

This is the third year I've run OC, and I just wanted to drop a note to tell you this was my favorite so far! I admit I like the swag -- the finisher's medal for this year is a very nice one, and the tech shirts look great! (I'm also really glad you included women's XS -- it's nice to wear a race tee that actually fits). The support along the route was really good, and it seemed like the path heading to the finish was more clearly marked, making it easier for runners to not be mixed up with pedestrians. Maybe you have always done this, and I've been in too much of a daze by that point to notice in past years. There is still some congestion in the usual locations, but I have to say I was surprised by how easy it was to get around people -- it looked like the city was more crowded this year, but I didn't notice it at all during the race. And, of course, the post-race gnosh can't be beat. I've run a good number of races in the last few years, and OC has the best spread by far.

You might consider setting up an "official" Facebook page for the race next year. For all its annoyances, it's a good way to get information out to people, publicize the race, and it gets people excited because they have a place to share information amongst one another.

In a couple of weeks, I'll run my first marathon in Atlantic City. Running OC was a great way to get ready for it. Thanks for putting on such a fun event!

Just wanted to say I had great time and thanks to those that help with the run PD for the traffic control on road and boardwalk, paramedics waterstations and all those cheering people along the run Kept me going

This was my first half and only my second race. My daughters also participated. I'd like to thank you and your staff and volunteers for an amazing day. Everything was so well organized and the encouragement from volunteers and spectators was wonderful. LOVE those field hockey gals. We really needed them by the time we hit the south end!

My only comment for future races would be more - or better marked portable toilets. I only saw one but I'm sure that is because I was so focused. We will be back next year along with other family members who were inspired to try the 5k or the half. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Although I have been in my share of 5k's -and some longer distances-this was the first half marathon that I have ever done. I was so impressed with everything. The water stations and the encouraging support staff were enthusiastic and just plain nice. The only issue was from 23rd to finish... at my slower time..... some bikers were all over the place on the narrower part of the boardwalk and then in the running lane down to nearer the designated finishing area. Maybe announcements, extra cones or signs would have been helpful. Perhaps this wasn't the case for the faster people who were more closely grouped. Thanks for a wonderful experience.....Edwina Siebold 72...on my list of thing to do !!!!!

It was a beautiful day and this is my third year and it just keeps getting better!

Love all the water stations! Loved all the mile markers out on the course. Wish there was a way to close the boardwalk after 14th, at least half of it for runners only. It was tough to watch the fastest runners trying to navigate all the traffic. Maybe signs on the on ramps letting people entering that there is a race going on? The finish line was great...not to mention all the great post race foods.

Shirts, hats, and water bottles were cool. The finishers medals are really nice! I also appreciated being able to exchange my shirt for a larger size because I was unaware that they were women's cut not unisex. The small was about 4 inches too short in the arms.

Looking forward to next year already. The truly best part for me was meeting a young woman, Emma who was struggling around 22nd St, she looked at me and said, "I didn't know this would be so hard." So we ran the remainder together. Wasn't my pr day but it was truly one of my favorite finishes. I am so glad I was able to help her and a few others to finish. It was her first half.

The only question. I have is about my finish time. I wasn't near the start yet my chip time and finish time are exactly the same: 2:16:00. My watch had 2:15:04. Like I said not too worried about it, but just curious why they were identical.

I just wanted to say that I had a great time last weekend - both with the Walk for the Wounded and running in the 1/2 marathon. It was very well organized and volunteers were great! The only issue I had was - both days - bikes were allowed on the boardwalk during the events. Me and others had issues dodging the bikes near the smaller ends of the boardwalk. At one point - a person on a bike - yelled at us and told us to " get in your lane". In both events, people paid to walk or run...so can the bikes be kept off the boardwalk during these events? I have attend the Walk

for Wounded 3 years in the road and this was my first 1/2 marathon but me and my family have already booked rooms for the whole weekend next year! So great job. :) Ocean city really knows how to run events....but maybe ask bikes to stay off boardwalk during those times. :) thanks again for a great weekend.

I would encourage you to start the race earlier for 2 reasons -- It gets hot for those of us that are slower and end at 1100 and after. The boardwalk was crowded and presented a hazardous path. Earlier in the morning, there would be less people. Have Gatorade at water stops earlier than half way through the course if it starts later and is hot. Have someone giving out the blings - not just laying on the table.

1. First let me say that overall this was a great setup and great course with the big hill near the beginning (the bridge) and the remainder flat. We obviously had a great day for the run.
2. I would suggest a couple of changes to make it even better
 - a. Put information signs at the ends of the boardwalk and where it begins to narrow on each end (past the shops) to let vacationers know a race is going on I heard a few folks complaining about the bikers, walkers etc where it was narrow and having to get around them.
 - b. Place a couple of large trash receptacles 50 and maybe 200 ft past the water / Gatorade / goo stations to facilitate quicker cleanup and less cups/ goo packets on the ground
 - c. The medal was ok but the black coating is thin and two of our team put them in their pockets with other stuff i.e. coins and keys and the medal was scratched

But .. All in all a great day for our team of 7 to run and be together at the shore

We LOVED the race. Thank you so much. We had some family members run the 5k and others do the half. We've run many half marathons and this was one of our favorites. And you definitely have the best post-race food spread I've ever seen! We also loved the visors (well, the girls at least).

