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SEPTEMBER 19 2012

Regulatory Division
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NOTICE TO MARINERS
SAVANNAH RIVER

This is to advise that the City of Augusta-Richmond County and the Augusta Sports Council will be sponsoring the ESI Ironman 70.3 Augusta triathlon. As a part of the contest, the participants will swim a course in the Savannah River, starting at the 5th Street Marina, River Mile 197, and extending downstream to the Boathouse at River Mile 198 (approximate Latitude 33.4730 and Longitude -81.9506), in the City of Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia. The site and course layout (temporary buoys and floating docks) are shown on the enclosed maps and plans.

This event, which includes course installation, is scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2012, and end at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 30, 2012. The temporary structures will be removed at the conclusion of the race on September 30, 2012.

This race is being permitted by the United States Coast Guard (USCG). The USCG will "regulate" the Savannah River in the area of the race. In order that the race may be conducted safely, vessel owners and operators are requested to remain clear of any vessels and patrol boats involved in the race activities. Signs will be posted at the affected boat ramps on the Georgia and South Carolina sides of the river.

The Augusta Fire Rescue, the Richmond County Rescue Dive Team, volunteer boats, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and Capital City Ambulance will assist with the patrol of the river.

Anyone desiring further information may contact Mr. Randy DeTeau, Event Manager, Augusta Sports Council, at (706) 722-8326.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Shaun Blocker, Project Manager, Coastal Branch, Regulatory Division, at (912) 652-5086.

Enclosures

1. Location/Course Layout Map
2. Description of Event
3. Schedule of Event



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April 5, 2012

Commander,

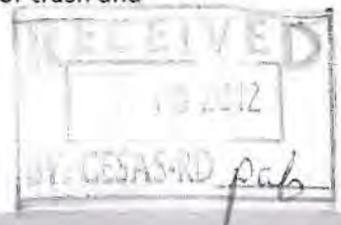
Please find a permit application to host an event on the Savannah River in Augusta, GA. The event is the ESI Ironman 70.3 Augusta triathlon. Approximately 3,000 athletes will be competing. The race will take place on Sunday, September 30, 2012, beginning at 7am. The event is being held in cooperation with the city of Augusta, as well as numerous additional agencies. Permit applications have been submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and the U. S. Coast Guard.

The ESI Ironman Augusta 70.3 is made up of three components: a 1.2 mile swim in the Savannah River, a 56-mile cycling leg, which encompasses Downtown Augusta and the Greater Aiken County, SC-area, and a 13.1-mile run in Downtown Augusta. This application pertains to the swim leg in the Savannah River.

The swim will begin at the 5th Street Marina in Downtown Augusta and conclude at the Boathouse, which is located 1.2 miles down-river. Competitors will be released in “waves” approximately every three minutes. The first wave will be released at 7am. The last group should be released at approximately 8:30 am. Swimmers should be out of the water by 9:30am.

Safety is paramount for an event of this magnitude. Event organizers are working in conjunction with the Augusta Fire Department to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure the safety of all athletes, staff, and spectators. In addition to city fire and rescue support, the swim route will also provide the following: 40 kayakers, 20 certified lifeguards, 8 jet skis (some equipped with rescue sleds), EMS unit at the swim start and two EMS units at the swim finish.

In addition to water safety, event organizers will also work to guarantee that the event “leaves no footprint”. When all swimmers are out of the water race staff and volunteers will immediately begin clearing the race course of all markers and debris. Adequate containers will be provided for trash and other disposable material.



