4BKU	Erik Misavage
10	Mile 2	Cowan Blvd by Hugh Mercer Elem.	Voice	NC3B	David Garvin
11			Voice	N4MEG	Megan Cheeks
12	Mile 3	Williams St just West of Rt 1	Voice	KU4C	Jim McCloud
13	Aid Station 1	Williams St & Old Williams St	Voice	KV4RC	Michael Carrancho
14		Williams St & Old Williams St	Voice	KX4JTL	John Launius
15	Mile 4/Water Point 2	William St & Sunken Rd.	Voice	K4DWX	Pete Burnett
16	Mile 5	Sunken Rd & Madison St	Voice	KK4TCE	John Held
17	Mile 6	Washington Ave between Mary Ball St & Pitt St	Voice	KM4CCG	Greg Gresham
18	Permpers Start/Water Point 3/Aid Stn 2	Washington Av Near Old Hospital	Voice		
19	Aid Stn 2		Voice	W5DXC	Jeffrey Burnett
20	Mile 7	Fall Hill Ave & Canal Path	Voice	KN4EXG	Tim Wagner
21	Food Stop 1	Caroline St & Charlotte St	Voice	K4CAS	Clifford Scholl
22	Mile 8	Caroline St & George St	Voice	K88RTZ	Patrick Schwarz
23	Aid Stn 3/Water 4	Sophia St & Lewis St	Voice	W4GDD	Henry Mausolf
24			Voice	K4OSL	Brian Mausolf
25	Mile 9	Caroline St near entrance to Old Mill Park	Voice	KV4TZ	David Perrussel
			Voice	KQ4STL	Jeffrey Staley
27	Mile 10	Fall Hill Ave between Hanson Ave & Woodford St	Voice	W84TYS	John Cross
28	Food Stop 2	Fall Hill Ave & Linden Ave	Voice	KK4VR	Sam Stello
29			Voice	K8CFM	Thomas Klimkowski
30	Water Point 5	Mary Washington Blvd by Traffic Circle	Voice	WB0RQF	Randy Cottle
31	Mile 11	Hospital Dr & Park Hill Dr	Voice	KG4RSK	Edgar Morris
32	Aid Stn 4	Hospital Dr in grass at circle	Voice	KM4JMD	Sharon Kenny
33			Voice	KO4CRM	Bobby Langendorfer
34	Aid Stn 5	Cowan Blvd & Carriage Ln	Voice	AA2FD	Bob Kenny
35			Voice	N4YMI	Carroll Blake
36	Water Point 7	Cowan Blvd by McDonalds	Voice	WC4J	Jack Cochran
37	Mile 13	Carl D Silver Pkwy by Sheetz	Voice	N4ASX	Richard Bunn
38	Mile 14 - DDD Only	Gordon Shelton Blvd Turn Around DDD	Voice	KY4WO	John Quaderer
39	TailEnd Charlie Sweep	Mobile Sweep w/Driver	Driver/Voice	N18ED	Marc Spaziano
40	Rescue Squad	Mobile w/Rescue Squad. Meet point is usually in front of Wegmans	Voice		

[https://d.docs.live.net/e46409c99474e2d5/Documents/Event Coordination/2023/Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon/2023 MCHH SignUp-Assignment Sheet - Working.xlsx](https://d.docs.live.net/e46409c99474e2d5/Documents/Event%20Coordination/2023/Marine%20Corps%20Historic%20Half%20Marathon/2023%20MCHH%20SignUp%20Assignment%20Sheet%20-%20Working.xlsx)

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Course Access

Access to the Race Course will be restricted. You will need a wrist band, parking pass (see parking later), and the MCM organization will also be providing vests for the ham radio operators. I will be picking up the vests and wristbands from the MCM Monday, May 8th. You will need both the day of the event. All runners and volunteers have been told to look for these vests if there are issues that need to be communicated. **If you are not wearing the wristband, you will not be allowed on the course.** Below are the pick-up dates & time, locations, and talk-in repeater I have set up. If none of these work for you please contact me immediately so we can try to work something out. **IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DISTRIBUTE VEST AND WRISTBANDS ON RACE DAY!** King George folks, please let me know if you plan on picking up during the time I have scheduled in KG. If I haven't heard from you I may not stay the entire hour and may head back to work. I'm normally on base Tues-Thur if you have base access and want to schedule another time with me.

