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The start line is at Badwater, Death Valley, which marks the lowest elevation in the Western Hemisphere at 280' (85m) below sea level. The race finishes at Mt. Whitney Portal at 8,360' (2533m). The Badwater course covers three mountain ranges for a total of 13,000' (3962m) of cumulative vertical ascent and 4,700' (1433m) of cumulative descent. The Portal is the trailhead to the Mt. Whitney summit, the highest point in the contiguous United States.

Now in its tenth year producing this race, AdventureCORPS is pleased to welcome the support of race sponsors Moeben Sleeves, ZombieRunner.com, and Hammer Nutrition. AdventureCORPS also appreciates the support of RedOxx Quality Luggage, Joshua Tree Products, Furnace Creek Inn and Ranch Resort, Panamint Springs Resort, Seasons Restaurant of Lone Pine, Pizza Factory of Lone Pine, Dow Villa of Lone Pine, the community of Lone Pine, CA, and many other generous companies and individuals.

Additionally, we salute the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Inyo County, California Department of Transportation, and California Highway Patrol, whose staff—and permits—oversee this event.

We wish everyone—racers, crews, staff, sponsors, media, and fans—a safe and successful race this year. May this truly be a life-changing experience for everyone.

Sincerely,

Chris Kostman

Race Director and Chief Adventure Officer

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GENERAL INFORMATION

MANDATORY RUNNER CHECK-IN:

12:00-2:00PM, Sunday, July 12, 2009, Visitors Center Auditorium, Furnace Creek, CA. Every runner must personally attend at some point during the two hour timeframe. Photo identification is required for all runners. Please bring the completed Runner Check-In Form and signed waivers for all crew members and the runner. All paperwork must be complete before walking in the door. Be sure to pay your \$20 per car Park Entrance Fee at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center BEFORE you come to Runner Check-In.

MANDATORY PRE-RACE MEETING:

3:30-5:00PM, Sunday, July 12, 2009, Visitors' Center Auditorium, Furnace Creek, CA. Every runner and at least one crew member per runner must attend the entire meeting. We highly recommend that all crew members attend.

MEDIA MEETING:

There will be a brief, mandatory meeting of all journalists after the Pre-Race Meeting in the auditorium.

SUNRISE / SUNSET:

Civil Twilight (AM): 5:14am
Sunrise: 5:33am
Sunset: 8:12pm
Civil Twilight (PM): 8:41pm.

STARTING TIMES:

6:00AM, 8:00AM, and 10:00AM, Monday, July 13, 2009. Runners may attend only their assigned start time. Runners must check in, ready to race, 30 minutes prior to their start.

ENDING TIME:

The event is officially over 60 hours after each starting group, so ALL runners MUST leave the course by either 6:00PM, 8:00PM, or 10:00PM, July 15, 2009.

POST-RACE GET-TOGETHER:

6:00PM, Wednesday, July 15, 2009, Lo-Inyo Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room, 223 East Locust Street, Lone Pine, CA. (north end of town; east of Hwy 395). Pizza and drinks will be served. No charge for all staff, racers, and up to six crew members with each racer.

POST RACE BREAKFAST:

8:00AM to 10:00AM, Thursday, July 16, 2009, Seasons Restaurant, 206 South Main Street, Lone Pine, CA. This is one last opportunity for Badwater runners and crew to get together and share stories. Juice, coffee, muffins, yogurt, and the like will be provided. Room for 75 people total! First come, first served. No charge.

PERMITS:

This event is held under permits from the Inyo National Forest, Death Valley National Park, California Department of Transportation, and Inyo County. (If one of them won't issue us a permit, this race is history. So don't screw up!)

COURSE RECORDS:

Men's: Valmir Nunes, 2007, Brazil: 22:51:29.
Women's: Jamie Donaldson, 2008, USA, 26:51:33.

DRIVING DISTANCES:

Las Vegas Airport to Furnace Creek:
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Los Angeles Airport to Furnace Creek:
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240 miles

Lone Pine to Los Angeles Airport:
210 miles





ARTHUR WEBB JOINS THE TEN-TIME FINISHER CLUB

Congratulations to Arthur Webb of Santa Rosa, CA for becoming just the third member of the Badwater Ultramarathon Ten-Time Finisher Club! Here are the finishing results (including place in parentheses) for Arthur Webb, along with the data for previous inductees Scott Weber and Marshall Ulrich.

