



Bike Marshal Volunteer

Bike Marshals act as safety ambassadors by sharing cycling advice and modeling and encouraging safe cycling behaviors. In addition, Bike Marshals are asked to provide basic assistance to riders who may experience problems, such as flat tires, along the route, taking assignments from and reporting back to the Call Center only at (508) 999-6363. With bike path sections in five different towns, Marshals are the eyes and ears of the event on these sections and should double-back to patrol path portions until the majority of riders have exited the bike paths. Details:

- At least two Bike Marshals will deploy with each start: 7:30am from Little Compton, 11:30am from Mattapoisett, and 2:00pm from Bourne. Ideally one lead person handles all communications/assignments for the Marshal group, to minimize voices at the Call Center
- Ideally, one Bike Marshal rides along with the pack, settling into the “middle” of the pack to be most accessible to the most riders. One Bike Marshal will take up the rear, staying at the back of the pack to keep slower riders engaged and attended to if necessary. (A Sweep Car will follow the last cyclist unless that cyclist falls many miles behind, in which case the Call Center will assign a Bike Marshal to accompany that rider so the Sweep Car can stay with the main event.)
- If at any point, the last cyclist wants to leave the course, dial the Call Center to arrange transport: (508) 999-6363. ALL cyclists will be swept to the Mattapoisett Lunch stop by 2pm and must be over the Bourne Bridge by 3:30pm latest unless authorized by the Call Center.
- As you go along, take note of any unsafe conditions or unsafe cyclists, and relay information to Call Center if a situation requires attention.
- Stop to assist any cyclists in need of repair, make repair if possible, otherwise relay to Call Center for additional help or transport. **If you witness an accident or injury, dial 911 then call the Call Center to report the incident along with cyclist bib number.** If willing, we can provide you with single-serving First Aid kits to hand out for minor cuts and scrapes. Event volunteers should never attend personally to injuries unless certified to do so.
- Answer cyclist questions if possible, RIDE FAQs will be provided to you. Help direct and reassure cyclists who seem tentative about interacting with traffic, crossings, bridges, etc.
- When you are on the course, be a good will ambassador for the event: if spectators ask you what’s happening, how they can participate, or if they can volunteer, direct them to the Buzzards Bay Coalition: savebuzzardsbay.org. Thank volunteers for their help as you pass! Remind cyclists that they are helping to protect clean water for future generations!

*All Bike Marshals receive a BBC Volunteer T-Shirt, an EVENT BRACELET that allows you to access food, water, beverages at six (7) locations along course, including lunch in Mattapoisett and the finish line food in Woods Hole (as schedules allow) and a return ride to your start line. Shuttle buses depart promptly at 5pm, if arriving after 5pm, you will be given a ride by a BBC staff member. **If you are unable to attend on event day or need to leave the course early, please let the Call Center know ASAP.***

Any questions or issues on RIDE day? Call the Call Center: (508) 999-6363