MCHH Vest and Wristband Pick-up Times, Locations, and Talk-in			
Location	Date	Time	Talk-in
Fredericksburg Expo Center Parking Lot 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA 22401	Saturday, May 13	1000-1100	442.850+ PL79.7 AE4ML (Event Primary Repeater)
Lowe's in Southpoint 10101 Southpoint Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA 22407	Saturday, May 13	1400-1500	147.015+ PL79.7 K4TS (Event Alt Repeater)
Walmart in King George 16375 Merchants Ln, King George, VA 22485	Thursday, May 11	1230-1300	146.745- PL107.2 W4KGC
Prince William County ARES Monthly Training @ 3 County Complex Ct, Lake Ridge, VA 22192	Saturday, May 20	0830-0930	147.240+ PL107.2 W4IY (PWCARES CH2)

Vest and Wristband Pickup

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Check-in

Some roads start to close as early as 0200. All course roads will be closed by 0500. Your parking pass, wristband, and vest should get you through. **We expect all operators to be on station and setup at least 15 minutes prior to net check-in. Net check in is at 0515.** Please leave yourself plenty of time to get on station.

Due to the large number of road closures starting at 0300 and large area covered by the race, there will be no central rally and briefing in person. The briefing will take place on the air at check-in.

The race starts at 0600

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Mission

Our primary mission is eyes on the course to provide safety and back up the Marine Corps Marathon personnel. In the event of a downed runner, contact Net Control immediately. There will be an ambulance and medical personnel on site for the duration of the event under the command of *Top Doc*. When calling for medical assistance please use the [RVARC Medical Dispatch](#) (right click "Save As") form for the initial information to provide.

If you are at an Aid Station, Water Point, or Food Stop please relay any information requested through Net Control. Net Control may have information from the MCM Staff for you to relay to the staff at your location.

If you are at a Mile Marker, please relay the bib number of the first male and first female runner past your location for each race and the time they past your location.

The order of the races will be Semper Five, Historic Half, and the Devil Dog Double. The Devil Dog Double will be tacked onto the end of the Historic Half.

The race is normally completed around lunch time.

All stations please report when the last runner and Tail End Charlie passes your location. Please asked to be relieved and receive confirmation from Net Control before leaving your station.

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Parking

We have permission to access the course. You will need your parking pass, wrist band, and vest to be distributed later. **DO NOT** argue with police or MCM staff if they will not let you through. Radio Net Control. We are co-located with law enforcement and MCM staff. It is much more difficult to help you if you are in handcuff or the officer has already started to put pen to paper for a ticket. **When parking, do no park on the actual road the runners will be running on (ie. the race course).** Please park on a near by street or lot.

There is a local towing company that will begin towing vehicles off the course around 0200. Please make sure you have your parking pass visibly displayed. Any issues with the towing company please radio net control. **DO NOT ARGUE WITH THE TOW TRUCK OPERATORS. THEY ARE UNDER DIRECTION OF THE POLICE TO CLEAR ALL VEHICLES FROM THE COURSE - NO EXCEPTIONS. YOU WILL BE TOWED.** (My son is one of those operators. All of the operators on duty that day know me and have a direct line to me at Net Control.)

You will receive a personalized parking pass via email from the Marine Corps Marathon Program Office the week before the Half Marathon. You must display this on your dash. **THIS DOES NOT GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO PARK ON THE COURSE.** This will help you get past **MOST** street closures to get to your location.

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Equipment

This course can easily be worked with an HT on 5 watts with a reasonably good antenna (no rubber ducks).

Set the timeout timer on you radio to no more than 2 minutes. 1 minute is preferred and will work for most stations.

In the past I've used 1 HT battery and been about half way through my 2nd by the end of the race. I was in a position where I was transmitting a good deal though. Hopefully, this helps.

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Operational Parameters

Our primary frequency will be the AE4ML UHF repeater 442.850(+) PL79.7. It has good coverage over the entire race course. Our backup alternate repeater is the K4TS VHF repeater 147.015(+) PL79.7. Please have both programmed into your radio in advance. If your radio allows you to monitor both frequencies at the same time, please do that. We had a situation where our primary comms failed and it took longer than we liked for everyone to switch over.

APRS tracking of Tail End Charlie can be done from your phone at <https://aprs.fi/#!mt=roadmap&z=10&call=a%2FN1BED-9&timerange=86400&tail=86400>

If all else fails I have everyone's cell phone number. Please have the cell phone number for the ECIC (Scott Larimer, KN4RPA ECIC (540--604--3196)) with your in in your phone on race day

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Bibs

The bib designs are as follows for this year. You will be asked for the first male and first female runner with bib number for each race.