*Note: All photos from 2008 by Luis Escobar
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Arthur Webb's Ten Official Finishes:

- 1998: 44:44:00 (9), age 56
- 1999: 33:57:00 (4), age 57
- 2000: 43:12:58 (16), age 58
- 2001: 40:19:58 (13), age 59
- 2002: 43:40:10 (21) age 60
- 2003: Did Not Finish Officially
- 2004: 43:28:10 (29), age 62
- 2005: 44:13:10 (35), age 63
- 2006: 45:07:21 (43), age 64
- 2007: 37:48:35 (24), age 65
- 2008: 39:46:53 (30), age 66
- 2009: Recognized as a Ten-Time Finisher
(He will also compete again.)



SCOTT WEBER

Scott Weber's Ten+ Official Finishes:

- 1994: 52:30:00 (10), age 41 (PM Start)
- 1995: 49:00:50 (11), age 42 (PM Start)
- 1996: 56:04:00 (12), age 43
- 1997: 57:00:00 (19), age 44
- 1998: 54:13:00 (15), age 45
- 1999: 56:34:00 (33), age 46
- 2000: 53:43:52 (37), age 47
- 2001: 44:07:27 (23), age 48
- 2002: Did Not Finish
- 2003: 58:43:29 (46), age 50
- 2004: Did Not Finish
- 2005: 57:42:00 (65), age 52
- 2006: Recognized as a Ten-Time Finisher (*He also competed again*): 57:37:50 (66), age 53
- 2007: Did Not Finish
- 2008: 51:56:07 (70), age 55
- 2009: He will also compete again



MARSHALL ULRICH

Marshall Ulrich's Ten+ Official Finishes:

- 1990: 30:31:25 (2), age 39 (PM Start)
- 1991: 26:34:10 (1), age 40 (PM Start)
- 1992: 26:18:00 (1), age 41 (PM Start)
- 1993: 28:53:00 (1), age 42 (PM Start)
- 1994: Did Not Finish
- 1995: 52:40:07 (14), age 44 (PM Start)
- 1996: 33:01:00 (1), age 45 (Death Valley Cup)
- 1998: 30:06:00 (3), age 47
- 1999: 35:52:00 (6), age 48
- 2000: Did Not Finish
- 2001: 54:59:14 (49), age 50
- 2002: 40:48:48 (12), age 51
- 2003: Recognized as a Ten-Time Finisher (*He also competed again*): 45:30:04 (24), age 52
- 2004: 44:09:49 (32), age 53
- 2005: 36:48:19 (10), age 54
- 2007: 41:44:23 (42), age 56
- 2008: 36:44:55 (18), age 57
- 2009: He will also compete again



The Call of the Desert

*By Alisa Springman,
2008 official finisher*

Ultrarunning is how I define myself. It is how I dance, how I create art and how I write the story of my life. No other event that I have competed in before has challenged me and changed me in the way that Badwater has. It was the organizing force in my life last year and made me cognizant of untapped human potential, of strength that I was not aware that I had, of the incredible love of my family and friends and of the transcendent beauty of the desert.

Badwater has been a dream race for me since I began ultrarunning 5 years ago. After my first ultra, the JFK 50 Miler, I went right out and purchased "Running on the Sun." I made anyone who would sit still for 90 minutes watch it and, quite frankly, I think many were disturbed by the gleam in my eye. Even ultrarunning friends thought the race was crazy, but I would not be deterred. I did not think I had the requisite strength or experience to even apply for Badwater until I completed Desert RATS 150 mile stage race and Western States 100. The struggles that I had on these courses convinced me that my mind and body were strong, strong enough to handle the challenges of Death Valley.

In 2006, while completing the 52 mile stage of Desert RATS, I took a wrong turn and became lost in the desert. Alone, with dwindling water and an aid station now at least 20 miles away, I was forced to confront my fears and navigate my way out despite never having used a compass in competition before. By the time I returned to course, I had lost three hours, but had gained an incredible strength of pur-

pose that allowed me to race those 20 miles to the stage finish and lose only 12 minutes of the lead that I had established.