My only feedback, and this is something that is probably out of your control, is that I like it when you can see each runner's home town in the race results. Seems as though runtheday does not show the results in this way. We were just curious if the field was mainly local runners or if the race attracts people from a great distance when we were analyzing the results.

Also, we were able to negotiate a deal on our hotel room using the MS bike race discount. It would be great if the local hotels would also offer a half marathon discount.

Thanks again for a great event. We look forward to running again next year.

I thought it was a spectacular event... Another great year and perfect weather. Everything was so well organized and we had so much support throughout the whole run. I feel so blessed living in such a wonderful supportive community.

A big thank you to YOU, the sneaker shop gals Maureen and Janet, Carrie and her parents for helping out at the shop and to all the city employees that helped making it another wonderful event. I saw so many.....

I can't wait until next year!!!!

Thanks for putting on a great event. I do a lot of Half Marathons & for a relatively small event, this was run very well. I loved that everyone from the community was along the course cheering for the runners! And loved all the food at the finish! We plan on coming back next year & hopefully bringing more runners.

Two minor items: If you aren't going to have clocks at the mile markers, you might want to note that on the web page (I didn't bring my Garmin because I thought there would be clocks.) Also, both my friends did have their Garmins & said the course was slightly short (12.95 miles was on one, 12.99 on the other.) Just thought you would like to know if you haven't already heard from others.

Small feedback:

1. Longport Bridge was a PAIN! Anyway to keep it all on the island?
2. Move the start time earlier - it was HOT on Sunday.
3. How accurate was the actual mileage? Did anyone else complain about the distance being a bit longer than the 13.1 that it should've been? I actually calculated about 13.5, which messed with my overall 1/2 marathon time! Maybe look into getting the course certified and making it official next year.

4. Having the year on the tshirts and/or medals.

Hmmm... maybe it would be easier to tell you what I didn't like about the OCNJ Half Marathon.

then again, there wouldn't be much to email you about.

*I won't even complain about the bridge. It was a challenge but doable and early in the run so you had time to recover

*I think I would prefer an 8am start, mostly because of hotel checkout time and being able to get a shower and stuff

I think it was a great event.

*everyone at the pacet pickup was very friendly and informative

*I didn't have to set an alarm to be awake at dawn. ;)

*I didn't have to worry about where to park

*everyone on the course was nice and encouraging. Those OCFH girls after mile 8 were awesome!! the volunteers and policemen were all great

*plenty of water stops

*the finish line refreshments were awesome!! (though because of check-out issues; I had to hurry through the line)

My friends and I will definitely be doing this next year. Maybe even the MS 75 mile bike ride the day before.

Thank you. Blessings,

Amazing show. It all worked out very well. Congrats.

Just a few small matters to bring to your attention:

Please stock up on enough T-shirts. I am visiting from India and was little disappointed that I couldn't take a memorabilia home.

On the website, the results list have had mistakes on the age field. I am marked as 49 years young, so little peeved at not being able to post it on Facebook without getting ribbed by my wife.

AWESOME event! :) But the bikes, surreys and dogs made it really tight on the boardwalk, especially 14th-23rd St where it was only 1 lane each way, so it'd be great if they could be kept off the boardwalk during the race time next year

Thanks for putting on another great race. It's also great to see an event get so many people into Ocean City this late in the year. The more the better.

My partner, SurfSide Construction, and I would like to be involved in sponsoring all of the events next year.

Just a short note of thanks for another well coordinated event.

As you know runners don't want to worry about traffic or mile markers during any event.

You took that mind chatter out of the equation with well managed foresight.

Thank you. I hope to run again next year

Actually hope you don't get too popular. *Selfish me*

Any thoughts given to an 8 a.m. start time? Anyway thanks

Bruce Tarin #688 (big beard guy)

I just wanted to say how much I really enjoyed the race this weekend. My husband and sons ran the 5K and I ran the half marathon, and I have to say that it was one of the most well supported and organized small races I have participated in. I grew up in Ocean City and have been looking forward to coming back and running the race for the past few months. The cheering sections were great (The field hockey team deserves an award for their enthusiasm!) and the post race food was absolutely wonderful!

The only recommendations I would make would be:

-is it possible to start the race slightly earlier (maybe 8:00)? This may reduce the amount of people on the boardwalk and might keep things a little cooler since it can still be pretty warm in the end of September.

- I know that tourism is the lifeblood of the town, but if there could be more announcements that there is a race in progress or course marshals at the boardwalk ramps advising people to try to be more aware that there are runners

coming through would be helpful. You would think people would notice a bunch of people running with numbers on their shirts, but I was almost hit by a bunch of oblivious people on bikes.

- Possibly portopotties for the men. The women's bathroom has a ton of stalls and the line moved really fast (thanks to the amazing ladies bathroom attendant), but the men's room has urinals and only 2 stalls. I am not sure if you are a runner, but "taking care of business" is sort of a big thing before a longer race and only 2 stalls can really back things up (no pun intended!). It was just an observation my husband made.

Thank you again, though, for what was a great race experience! I will definitely be back next year!