



Bank of Bermuda Foundation Triathlon Race Series 2005

(Hamilton, Bermuda, 8 September 2005) The Bank of Bermuda Foundation Triathlon 2005 Race Series is expected to attract hundreds of junior and senior athletes to the streets of Hamilton on Sunday 18 September for the individual events and Sunday 2 October for the team events. The series includes 4 races, individual and team junior duathlon events and individual and team adult triathlon events.

Steven Petty, President of the Bermuda Triathlon Association (BTA) said, “ This race series is very popular with athletes as they are able to race in the City of Hamilton on a fast, highly competitive course. The course, including a swim in Hamilton Harbour for the senior athletes has excellent vantage points for spectators and it can be extremely exciting for both the participants and for those watching.”

Last year’s individual adult triathlon event had over 70 competitors, with Tyler Butterfield and Karen Smith taking first overall male and female places. This year Chris Hedges, Evan Naude, Riaan Naude, Jamie Brown and Kent Richardson will all be in contention for the top spots as they prepare for the Triathlon World Championships to be held in Hawaii on 8 October. Veteran Karen Smith and newcomer Joanna Schillington are expected to dominate the female field as they also are preparing for the World Championships.

The triathlon team event had 132 athletes participating with the overall open team of John Legge (swimmer), Riaan Naude (cyclist) and Evan Naude (runner) taking first place. They are expected to defend their title this year.

Seventy juniors participated in the junior duathlon with over 100 junior athletes in the team duathlon event last year.

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Steve Petty continued, “ To increase participation numbers this year for the adult team event we have shortened the distances to a sprint: ½ mile swim, 12 mile cycle and 3 mile run. We hope that this will encourage more of the recreational athletes to participate. We want to encourage everyone, athletes, spectators and particularly the juniors to come out and be a part of the biggest event on the Bermuda triathlon race calendar.”

David Lang, Director and Secretary of Bank of Bermuda Foundation said, “Sport is a vital element in the development of a healthy, active community and we are pleased to partner with the Bermuda Triathlon Association and once again host this exciting annual race series.”

Junior Ultra Sprint Duathlon (individual event): Sunday 18 September – 8.30am

Categories: boys and girls races split into age categories 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 years, in both mountain bike/ BMX and road racing bike divisions.

Race details: 7-10 year olds: ½ mile run, 2½ mile cycle, ½ mile run

11-14 year olds: 1 mile run, 5 mile cycle, 1 mile run

Entry fee per competitor: \$5

Adult triathlon individual event: Sunday 18 September – 9.30am

Categories: mens and womens races split into age categories 13-15, 16-29, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50+

Race details: ½ mile swim, 12 mile cycle, 3 mile run

Entry fee per competitor: \$25

Junior Ultra Sprint Team Duathlon (one runner, one cyclist): Sunday 2 October – 8.30am

Categories: boys and girls races split into age categories 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 years, in both mountain bike / BMX and road racing bike divisions.

Race details: 7-10 year olds: ½ mile run, 2½ mile cycle, ½ mile run

11-14 year olds: 1 mile run, 5 mile cycle, 1 mile run

Entry fee per team: \$10

Adult sprint triathlon team event (one swimmer, one cyclist, one runner): Sunday 2 October – 9.30am

Categories: open team, female team, family team, company team, masters team and junior team

Race details: ½ mile swim, 12 mile cycle, 3 mile run

Entry fee per team: \$30

Entry closing date is Wednesday 14 September for the individual events and Wednesday 28 September for the team events.

Application forms are available from Bank of Bermuda branches, Sportseller and Winners Edge.

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Notes to Editors:

- Bank of Bermuda Foundation helps charities that support the community and people, preserve our local heritage, culture and environment, and help develop the youth of Bermuda. It also offers several scholarships. Established in 2000, the Foundation incorporates the Centennial Trust, Charitable Trust, and Educational Trust, which were established by Bank of Bermuda to support the community in Bermuda.
- Since 1989, more than \$25 million has been donated to charitable Bermudian organisations.
- Applications can be made to Bank of Bermuda Foundation throughout the year on behalf of charitable organisations. Guidelines about what information is needed and who to send it to can be

found in the Bank of Bermuda Foundation brochure, which can be picked up from all Bank of Bermuda branches, or by visiting the Bank of Bermuda website at: www.bankofbermuda.bm