

**CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND  
PERMIT APPLICATION FOR  
PARADE OR COMPETITIVE EVENT**

As prescribed under Provisions of City of Mackinac Island Ordinance No. 273

Name of Applicant: Aaron Palaian

Address: 5118 Muirfield Lane, Clarkston, MI 48348  
(P.O. Box) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

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(Phone) (Email)

Name of Group or Organization Sponsoring the Event: ÖTILLÖ Swimrun

Address: 5118 Muirfield Lane, Clarkston, MI 48348  
(P.O. Box) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Group Status: ☒ Profit ☐ Non-Profit

Type of Event: ☐ Parade ☒ Competitive Event

Date of Event: 08/24/25 Time of Event: 6:45AM 3:00PM  
(Day) (Date) (Start) (End)

Location of Event (starting and ending locations and proposed route):

Start on Shepler's Dock and end on the greenspace with restrooms to the side of the fort.

Same course as previous years.

Name of Liability Insurance Company: Allianz (through USA Triathlon / Olympic Committee)

Policy or Binder Number: See policy Amount of Coverage: See policy

  
Applicant Signature Date: 1/23/25

Application Received: 1-24-25 Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Ck #: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_ By: City Council

# LIABILITY WAIVER

It is hereby understood that the person, organization, or group applying for or sponsoring the event described on the permit application agrees to hold harmless the City of Mackinac Island, its several agents, agencies, or officers either in said agent's, agencies' or officers' public or private capacity, against any claim for property or personal injury due to participation in the proposed event. It is also understood that any participants in the proposed event likewise will hold harmless in the above particulars the above named individuals. It is also understood that the person, organization or group sponsoring this event shall have informed each and every individual participant of the hold harmless agreement, and in addition thereto, shall inform each participant in unambiguous language and prior to the event that he/she participates at their own risk.

[Signature]  
Signature of Permit Applicant

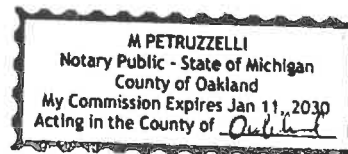
1-23-25  
Date

Otillo Swimrun  
Representing (Name of Group or Organization)

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January,  
2025, a Notary Public in and for Oakland County, Michigan.

M. Petruzzelli  
Signature of Notary Public

01/11/2030  
My Commission Expires



**Note: This liability waiver must be completed and attached to the permit application for parade or competitive event and submitted to the Mackinac Island City Clerk.**



06/2016

# LONG COURSE

## 18.75 MI TOTAL

# ÖTILLO

## SWIMRUN MACKINAC ISLAND

LAKE  
HURON



**RUN LEGS**  
15.65 MILES

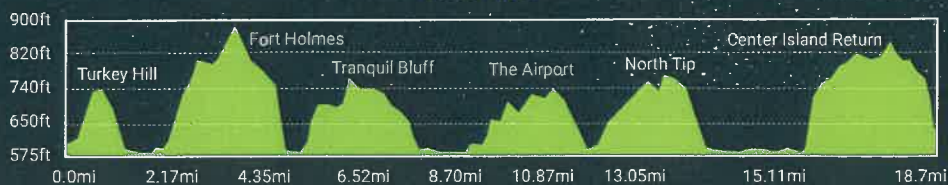
**SWIM LEGS**  
4955 METERS

**RUN 1** - 1.60  
**RUN 2** - 3.00  
**RUN 3** - 2.85  
**RUN 4** - 2.50  
**RUN 5** - 2.30  
**RUN 6** - 1.10  
**RUN 7** - 2.30

**SWIM 1** - 675  
**SWIM 2** - 675  
**SWIM 3** - 1365  
**SWIM 4** - 400  
**SWIM 5** - 1275  
**SWIM 6** - 565

- START
- FINISH
- WATER/FOOD
- RESTROOM
- STAIR CLIMB
- SWIM COURSE
- RUN COURSE
- FINAL RUN LEG
- CUTOFF SPOT

**ELEVATION**  
1883 FEET





# SHORT COURSE

## 13.5 MI TOTAL

# ÖTILLO

## SWIMRUN MACKINAC ISLAND



## LAKE HURON

**RUN LEGS**  
11.50 MILES

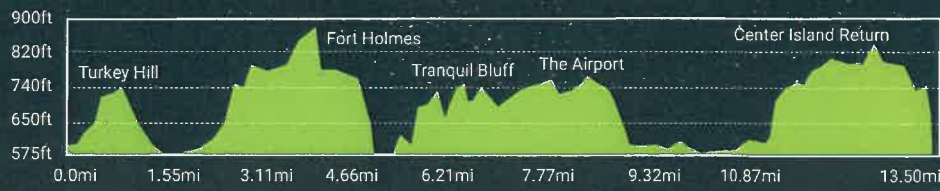
**SWIM LEGS**  
3190 METERS

**RUN 1** - 1.60  
**RUN 2** - 3.00  
**RUN 3** - 3.50  
**RUN 4** - 1.10  
**RUN 5** - 2:30

**SWIM 1** - 675  
**SWIM 2** - 675  
**SWIM 3** - 1275  
**SWIM 4** - 565

- START
- FINISH
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- FINAL RUN LEG
- CUTOFF SPOT

