

2025 Santa Cruz Open Water Weekend

August - Sat. 16th & Sun. 17th, Sanction #: **384-W?**

50th Annual Roughwater 1 Mile (16th) & Cruz Cruise 2 Mile (17th)

NEW SWIM! V's Sea Star 1/2 Mile (17th)

HOSTS: Santa Cruz Masters, Santa Cruz Surf Life Saving Association, and the City of Santa Cruz

ELIGIBILITY: Entrants under 18 years of age may enter the Roughwater 1 Mile Swim, but not the Cruz Cruise 2 Mile. The Cruz Cruise entrants must be at least 18 years old. All 18+ swimmers must be USMS registered. Proof of USMS registration is mandatory. This swim is sanctioned by Pacific Masters Swimming and conducted under USMS and Pacific Masters Open Water guidelines. Under 18 entrants must have parent signature. Youth under 18 years of age may enter the V's Sea Star 1/2 Mile.

2025 Entry Fee Structure:

Online entry closes Thurs, August 14, 11:59pm. Paper entry allowed on race day, check or cash only.

Online entry **Roughwater Swim: \$60 if registered by July 18.**

Fee is **\$65** per person **if received by Thurs, August 14, 11:59pm.** And **Race day** registration is **\$70.**

For Roughwater Swim please list your time for a 1 mile swim (or estimate if you do not have a time). Waves for RW swim will be determined based on this seed time. No time entered will put you in the last wave.

Online entry **Cruz Cruise 2 Mile: \$70 if registered by July 18.**

Fee is **\$75** per person **if received by Thurs, August 14, 11:59pm.** And **Race day** registration is **\$80.**

Online entry **V's Sea Star 1/2 Mile: \$45 if registered by July 18.**

Fee is **\$50** per person **if received by Thurs, August 14, 11:59pm.** And **Race day** registration is **\$55.**

V's Sea Star will start 5 minutes after **Cruz Cruise** start.

Online entry **Roughwater + Cruz Cruise: \$115** per person **if received by Thurs, August 14, 11:59pm.**

Online entry **Roughwater + V's Sea Star: \$100** per person **if received by Thurs, August 14, 11:59pm.**

If paying by credit card, your credit card statement will reflect a charge from "SC Masters Aquatics".

One event USMS registration (OEVT) is available for those not registered with USMS: \$20 for OEVT registration. This charge is in addition to the regular entry fee.

Entry fees are non-refundable.

DIVISIONS: The usual USMS divisions apply for athletes 18 and up in the Roughwater, Cruz Cruise and V's Sea Star: 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, etc., and for under 18 athletes in the Roughwater and V's Sea Star the following age groups are added: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-17 for both male and female in Category 1 swim suits. For Category 2 wetsuit division, also 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, etc. for both the Roughwater and Cruz Cruise. Please indicate on entry form if wearing a wetsuit. Contestants in wetsuits and other defined swim wear, such as rash guards, are eligible for Pac Masters points in Category 2 division.

SAFETY: Safety services provided by the Santa Cruz City Beach Lifeguard Service and Santa Cruz Surf Life Saving Association. All contestants are required to wear a brightly colored swim cap. Caps will be provided for the Roughwater and V's Sea Star. Cut off time for the Roughwater is 1 hour. Cut off time for the Cruz Cruise is 2 hours, cut off for V's Sea Star is 30 minutes. No personal escorts are permitted. Insulated swim caps permitted. No other swim aids allowed.

Expected water temperature is 60 degrees Fahrenheit/15-16 Celsius.

CHECK-IN AND RACE DAY REGISTRATION: For **Roughwater on Aug. 16**, check-in begins at 9:30 a.m., closes at 10:45 a.m. Race starts at 11:00 a.m. Registration for the Roughwater is at Lifeguard Tower #1 in front of the Dream Inn, west side of the pier.

For the **Cruz Cruise 2 Mile** and **V's Sea Star 1/2 Mile on Sunday, Aug. 17**, check-in begins at 7:00 a.m., closes at 8:00 a.m. Cruise Cruz start is 8:30 a.m. (fog dependent). V's Sea Star starts 5 minutes after the Cruz Cruise starts. Check-in and registration for Cruz Cruise and V's Sea Star is to the immediate east side of pier, on the beach in front of the Ideal Fish Restaurant.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: Roughwater 1 Mile: Beach start. Contestants receive a siren start, enter the ocean at Lifeguard Tower #3 on the east side of Santa Cruz pier. Swim parallel to pier, around the end, then straight to finish in front of the Dream Inn on west side of the pier. Finish with run up the beach through finishing arch. Wave starts will be based on seed time submitted on entry form.

Cruz Cruise 2 Mile: Beach start and finish on east side of Santa Cruz pier in front of Ideal Fish Restaurant. Swim parallel to the pier to first buoy off the end of the pier. Right shoulder turn around buoy, then swim parallel with the pier, (now on the west side), towards shore. Swim to the turn buoy next to Lifeguard HQ. Left shoulder turn and swim to next turn buoy. Left shoulder turn and head directly back to the original buoy anchored off the end of pier. Left shoulder turn now swimming parallel again with pier on east side, heading directly toward the finish. Finish with run up the beach through finishing arch.

V's Sea Star 1/2 Mile: Beach start and finish in front of Ideal Fish Restaurant on east side of pier. Swim straight out parallel to pier to first turn buoy located where pier juts out from main pier. Left shoulder turn, swim straight for 50 yards, then left shoulder turn around second buoy and return to starting point on the beach. Finish with run up the beach through finishing arch.