Tentative schedule:

Saturday, September 29, 2012 –

10am – Water Safety meeting
10am – 4pm – place course buoys

Sunday, September 30, 2012 –

4am – volunteers on-site
5am – water personnel report
6am – EMS units, water rescue and personnel take positions
7am - race start
9:30 – last swimmers exit river

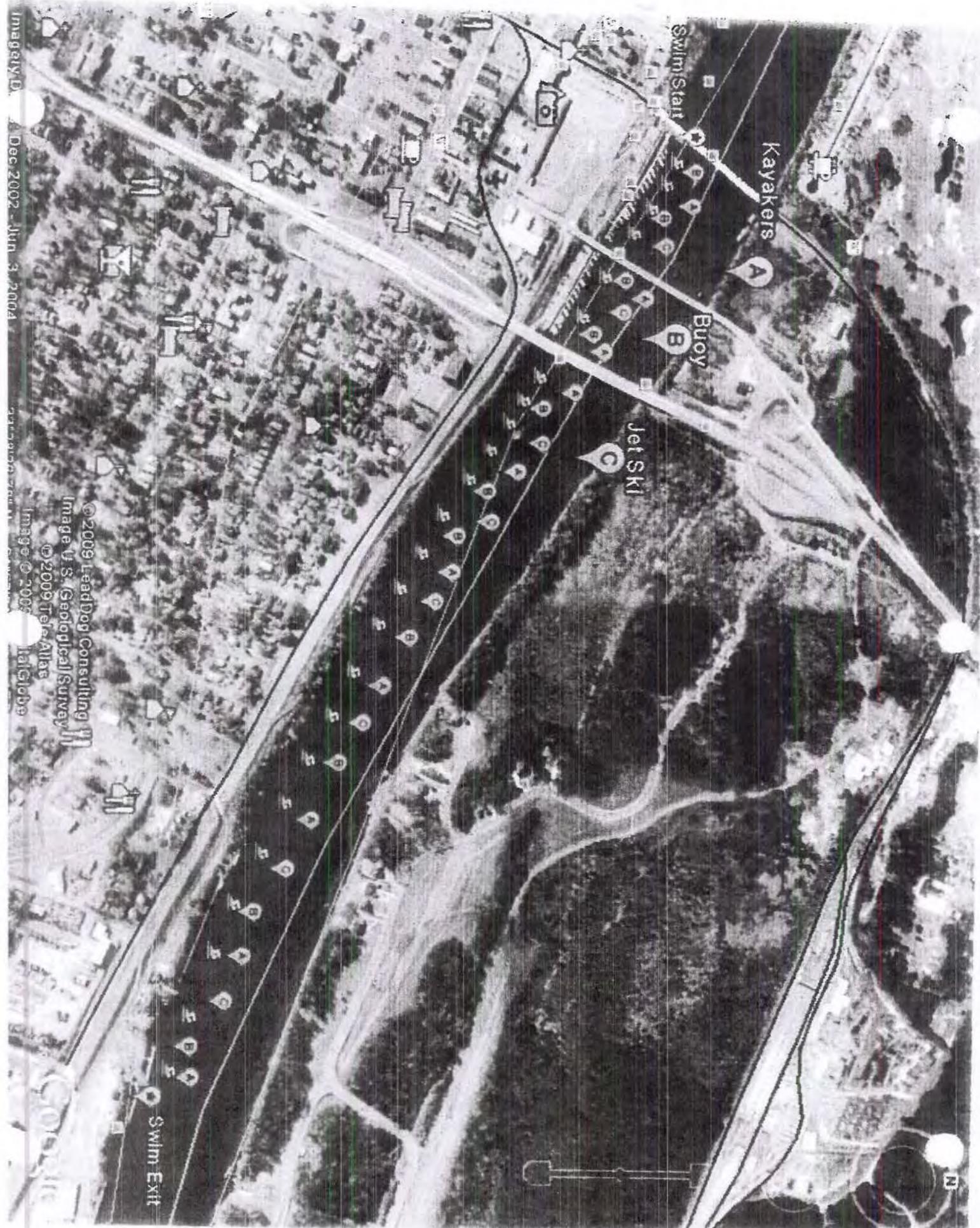
If you have any questions, please contact me. We will be holding an “agency” meeting on April 12. An invitation has been extended to your organization. We greatly appreciate your support of this event. The ESI Ironman 70.3 Augusta is the largest Ironman-branded event in the world. Its success is directly attributed to the numerous partners working together to make it happen. We look forward to another successful partnership!

Sincerely,



Randy DuTeau
Event Manager





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