

Howdy Sand Crab runners—

On behalf of everyone who helped to put on the South Padre Island Sand Crab Nighttime Beach Run, I would like to express our thanks to you for coming out to the race on Apr. 26.

Despite our careful planning and preparation for the race, we had an unforeseen issue Saturday night during the event when a course marshal mistakenly turned many runners around before the actual 5k halfway mark. As a result, many runners ended up running approximately 2.6 miles instead of the full 3.1 mile distance. Please accept our sincere apologies if this mistake impacted your run on Saturday.

We made this announcement Saturday night after we discovered this error, but we want to make sure you are aware of how we plan to resolve this issue. We are honoring the runners who crossed the timing mats and completed the entire distance; we handed overall and age group awards to these runners on Saturday night.

In addition, we are creating a new division, the 4k, to recognize the runners who were turned around early. We are posting results to reflect the accomplishments of all of our Sand Crab runners, and we will also issue new medals to the overall and age group winners in this “new” division. We will be posting complete results for all events on our website within the next two days. Medals are being produced and will be mailed within the next 2-3 weeks.

As in years past, the course this year was clearly marked with lighting, signage and timing mats to accurately guide runners to the correct turnaround point and back to the finish. We regret that runners were given instructions that contradicted the careful course markings we had set up along the way.

This is something that has never happened at the Sand Crab or any of the other races our company organizes, but going forward we will take extra precautions to make sure it never happens again.

Again, thank you for joining us at the South Padre Island Sand Crab Nighttime Beach Run and we hope to see you again next year.

Best regards,
Bill Gardner
Race Director