MultiSport Canada

Dear Participants,

At MultiSport Canada our belief is there are four principles when creating a race experience.

Races should always be focused on the customer experience and based on safety, fairness and fun! We also believe that there is an important place in the sport for independent grass roots racing and very much appreciate you supporting MultiSport Canada and Barrelman Niagara Falls.

In the past ten years we have seen athletes from around the world, whether Australia, Belgium, England, Italy, Puerto Rico, the United States and are proud when they tell us that Barrelman Niagara Falls stood out because of the overall feeling of camaraderie, the positive vibe and the great race experience.

MultiSport Canada and races like Barrelman are successful in large part because of the generous support of the volunteers and Ambassadors. While this will be a very busy weekend, we would like to pay take a moment to pay our respects to Marty Lipinsky and send our condolences to his wife, Yvonne.

Yvonne competed in her first Barrelman in 2017, raced and was an ambassador in 2018 and 2019 and raced again in 2022, 2023 and 2024. Over those six years Yvonne and her husband Marty travelled from Youngstown, Ohio and were volunteers at race kit pick-up. Marty also volunteered on course during the race. You can see him on the left, wearing a blue t-shit in the picture below, volunteering at the swim exit. During that time the MultiSport Canada team got to know Marty and Yvonne for being kind, generous and caring people. J. Martyn Lipinsky passed away peacefully on April 27, 2026 surrounded by his wife, Yvonne, and children.

We recognize how important it is to never lose sight of those who grew and supported our athletes, for many years to come.

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For those who are returning this year, we welcome you back and thank you for the continued support!

For those who will be racing Barrelman Niagara Falls for the first time, we welcome you and hope that your experience is a memorable and happy one.

I would also like to point out that a positive race experience is due in large part to the volunteers and the stakeholders in and around Niagara Falls. We are very fortunate and extremely grateful for the amazing volunteer support we receive, year in and year out. Words do not describe how extremely thankful we are for your support and hard work!

We would like to thank:

- Ron and Lynda Lemon and their crew of volunteers from Welland who have been helping us for over 16 years at our MultiSport Canada Welland event in June and at Barrelman from the very beginning, 10 years ago.
- All the dedicated volunteers in not one, but two transition zones.
- The surrounding communities and stakeholders, who have played key roles in helping to ensure the success of our race.
- Sarah Wood, Tracie Wallis and Emily DeGaust of the Niagara Parks Commission.
- The Mayor of Welland, Frank Campion, and the Welland staff and respective departments.
- Our amazing Ambassador Team who have helped spread the word about Barrelman. If you see them in their Ambassador T-shirts on race weekend, please say hello and thank them.

Our Barrelman Ambassadors are:

- William McAnirlin III - 'Mack' is not racing this year however, he is coming all the way from Maine to Volunteer.
- Mike Smith – President of the Rochester Tri Club aka The RAT's
- Erin Castell (New Pro Female)
- Sue Starr (Rochester Area Triathletes)
- Mat and Lauren Reid (Coaches)
- Michael Telpner (Toronto Tri Club)
- Angela Lilly – one of the top age group athletes in Ontario
- Luke Eghoetz – one of the top age group athletes in Ontario
- Mark Cullen – Owner/Coach at Limitless Performance

On behalf of Jason Vurma, President MultiSport Canada, Carolynne Simons our Communications Director, our business partner Joseph Park and the rest of the MultiSport Canada team, I give you our personal commitment to do our best to make this an exceptional race experience. We hope it is one you will never forget and we thank you for continuing to make this the largest independent Half Distance Triathlon in North America!

I hope to greet you personally at the Finish!

John Salt
Founder - MultiSport Canada and Race Director - Barrelman Niagara Falls

We invite you to like/join the Barrelman Niagara Falls Facebook Group page with almost 2,000 exceptional members who share tips and support each other. We also have the Barrelman Niagara Falls official page where important information is shared all year long.