EQUIPMENT: use of fins, pull buoys, or other swimming devices are prohibited. Soft hand paddles may be used as prosthesis only if they do not present a safety hazard to other swimmers. Race Director shall have final decision.

AWARDS: Roughwater Swim: medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each gender and each age group for Category 1 swimmers only. No awards for Category 2 swimmers.

Awards for under 18 (non-Masters) age groups: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each gender and each age group.

Cruz Cruise and **V's Sea Star** Category 1: Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each gender and each age group for. Category 2: Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place **overall in each gender**.

QUESTIONS: Roughwater Swim: Race Director Ned Hearn - nedster@comcast.net or 831-535-3261

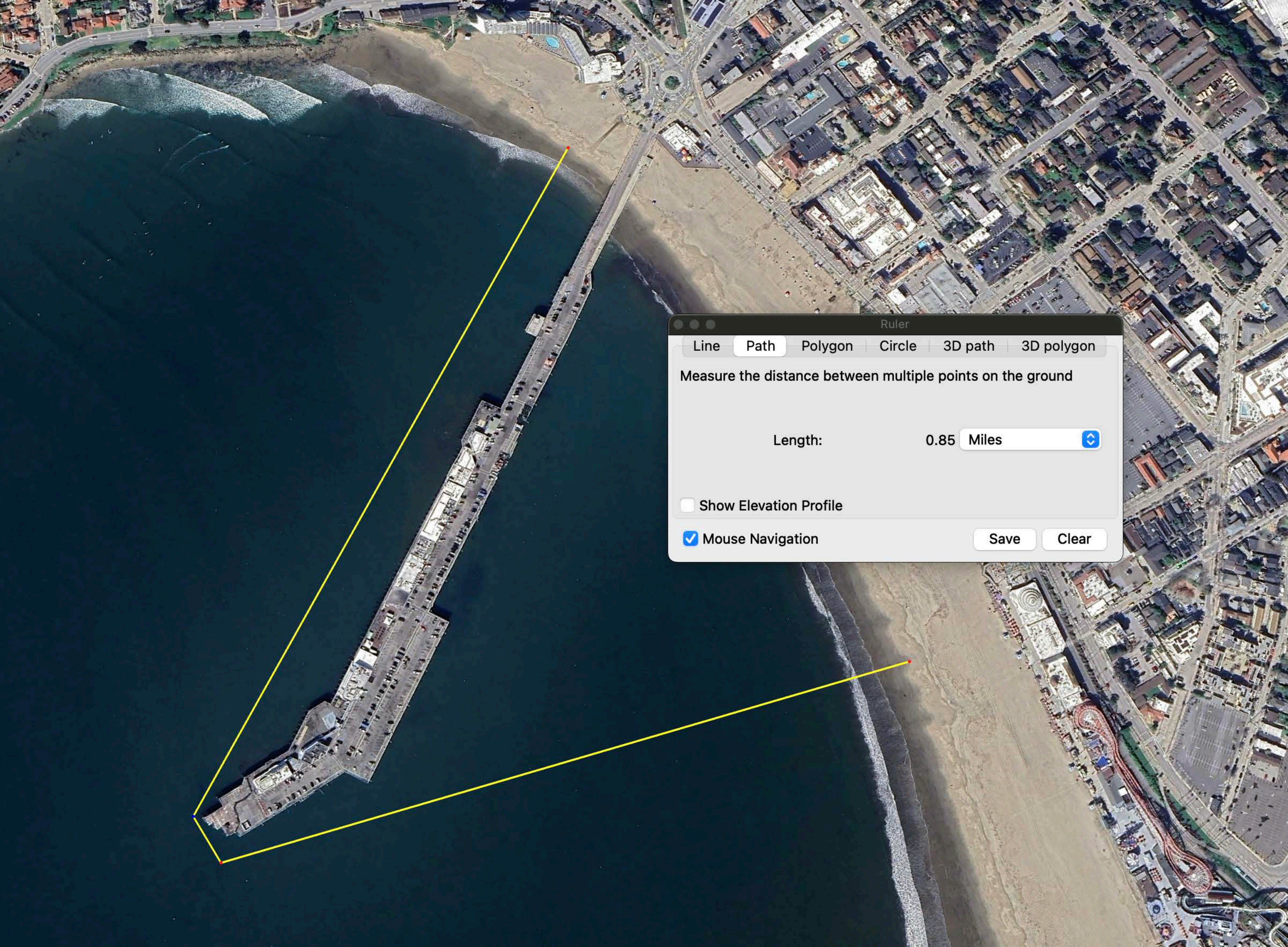


Cruz Cruise, V's Sea Star: Scott Patterson - scott_patterson@comcast.net, 831-706-7950
or Joel Wilson - openwaterswimming@gmail.com, 831-295-4785

DIRECTIONS: From Highway 1 North, enter town on Hwy 1/Mission St. Continue west along Mission for 0.6 miles. Turn right onto Bay Ave. for 0.9 miles. Find parking in vicinity of the Dream Inn and/or Santa Cruz Municipal Pier.

From Highway 17, continue along Ocean Street as the freeway ends at the top of Ocean St. Go 0.7 mile to Soquel Ave. Turn right onto Soquel Ave., go 0.3 mile over the bridge to Front St. Turn left onto Front St., go south 0.6 mile along Front St. until it curves to the right and meets the intersections of Washington St. and Center St. Go around the round-a-bout, heading South, to the end of Center St. Pass around the next round-a-bout to either on-street parking or the Santa Cruz Pier.

PARKING: various kinds of parking available in the vicinity of the Santa Cruz Pier. Long term parking available on the pier and metered parking available close to the pier. Parking meters accept payment through the Parkmobile app.



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