



Sarasota Police Department News Release

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Lane & Road Closures for Sarasota Half Marathon on Sunday, March 15, 2015

SARASOTA, Fla. – March 10, 2015 – 9 a.m.

The Sarasota Half Marathon will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2015. The run will include a Half-Marathon only. The run will begin at 7 a.m. and end at approximately 11 a.m.

Drivers, residents and spectators are asked to have patience before, during and after the race with lane closures. The run will begin at the Van Wezel parking lot and follow a route south to Gulfstream Avenue, west over the Ringling Bridge, around St. Armands Circle and west to Washington Drive, back around St. Armands Circle and returning east to the mainland and back to U.S. 41 North to University Parkway, west to Bayshore Road, south on Bayshore Road, on to Sylvan Drive before returning to the Van Wezel.

Since runners will be sharing the roadway along the route, there will be temporary lane closures at the following locations:

- Southbound – U.S. 41 from University Parkway to Gulfstream Ave
- Gulfstream Avenue and John Ringling Blvd at U.S. 41
- Westbound – John Ringling from U.S. 41 to St. Armands Circle
- Eastbound – John Ringling from St. Armands Circle to Bayfront Drive (**Starting at US 41, both Westbound lanes of John Ringling that go over the Ringling Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic; Westbound side of Ringling Bridge for racers – East/West traffic will be shared on eastbound lanes from US 41 to St. Armands Circle**)
- Southbound – U.S. 41 and Gulfstream Ave, beach traffic will be directed into one lane for westbound turns
- Northbound – U.S. 41 and Gulfstream Ave, there will only be one turn lane for beach traffic. Second turn lane will be closed.

Boaters wanting to use the Centennial Park and Boat Ramp (10th Street Boat Ramp) are being asked to drive to Coconut Avenue and then to 10th Street to enter off 10th Street and not North Tamiami Trail.

Drivers are urged to use caution during this event. Drivers can expect delays due to the temporary lane closures and the increase of traffic volume during the late morning hours. Neighborhoods affected by the race course are being asked to plan accordingly. Sarasota Police officers and volunteers will be posted along the route to assist motorists and residents in congested areas and to ensure the safety of the Half Marathon participants.

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