

RESOLUTION NO. 18-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA RELATED TO THE "IRONMAN GULF COAST 70.3"; AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PORTIONS OF RICHARD JACKSON BOULEVARD, WEST PARK DRIVE AND PIER PARK DRIVE ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018; AUTHORIZING CAREFUL TRAFFIC CONTROL AND EXTRAORDINARY USAGE OF PORTIONS OF FRONT BEACH ROAD, MIDDLE BEACH ROAD, SR 79, AND BAY PARKWAY ON MAY 12, 2018, FOR THE EVENT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Ironman Florida is hosting the Ironman Gulf Coast 70.3, previously known as the Gulf Coast Triathlon, a swim, 13.1 mile run and 56 mile bike event (the "Event") on Saturday, May 12, 2018 in Panama City Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Event necessitates careful traffic control and extraordinary usage of Richard Jackson Blvd, Middle Beach Road, Front Beach Road, West Park Drive, Pier Park Drive, Bay Parkway, and State Road 79, in the corporate limits of Panama City Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Panama City Beach that:

1. Richard Jackson Blvd. between Middle Beach Road and Front Beach Road, and portions of West Park Drive and Pier Park Drive shall be closed to vehicular traffic for the Event during the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 12, 2018.
2. During the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 12, 2018, all vehicular traffic shall be rerouted or otherwise controlled on certain sections of Richard Jackson Boulevard., Middle Beach Road, Bay Parkway west to SR 79, SR 79 north to the City limits, and from SR79 east on Front Beach Road per the attached maps which accompany this Resolution to accommodate the Event.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS this 12th day of April, 2018.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: 

