

SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE 5K RUN/WALK FOR THE BLIND May 7th 2022 - Results and Race Recap



It was a cold and windy night...

The weekend of May 6th-May 8th was predicted to be a washout by many forecasters at the Jersey Coast. The information that the weather bureau does not have – is the track record for the Annual Sandy Hook Lighthouse run.

During the past 8 races, the morning was cloudy and rainy while the volunteers arrived and set up the signage, registration tents. Members of the sponsor Eatontown Lions Club, the NJ Blind Citizens Association, and the true facilitator - the Jersey Shore Running Club – have worked to tempt the forecast and hold the event.

I am pleased to announce that in the face of driving winds, coastline flood advisories and winds that exceeded 40 mph – once again – the rain stopped ten minutes before the start of the race and waited until we had cleaned up to resume pummeling the coast. Some may call it magic, but we believe that Mother Nature is a true fan of this event – (and on Mother's Day weekend).

70 runners, walkers and a determined seeing eye puppy named Yuki - took their positions on the starting line and completed the 15th Lighthouse Run. The wind gusts provided some interesting challenges as some wondered if the run might turn into a swim given that the run takes place entirely along the bay!

Thanks to the dedication of the runners and volunteers, we were able to exceed our donation targets for the NJ Blind Citizens Association and Camp Happiness – a local NJ bayside resource dedicated to aiding those in the community. The cause is tremendous as they are currently looking to reach out to other community resources to provide the best in care and technology. One of those resources is the Eatontown Lions Club who initiated and sponsored this race with the intent on providing direct support in the form of every registration dollar going directly to the Association.

Please check out these organizations for other fundraising opportunities and a tour of the facility located in Leonardo NJ. Attached is the award-winning result page from yesterday's run! Happy Mother's Day!

Thank you to all and next year will be rain-less as always – no matter what you think you hear. Results are posted below for this years' awards.

5K Winners										
		Male					Female			
		Name	Town	Place	Time		Name	Town	Place	Time
Overall	1	Luis Ramos	Union Beach NJ	1	18:15:00	1	Gabriella Vinhal	Long Branch NJ	10	24:17
	2	Michael Falzone	Hazlet NJ	2	18:29:00	2	Rebecca Snyder	Long Branch NJ	11	24:41
	3	John Gore	Leonardo NJ	3	20:11:00	3	Sara Gugliucci	Parlin NJ	17	25:48
19 & under	1	"Yuki" - Seeing Eye Dog Yellow Lab Pup in Training	Monmouth County NJ	55	1:00:00	1	Olivia Foret	Middletown NJ	19	26:13
20 to 29	1	Louis Avena	Middletown NJ	12	24:44	1	Emily Rathburn	Leonardo NJ	31	29:58
30 to 39	1	Patrick Hill	Haymarket VA	8	23:37					
40 to 49	1	Peter Chechel	Hazlet NJ	5	21:32	1	Michele Iacano	Middletown NJ	24	27:34
50 to 59	1	Joe Cauvin	Atlantic Highlands NJ	4	20:58	1	Bea Tobolewski	Cranford NJ	17	25:59
60 to 69	1	Robert Galzio	Spring Lake NJ	7	23:34	1	Penny Hinck	Monmouth Beach NJ	25	27:39
70 to 79	1	Mike Washakowski	Monmouth Beach NJ	14	25:37	1	Kathleen Harbort	Little Silver NJ	46	37:22