The struggle I faced in Western States 100 in 2007 was a more spiritual and mental one. At that time, just coming out of the Michigan Bluff aid station at mile 55, I knew I was on course, I knew what the cutoffs were, but my mind and spirit were flagging. I had the opportunity to share my experience at the race with our school community and here is how I described the struggle:

"Between the dark, my mental and physical fatigue and my low blood sugar, my mind begins to drift a bit. Every branch becomes a snake, every noise is a cougar or a bear waiting to attack and I am certain I hear coyotes howling. My energy and spirits fail in this section. I am staggering through the woods, barely able to move. All my muscles, not just my legs, feel as though they have been beaten. I am one big walking bruise. I give into the pain for a while and all the doubts I've ever harbored about myself come to the forefront of my mind. I am alone on the trail, in the dark, in unfamiliar territory. Surely I am not strong enough, smart enough, pretty enough or good enough to make this journey. I feel I don't belong out here with these incredible athletes. I've spent thousands of hours and thousands of dollars to get here; what could I have been thinking? My ego is crushed; I've been stripped of my pride, my vanity and most of my dignity. I want only for the pain to end. I think 'If I quit now, who would blame me? I've traveled further on foot in this one day than most do in a

month. What am I trying to prove? My mind uses every trick it knows to get me to stop, but there is a faint light still glowing in my eyes. It is a little spark of strength and the memory of all the gifts I have been granted in my life. I find myself: the woman that has strength and the ability to do that which she sets her mind to. I can overlook the bitterness, I can embrace the pain and I CAN put one foot in front of the other. This feeling is what I've come for. To have myself pulled apart. To be given the opportunity to know my soul and to choose the person I want to be. All the miles and months of training do not, CANNOT, prepare you for this moment. You must rely only on yourself, on whatever strength you can scrape together. And, in rising from that moment, I know a gratitude that I don't experience at any other time in my life. By taking away the multitude of modern life's distractions and demands, to be surrounded by the natural world where my only task is forward motion, I can clearly see that which is most valuable and important in life."

Quite simply, no other race has given me the experience of being stripped bare and pulled apart like Badwater. As difficult as they are, these low and difficult moments of each race are what I love, what keep me coming back again and again. I truly believe that most individuals really do not know themselves or what they are capable of until they are put in this sort of situation. And, though the struggle is not life and death, it truly illuminates your spirit and strength because the easy way out is almost always available. Badwater 2008 broke me down over and over again, but I was strong enough to get up every time. I want to experience that again, to see if I am strong enough to get up even faster and to hurdle over the barriers rather than crash into them.

The desert calls to me. It is my favorite place to race. I am enchanted by the barren landscape, the wild skies, the extreme weather and environment. To be given a chance to race through Death Valley again in Badwater is a gift. My 2008 Badwater experience was one of the most profound of my life and one that I still have difficulty putting into words. I crave the solitude that can be found in the desert. And while I experi-

enced this solitude at Badwater, I also experienced, in equal measure, the love and support of my incredible family and friends that comprised my crew. Never in my life has my family operated as one unit in pursuit of a goal. As my mother and brother supported me through the race, we became close in a way that I did not think was possible. We have shared an experience that will bind us together forever and for that I am truly grateful. Badwater reinforces the truths that as human beings, we alone are responsible for how far we get along a certain path, but that the path can be made smooth and easier to travel by those who love and support you.

In my profession as a teacher and as a coach, I think perhaps the most important thing I do is to provide a living example of not only a healthy lifestyle, but of an athlete who continues to compete as an adult. I want to be an inspiration to the young women and men that I am responsible for. I wish to challenge them to think beyond the incredible material comforts that their parents have given them and to find an honest and true experience in the world that does not depend on cable TV or computer graphics. I know I have inspired a few young women to get into the sport of running and my experiences as an ultrarunner certainly give me more legitimacy as a coach, but competing in Badwater gives much more credence to the inspiration that I can provide.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not add that I want to return to Badwater to IMPROVE! I did well last year, to be sure, without course knowledge, without an experienced crew. What I have learned and what I am prepared to do should allow me to improve upon my performance. I feel as though I can push myself harder, that there was some more of myself I could have left on the course last year and I want to race not only my own demons, but the other athletes as well. 37 hours was great, and I could not have been happier when I finished, but after a few hours off the course, my thoughts were NOT "never again" they were "WHAT IF..." I was already dreaming about the next race.