**ELEVATION**  
1275 FEET



## **Marine Event Safety Plan for ÖTILLÖ SWIMRUN MACKINAC ISLAND.**

**Event Date** – 8/24/2025

**Event Start Time** – 6:45AM

**Event Finish Time** – 2:00PM

**Number of Competitors** – Up to 250

**Race Director(s)** – Aaron Palaian (248) 456-4907 & Lars Finanger (303) 828-8034

**Motorized Boats & Kayaks** - Scot Graden Walloon Central Rentals (231) 590-1263

**Medical** - Bryan King (832) 423-3838

**Course Directors** - JR Daisley (910) 916-6402 & John Stevens (207) 956-3099

### **Accounting for Swimmers:**

**Start of Race** – All athletes start on the Shepler's Dock. We have a dedicated start line. They all have timing chips on their ankles. They will cross the start line and it will record them crossing the start line so we will know every person that starts the race.

**During the Race** – During the event there are two ways we account for the swimmers. 1) We have checkpoints at periodic swim exits. At these spots we will have chip readers for even more accuracy but manual will still always be our fallback. 2) During the run sections of the course we have medical team members assigned to the areas they run to monitor as they ride their bikes back and forth in the sections. We can always identify the athletes by their number that is assigned to them.

**End of the Race** – Same as the start. We have a finish line and when they cross it instantly shows them as finished and records their time. We know who has finished and who still needs to. Between knowing who started, who has exited each swim, who is on the runs, and who is finished, we have a great look at the progress of the athletes during the day.

### **Utilizing Vessels for Safety Purposes:**

Each swim will have 1-4 kayaks assigned to it. The number of kayaks depends on the length of the swim and how far into the race that swim is. All swims are about chest deep so swimmers can also stand up. All kayaks will have 1 kayaker onboard with bright shirts or vests to identify themselves and help with the athletes being able to see them. They will line the outer boundary of the course keeping swimmers between them and the shore and correcting anyone off course. They also serve as a sighting line for swimmers since marking buoys will not be anywhere outside of the start and finish of the swim courses (not allowed by the island).

### **Procedure for an athlete that DNFs:**

There are two types of "Do Not Finish" (DNF). Type 1 is an athlete that is physically ok but just chooses not to continue. In this case the athlete knows to find the closest area with race personnel (kayak, swim exit, water stop, medical, volunteer) and give them their timing chip and name and reason for the DNF to report to our staff (director, timer, medical director). If they are in the water and choose to DNF we make

sure they can walk to shore in a safe place and get there (assuming they let us know while they're in the water). Type 2 is a swimmer in distress that DNFs. A swimmer that is in distress is told to wave their arms while floating on their back making some commotion so that our kayaks can get to them and help get them to shore. While this action is occurring the kayak also relays the evac info to our medical director who coordinates a medical crew member meeting them at shore to assess the situation. Obviously if it's very serious the kayaker's first duty is to call 911 or convey to us the severity of the situation so that we can do so. This is also why we have a handful of motorized rescue boats around the Island monitoring the swim course(s). If there is a serious in-water situation and the swimmers needs to quickly get to the harbor and/or mainland to the available EMS, that motorized boat is there to load the swimmer and quickly get them where they need to be. This is all communicated in detail to the kayakers, medical, and motorized boats. In less serious situations we help them to shore and hook them up with medical who handles the situation from there.

## City Clerk

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**From:** Aaron Palaian, OTILLO SWIMRUN <aaron@otilloswimrun.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2025 4:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** 2025 Swimrun Permit Application,,  
**Attachments:** Otillo-Swimrun-2025-permit-app.pdf; OTILLO Safety Plan - 2025 Mackinac.docx.pdf

**Importance:** High

Hello Danielle,

Here is our application for the 2025 Otillo Swimrun Mackinac Island (Sun, Aug 24, 2025), following the same course as last year. We start at Shepler's and finish in the green space next to the fort where restrooms are located. Setup will occur two days prior, mainly the day before. We will coordinate with the carriage companies for the setup. I scheduled our boat from the mainland, with safety pontoon boats to follow, and submitted requests for approval to the USCG and the chief of police on Mackinac Island. Attached is my notarized permit application with course maps and my safety plan. I seek tentative approval from the council, intending to send the permit fee and insurance paperwork shortly after. I expect to have the insurance paperwork this week or next month.



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