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December 8, 2025

Leah Boyd  
Critz Tybee Run Fest  
YMCA of Coastal Georgia  
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**Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), 2026 Critz Tybee Run Fest, Temporary Activities within the State's Shore Protection Act (SPA) Jurisdiction, South Beach Parking Lot on the Beach, Strand & 16th Street Roundabout, Tybee Island, Chatham County, Georgia**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request to host the 2026 Critz Tybee Run Fest at multiple locations on Tybee Island. The two-day event will include a beach run and a festival zone within the paved areas associated with the 16<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout and the Strand parking lot. The temporary special event within the State's Shore Protection Act (SPA) jurisdiction will commence no sooner than 15 days after the date on this letter and be completed no later than Saturday, February 7, 2026.

This event combines multiple courses for participants over a two-day period, including a Beach Run at 12pm Saturday February 7, 2026. Runners will access the beach at the 18<sup>th</sup> Street dune crosswalk and exit the beach at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street dune crosswalk (1.4 miles). No amenities are proposed in SPA jurisdiction in association with the Beach Run. The festival zone will include the placement of event amenities on the paved areas associated with the 16th Street roundabout and the Strand parking lot to the south. The 16<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot will be closed Thursday, February 5, 2026, through post-event clean up scheduled to be completed no later than Saturday, February 7, 2026. Event amenities include one (1) 20ft. X 20ft. tent for medical services, one (1) 10ft. X 10ft. tent for the event sponsor, and one (1) 105ft. X 50ft. tent that will provide cover for a stage, an associated sound system, tables, chairs, generators, and other Critz Run Fest amenities for race participants. Additionally, one (1) bounce house, as many as eighteen (18) additional trash receptacles, one (1) dumpster, one (1) ice machine, and specialty vehicles offering the general public and race participants beverages and food, will be staged on the existing paved parking area located at 16th Street roundabout and Strand parking lot. If any generators are gas or diesel powered, they must be placed in a spill containment structure on the paved parking area. An absorption mat must be placed within the spill containment structure to prevent any fuel spillage onto the ground. All fuel storage containers within the City of Tybee Island (COTI) parking lot must also be stored in a spill containment structure in a location agreed upon with COTI Public Safety Officials. The event will be set up Thursday, February 5, 2026, and removed no later than Saturday, February 7, 2026. All power cables will be identified and secured appropriately. All zip ties associated with the installation of the festival zone must be placed in appropriate trash receptacles and removed from the public area during breakdown.

The Department authorizes the temporary event amenities as depicted in the attached project description and location map. No impacts to the sand sharing system are proposed and access to the beach is available to the public at existing crossovers along the Strand. **No equipment, materials or debris may be placed, disposed of, or stored in jurisdictional areas.** Any incidental impacts associated with this project must be rectified by fully restoring areas to their pre-construction topographic and vegetative states.

This LOP is valid for the above referenced project. Any change in the use, location, dimensions, or configuration of the approved project, without prior notification and approval from this office could result in revocation of this permission and in the required removal of the materials and related structures. This project must comply with all other Federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations.

If you have any further questions or concerns in regard to this, or any other project, please feel free to contact Deb Barreiro at 912.266.3695.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Andrews", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jill Andrews  
Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosures: Description, Vicinity Map & Site Plan

cc: Robyn Rosner  
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October 6, 2025

Ms. Deb Barriero  
Department of Natural Resources  
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RE: 2026 YMCA Critz Tybee Run Fest Placement of Temporary Festival Structures, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Street Parking Lot and Strand Avenue, City of Tybee Island, Chatham County, Georgia.

Dear Ms. Barriero,

This request is in regard to the 2026 YMCA Critz Tybee Run Fest on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and  
Strand Avenue, Tybee Island, Georgia. The YMCA Critz Tybee Run Fest is scheduled  
Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The YMCA of Coastal Georgia is  
proud and excited to be overseeing the coordination of this well-known local event for  
the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

Our request includes the placement of one 50x105 tent and one 20x20 tent and  
one 10x10 canopy, which will be placed in the existing parking area located at the City of  
Tybee 16<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot and Tybrisa Circle at Strand Ave. The event will be set up  
on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am and will be removed on Saturday, February  
7<sup>th</sup> by 10pm, with a goal to be completed by dark on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Impact to the public parking  
area at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Lot will begin at 9am on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

All activities proposed in association with the 2026 YMCA Critz Tybee Run Fest will occur  
within the confines of the paved parking area, landward of the sand dunes. No impacts  
to the sand sharing system are proposed and access to the beach is available to the  
public at existing crossovers along the strand. Water stations and other runner  
amenities will not be set up on crossovers, beach access or beach areas. Tybee Fire and  
Chatham EMS will assist in any medical issues that arise on beach, beach access or  
crossover areas. The site plan and tent layout are attached and remain unchanged from  
previous years. We hope you will grant a Letter of Permission for the 2026 YMCA Critz  
Tybee Run Fest event. All other required requests have been submitted to the City of  
Tybee via their online special events application system.

Sincerely,

Race Director

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## **2026 YMCA Critz Tybee Run**

### **General Information**

The Critz Tybee Run Fest is an annual weekend event, combining five different races from 1 Mile to 13.1 miles, totaling up to the 26.2 marathon distance. In addition to a world-class race atmosphere, the race weekend provides entertainment for families and friends who are on Tybee to cheer their runners on during the event. Critz Auto Group will remain as the Title Sponsor. Behind the scenes, the ownership and planning of the race have been transferred to the Y. This year's race will benefit the YMCA and the local programs we offer for children and families in the community we share.

### **Race Details**

All races start on 15<sup>th</sup> Street and finish on Tybrisa. Main Tent is located at Tybrisa and Stand Parking Lot.

Routes have been developed in concert with TIPD to ensure the best experience for residents and runners

Course volunteers will be abundantly placed along the course, with increased presence at key intersections recommended by TIPD

Awards will be presented for each individual event directly following each event.

The YMCA will have over 150 volunteers on site to help with the event. Volunteers will be stationed on the race course, assist with trash pick-up along at the course (during and after each race and at the conclusion of the activities), man water stations and clean-up, assist runners with pre- and post-race activities. Volunteers from all eleven YMCA of Coastal Georgia branches will assist along with other community volunteers.

Volunteers will be easily identifiable to all participants and residents because they will be wearing high-vis vests.

## **Weekend Schedule**

### ***Thursday, February 5, 2026***

9:00 a.m. Event site set up – Amazing Event Rentals (tent), UltraMax and YMCA

### ***Friday, February 6, 2026***

2:00 p.m. – Packet Pickup begins in the Main Tent

5:30 p.m.- Mauldin & Jenkins Kiddie Run

6:00 p.m.- Chamacos Tacos and Surf 5K

Immediately following the 5K there will be food and drinks provided for the runners

### ***Saturday, February 7, 2026***

6:30 a.m.-Packet Pick Up in Main Tent

7:00 a.m.-The Collins Quarter 10K

8:30 a.m.- Chu's Half Marathon

12:00 p.m.-Bank South 2.8 Mile Beach Run

1:00 p.m.- West Construction 1 Mile Run

1:30 p.m.-Final Awards Ceremony

Immediately following the 10K there will be food and drinks provided for the runners throughout the remainder of the races

2:00 p.m. – Site tear-down begins. To be completed by dark.

# 2.8 MILE BEACH RUN

2026



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