THE DANGERS OF RUNNING IN THE HEAT

By Jason Hodde, MS, ATC/L

Running in hot weather can pose many dangers to ultrarunners. Although most runners are aware of the dangers of running for prolonged distances in hot and humid weather, many are also inadequately prepared for the intense stress placed on the body during these hot weather runs.

Scott Jurek takes one of many ice baths in 2006.

In July 2002, I participated in the 25th anniversary of the Badwater Ultramarathon, a 135-mile trek from the lowest place in the continental United States (Badwater Basin), through Death Valley National Park, and to the foot of Mount Whitney, the Whitney Portals, at an altitude of 8,360 feet (2,548 meters). The run was held in the middle of one of the most severe heat waves southern California has ever seen. In preparation for the run, I made sure my crew was aware of the signs and symptoms of heat illness, as well as how to treat me should problems occur. Here are some of the dangers of ultrarunning in the heat, and preventative measures that can be taken to avoid potential problems.

The Heat Index

The heat index is the apparent temperature felt by the body due to the combined effects of actual temperature and humidity. Most people understand that as the air temperature goes up, so does the heat index, but humidity also plays a role. As the humidity rises, the body is unable to efficiently evaporate the sweat it produces. Therefore, the perceived temperature is much higher than the actual air temperature. The loss of cooling efficiency thus makes exercise extremely dangerous.

Although it is convenient to use a single number to describe the apparent temperature your body feels, keep in mind that heat and

humidity affect everybody differently. Several assumptions are made to calculate the heat index measurements in the table below. Specifically, the heat index assumes the body to be:

- 5' 7" (170 cm) in height
- 147 pounds (67 kg) in weight
- Caucasian
- At 98.6° F (37° C) body temperature
- Clothed in long pants and a short-sleeved shirt
- In shade
- Walking at a speed of 3.1 mph (5 kph)
- In a breeze of 6 mph (10 kph)
- Not dripping with sweat

Changing any of these factors can either increase or decrease the heat index from those shown in the table. Be aware that heat index values of over 100 significantly increase your risk of heat-related illness.

	Air Temperature (Degrees F)										
	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120
Relative Humidity	Heat Index										
0%	64	69	73	78	83	87	91	95	99	103	107
10%	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	111	116
20%	66	72	77	82	87	93	99	105	112	120	130
30%	67	73	78	84	90	96	104	113	123	135	148
40%	68	74	79	86	93	101	110	123	137	151	
50%	69	75	81	88	96	107	120	135	150		
60%	70	76	82	90	100	114	132	149			
70%	70	77	85	93	106	124	144				
80%	71	78	86	97	113	136	157				
90%	71	79	88	102	122	150	170				
100%	72	80	91	108	133	166					

Data from the US National Weather Service

Heat Illnesses

There are three major heat illnesses—and all of them can be exacerbated by ultra distance running and prematurely end an ultrarunner's race. In all cases, the main reason that runners experience heat illness is dehydration. If you replace lost fluids and electrolytes and are able to train your body to process a high volume of fluid in a short period of time, you significantly decrease the risk of experiencing these race-ending medical emergencies.

Heat cramps: Exercising in hot weather can lead to muscle cramps, especially in the legs. This is usually caused by imbalances or deficiencies in your body's electrolyte stores. A cramp is characterized by sharp, stabbing pain in the muscle and rarely works itself out on its own. On a training run earlier this year in Death Valley, many runners complained of cramps in their legs; I suffered from cramps in my diaphragm and had difficulty breathing for more than an hour! Cramps become less frequent with heat training, but for those of us unaccustomed to such extreme conditions, maintaining adequate hydration and electrolyte balance is critical to avoiding them. To eradicate cramps, you should stop running, drink fluids containing electrolytes, cool your body with wet towels, and immediately get out of the sun.

