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THE 2020 YUENGLING Shamrock Marathon Is More Than a Race. It's a St. Patrick's Day celebration in Coastal Virginia—perfect for your next run-cation.

If you're looking for a flat, fast oceanfront course, the Yuengling Shamrock Marathon is the perfect race for you. If you enjoy a laid-back, beach vibe, Virginia Beach is your ideal destination. If you believe in celebrating your race, this run-cation experience provides just that.

Established in 1973, the Yuengling Shamrock Marathon, hosted in Virginia Beach, Virginia over St. Paddy's Day weekend takes marathoners on a scenic and speedy tour of this coastal destination. In addition to the panoramic ocean vistas, runners experience Virginia Beach's vibrant beachside communities, tree-lined streets, and views of the Cape Henry Lighthouses while they tackle 26.2 miles.

If the on-course scenery isn't enough to distract you from the task at hand, the flat course and ideal weather will help you run your best possible race. The course never climbs above 40 feet of elevation and temperatures typically hover in the 40s to high 50s. No matter what goal you're chasing—whether it's achieving a personal best or simply having the best possible race experience—the Yuengling Shamrock Marathon is the perfect place to achieve it.

Once you cross the finish line under the watchful eye of a larger-than-life King Neptune statue, the real celebration begins. At the post race festivities, hosted in a heated, beachside tent that's the size of two oceanfront blocks, you'll be greeted with every party essential you need. You'll receive plenty of Yuengling beer and Irish Stew from Murphy's Irish Pub (a local favorite) while you enjoy live music and celebrate in true St. Paddy's Day style.



Not ready to tackle 26.2 miles? You can still immerse yourself in the Shamrock experience. Runners can choose from the marathon, half marathon, and 8K distances. With the TowneBank Shamrock 8K on Saturday and the Yuengling Shamrock Marathon and Anthem Shamrock Half Marathon on Sunday, runners can also complete the Dolphin Challenge (8K and Half Marathon) or Whale Challenge (8K and Marathon).

The mix of great racing, fun festivities, and beautiful scenery likely explains the race's popularity. More than 20,000 finishers—plus 2,000 volunteers—took part in the 2019 series, with folks coming from all 50 states. That included T. Wooten, who raved about the weekend's allure for community. "Awesome for a group of friends and or a family gathering!!" wrote Wooten. "Well organized and lots of fun!!"

The fun extends beyond the race festivities. Once you arrive at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront for your run-cation, you'll have

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plenty of reasons to prolong your stay. The three-mile-long boardwalk along the Atlantic Ocean is home to many high-rise hotels, restaurants, and shops, providing seemingly endless options for dining and exploration.

A truly memorable race weekend plus a dreamy destination vacation—what else could you want in a run-cation?

THE 2020 SHAMROCK RACE WEEKEND TAKES PLACE IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA ON MARCH 20 - 22, 2020. REGISTER NOW AT SHAMROCKMARATHON.COM.