[Semper 5 Bib](#)



[Devil Dog Double Bib](#)



[Marine Corps Historic Half Bib](#)

Media Relations

Any questions asked by the public or the media, are to be directed to the Race Officials. If people ask you about amateur radio, do what we all do best and share our love and knowledge of our hobby. As long as it doesn't interfere with you primary duty of supporting the race.

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Maps

All Courses Google Earth with Ham Location KMZ

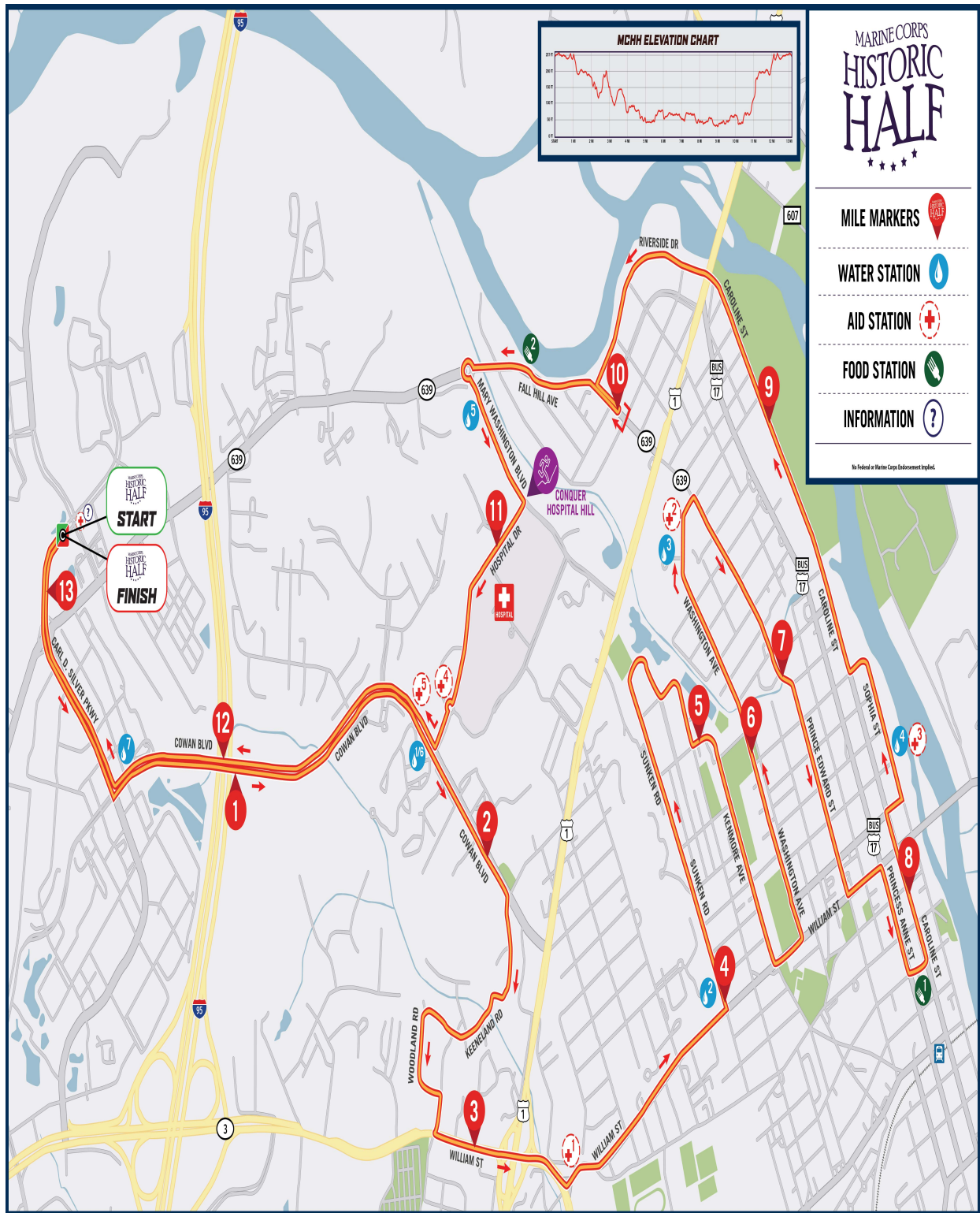
COMING SOON:(what is linked is last years) Below is a Google Earth KMZ file of the whole course (Half Marathon, Semper 5ive, and Devil Dog) with the ham locations on it. This file can be used with Google Earth on you computer or phone. It is a good reference on race day. Right click and "Save Link As" to download.

[Google Earth 2023 mchh.kmz](#)

Semper 5ive

Semper 5

Historic Half Marathon



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Devil Dog Double



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