Heat exhaustion: Losing fluid and electrolytes through sweat leads to dizziness and weakness if the lost fluids are not replaced. Heat exhaustion is characterized by a moderate rise in body temperature, dizziness, nausea and vomiting, and a headache. You might also experience weakness, lack of coordination, heat cramps, heavier than usual sweating accompanied by moist and cold skin, and "goose bumps." Your heart rate may rise and you won't be able to run as fast due to fatigue. Many runners—even those who are well trained—will suffer from mild heat exhaustion after running for several hours in hot and humid conditions. If you experience the signs of heat exhaustion, stop running immediately and drink fluids containing electrolytes, cool your body with wet towels, lie down and elevate your feet a few inches above your heart, and immediately get out of the sun.

Since heat exhaustion can lead to the most severe form of heat-related illness, heat stroke, seeking prompt medical attention for heat exhaustion is also highly recommended.

Heatstroke: In extreme cases heat can upset the body's thermostat, causing body temperature to rise to 105 degrees F or higher. This is a life-threatening situation that requires immediate medical attention. While it is common for untreated heat exhaustion to rapidly progress to heatstroke, heatstroke can (and does) occur without the signs of heat exhaustion being apparent. Symptoms of heatstroke include lethargy and extreme weakness, confusion and odd or bizarre behavior, disorientation and unconsciousness. Because heatstroke is a complete failure of the body's temperature regulation system, sweating ceases and the skin becomes hot and dry. Convulsions or seizures can occur as the brain begins to shut down. Coma and death are also possible in extreme cases. Heatstroke is a medical emergency that requires immediate medical attention. Call the emergency response system immediately! Get the runner out of the sun, remove all clothing, and immediately rub their body with ice or immerse the runner in cold water.

By staying properly hydrated and recognizing the early warning signs of heat illness, as a runner you can prevent a heat-related problem from becoming a life-threatening situation. As a volunteer, recognizing these heat-related dangers may one day help you save the life of a runner who has underestimated the intensity of the surroundings.



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2007 men's champion and record-breaker Valmir Nunes gets help with staying cool.

THE DANGERS OF HOT WEATHER RUNNING

DEHYDRATION, HEAT CRAMPS, HEAT EXHAUSTION, HEATSTROKE & HYPONATREMIA

By Claudio Piepenburg

(Originally published by Road Runner Sports)

Running in hot weather can pose dangers to runners. Particularly dangerous is racing in hot, humid summer conditions. Here's how to protect yourself from these five serious (and potentially fatal) conditions.

Dehydration

Dehydration is not limited only to the summer months, although it's probably more likely to occur during that time. Many physicians believe that most people are in a constant state of dehydration. Since coffee, tea, soda and alcohol act as a diuretic, anyone who drinks these fluids on a daily basis, and doesn't drink at least an equal amount of water, will probably be dehydrated. If the person is physically active, the potential for dehydration is even greater.

Working out in hot, humid conditions promotes sweating, which in turn can cause dehydration. Sweating is good for you because it cools your body, but when you lose too much water you become dehydrated. If you're already slightly dehydrated, sweating will only

make it worse. It's important to maintain an adequate fluid intake all the time. Don't expect that you can make up for several days of not drinking enough by downing two cups of sports drink before your next long run or race. It's important to keep hydrated all the time. Once you start to feel thirsty, it's too late.

The average (sedentary) person needs a minimum of eight 8-ounce glasses of fluid a day. Runners need more: anywhere from four to eight quarts of fluid. That translates to at least sixteen 8-ounce glasses daily. Remember that diuretics don't count! Drink water and sports drinks, and if you don't have to worry about calories, fruit drinks or juice.

Two hours before your daily summer workout or a race, you should drink 16 ounces of fluid. Then ten minutes or so before you start to run, drink another one or two cups of water or sports drink. Drinking early and drinking often is the key. During a race you should drink six to twelve ounces of fluid every 15-20 minutes. If the weather is very hot, you may

need to drink even more. Training in warm weather, you should drink at least every 35 to 40 minutes. (Remember you will have already had two 8-ounce glasses before you started.) If you're running a race shorter than 30 minutes, you probably won't need any water other than what you drank before the start. The same goes for the last few miles of a longer race. If you're racing or training for longer than an hour, drink sports drinks as opposed to strictly water.

Start drinking immediately after finishing a run, no matter if it was a race or a workout. Minimum is 16 ounces for every 30 minutes you ran. If you tend to sweat a lot, you'll need more. Weigh yourself after you've run. Drink at least 16 ounces of fluid for every pound you lose through sweating.

