



# The Bird Island Challenge



Sunday, August 9 2009

## Where?

Upper Buzzards Bay. Race begins and ends at Zecco Marine in downtown Wareham, at the end of Main Street.

The course follows the coast to Marion, where Racers will round beautiful Bird Island, well known for its historic lighthouse and as a major nesting site for the Endangered Roseate Tern.

Shorter courses are available, a three mile and a six mile.

## Schedule

### Sunday, August 9

- 6:30am Check in
- 7:00am Captain's Meeting.
- 8:00am Race begins!

Refreshments and hospitality in abundance as racers return! Family and Friends can purchase lunch for \$5.00

- 11:30am Lunch
- 12:30pm Awards Ceremony and Drawing for Kayak
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Participants must bring their own kayak; please fill out description on Registration form.

**Raindate: August 16**

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## Why?

The goal of the Bird Island Challenge is to celebrate and support the Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham. Money raised at this event supports Financial Assistance for YMCA memberships and programs. Entrants must register with a **\$30.00 registration fee before July 17th, after July 17th \$40.00** to participate. Special recognition will be given to those who raise more than the minimum required pledge including a prize for the person raising the most pledges. We accept cash, checks (payable to Gleason Family YMCA) or credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover).

In addition to entry fees, tickets for a drawing will be sold to benefit the YMCA. **The grand prize is a kayak**, There are many other fabulous prizes to win.

## Wow!

Awards will be given to top finishers in each category. Every participant will receive the coveted "Guiled Clam" and a complimentary race package that includes a T-shirt, breakfast, lunch, and abundant hospitality.

## Who?

Classes: "Racing" class is for the "go fast" kayakers... less than 2' beam. "Touring" kayak is for most of the other ocean kayakers. Others include: Kayak Double; Slide Seat Rowing or Fixed Seat Rowing. Describe your class if you need another category.

## Registration Form

**All participants must register in advance.** No on-site registrations will be accepted. Registration forms and entry pledges must be post-marked by **August 5, 2009 by noon**. Please print or type all information. Checks should be made payable to Gleason Family YMCA. information. Please make checks payable to Gleason-Family YMCA.



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