Mike Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jo Smith, City Clerk

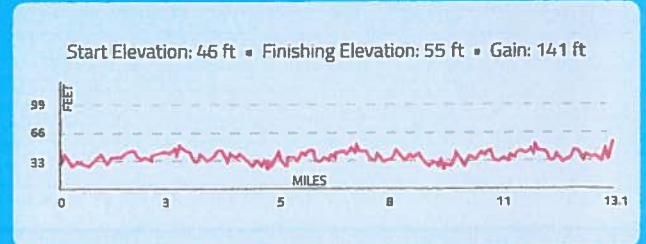


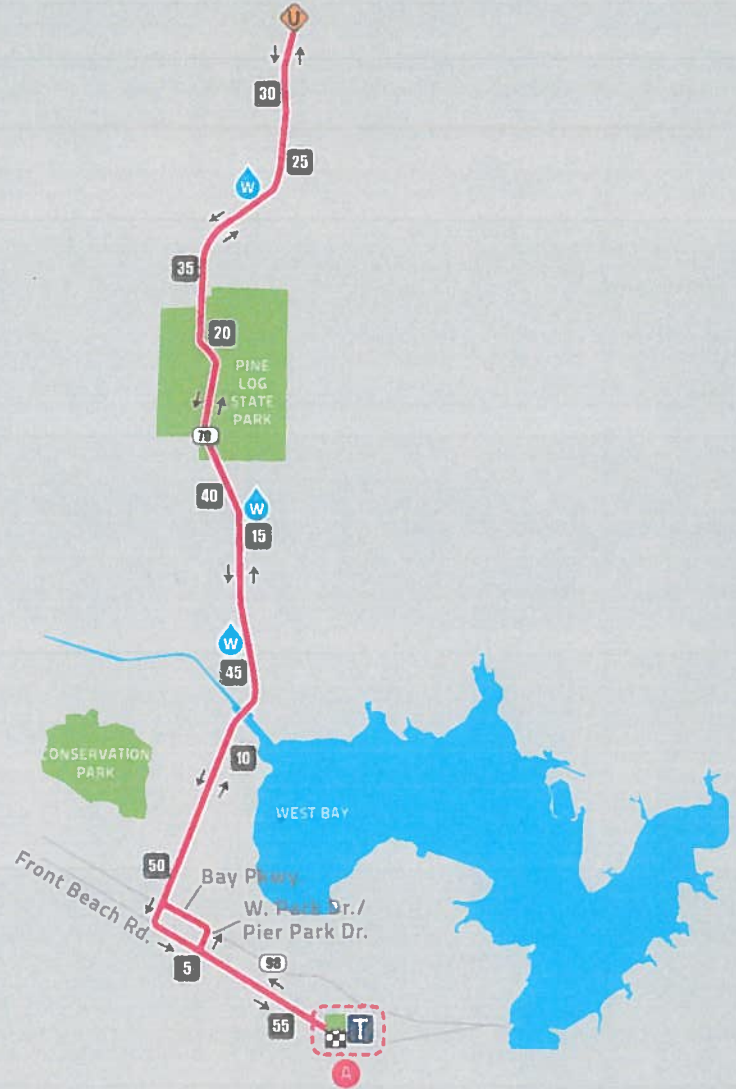
TURN BY TURN DIRECTIONS

- Leave transition via the Pedestrian Walkover Bridge turning right at the end of the bridge
- Right turn onto Richard Jackson Blvd
- Right turn onto Front Beach Road
- Right turn at the Front Beach / Hutchinson Blvd intersection onto Hutchinson Blvd
- Right turn onto Richard Jackson Blvd
- For the third lap turn Right into Edgewater Properties
- Left onto Pedestrian Walkover Bridge turning Right at the end of the bridge
- Go under the Pedestrian Walkover Bridge following course around to the Finish Line

LEGEND

- TRANSITION AREA
- START LINE
- FINISH LINE
- 1st LOOP MILE MARKERS
- 2nd LOOP MILE MARKERS
- 3rd LOOP MILE MARKERS
- BEGIN 2nd & 3rd LOOP
- WATER/AID STATION



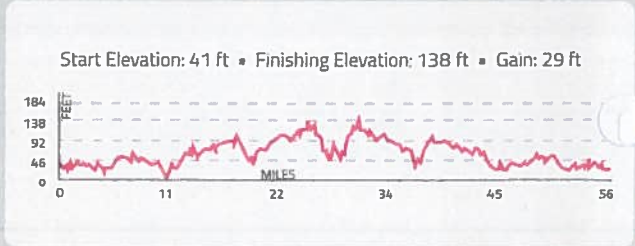


TURN BY TURN DIRECTIONS

- Exit transition at West Gate
- Turn left on Front Beach Road
- Left turn Front Beach Road / Hutchinson Blvd intersection
- Right turn onto W. Park Drive / Pier Park Drive continuing on to Bay Parkway
- Right turn on Hwy 79N
- Continue on Hwy 79N to turnaround (6.7 miles north of Hwy 79 & Hwy 20)
- Continue on Hwy 79S to Front Beach Road
- Left turn onto Front Beach Road
- Right turn at Front Beach Road / Hutchinson Blvd intersection
- Right turn into Edgewater Beach Resort Property (West Gate)
- Enter transition

LEGEND

- TRANSITION AREA
- START LINE
- FINISH LINE
- MILE MARKERS
- U-TURN
- WATER/AID STATION





TO: City of Panama City Beach, Florida,
FROM: Benjamin H. Rausa Jr.
SUBJECT: IRONMAN 70.3 Gulf Coast

February 27, 2018

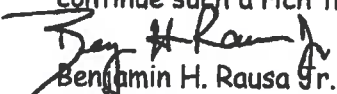
In preparation for the IROMAN 70.3 Gulf Coast event we are in the planning / permitting phase of the event process. Last year was the first year IRONMAN officially owned the event formerly known as the Gulf Coast Triathlon. In its first year IRONMAN increased the participants from 600 (2016) to 1600 (2017). We are encouraged by the events growth and committed to carrying on the long tradition of this event (36 years)

After a successful first year we are always looking for ways to improve the event for athletes, volunteers, and most importantly our residents. We have made several minor changes to ease traffic impact / flow around the host venue. We have also changed the run course to include the Shipwreck Island Waterpark where as we will utilize a maintenance road on their property to avoid the intersection of Alf Coleman / Middle Beach Road. Working closely with the Ship Wreck Island staff we feel as though the change will help with local customers wishing to access the water park on race day. We have also utilized the Edgewater Properties maintenance road to avoid the intersection of Middle Beach Road / Richard Jackson Blvd. We fell this change will help with traffic in and around the host venue.

With continued road improvements (CRA) we are looking for ways to work around these affected areas on Front Beach Road so it doesn't negatively affect the event as well as the progress of the CRA improvements. .

Please see the attached maps included in the approval process of his event.

Thank you for your continued support with IRONMAN 70.3 Gulf Coast and for helping us continue such a rich tradition in our community now in its 36th year.


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