By monitoring the color of your urine you can tell if you're hydrated. It should be pale yellow or even clear. If it isn't, you need to drink more fluids. It's important that you retain the fluid, so be careful if you're urinating every fifteen or twenty minutes. To restore your fluid balance, eat something salty (a bag of pretzels, salted nuts, crackers or potato chips), then drink a sports drink. The salt will make you thirstier, so you'll take in even more fluid and urine production will decrease.

Heat Cramps

Have you ever seen a runner bent over at the side of the road massaging their calves during a race? Chances are that he or she had heat cramps. Heat cramps are very painful (envision someone stabbing a knife deep into your muscles!) and rarely "work themselves out". The cramps occur because you've lost minerals through sweating and dehydration. Once you've reached the point of heat cramps, it's too late to try to replace fluids on the run. To make the cramps go away you should:

- Stop running
- Drink fluids immediately. The fluids should include sports drinks as well as water
- Massage the muscles once the pain begins to subside
- Cool your body with wet towels
- Get out of the sun

Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is a very serious condition that can lead to heatstroke. The symptoms of heat exhaustion are:

- Dizziness
- "Goose bumps" (particularly on the torso and arms)
- Nausea (sometimes accompanied by vomiting)
- Moderate to severe headache
- Weak legs
- Lack of coordination
- Rapid pulse
- Heavy sweating often accompanied by moist and cold skin
- Muscle cramping

If you experience any of these symptoms you must:

- Stop running immediately
- Get medical attention
- Drink large amounts of fluids, including sports drinks
- Get out of the sun
- Lie down and elevate your feet above your heart
- Loosen your clothing

Heatstroke

Heatstroke can be fatal. Unfortunately runners will sometimes ignore the symptoms of heat exhaustion (particularly in races longer than 10K) and will continue to push themselves until they're nearing a total thermoregulatory breakdown. The symptoms of heatstroke are very similar to those of heat exhaustion, but rapidly progress to:

- Disorientation
- Weakness in the legs to the point that the runner may fall
- Strange behavior (including flailing with the arms and shoving)
- "Fuzzy" thinking
- Rapid pulse
- Cessation of sweating and hot/dry skin
- Body temperature that may reach 104 degrees or higher
- Lack of consciousness
- Convulsions or seizures
- Coma



Noora Alidina receives fluids for inside and out during the 2007 race from her husband and daughter.

Someone suffering from heatstroke needs immediate medical attention. They should be moved out of the sun, cooled by either rubbing their body with ice or immersing them in cold water and given fluids intravenously.

Hyponatremia

Within the last few years the condition known as hyponatremia has begun to attract the attention of sports medicine physicians, exercise physiologists, and the medical directors at some of the larger marathons around the country. Hyponatremia has been called water intoxication because of the symptoms it produces. According to Dr. Tim Noakes, Professor of Exercise & Sports Science Director at the University of Cape Town, "...a person with hyponatremia looks like he or she is mildly drunk. They can't concentrate normally...they forget what you were talking about and start to concentrate elsewhere."

Hyponatremia occurs when the body becomes dangerously low in sodium. It's caused when you literally take in too much water. Although scientists have known about it for a long time, it has only been in the last few years as more runners have been competing in marathons that it has become a concern. According to Dr. Noakes, fluid has to be ingested at high levels for several hours for hyponatremia to occur. He suggests that a runner would have to be drinking water regularly for at least four to six hours to develop the condition. So runners taking four to six hours or more to run a marathon are at particular risk.

Unfortunately, symptoms of hyponatremia tend to mimic those of severe dehydration and/or heat exhaustion. By giving the athlete more water to drink the hyponatremia becomes worse, as more and more sodium is flushed out of the system. If a runner with hyponatremia is given fluids intravenously, they can suffer a

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fatal reaction. Dr. Noakes and other sports medicine professionals recommend that physicians and other medical personnel at road races be alert for the signs of hyponatremia. One of the earliest symptoms is a craving for salty food.

Although hyponatremia is rare, it's wise to be aware that it can occur, particularly if you're running a marathon in unusually hot weather. Hyponatremia serves as a reminder that water is good, but don't forget sports drinks, which replenish your body with the sodium, potassium and other trace minerals you lose through sweat. It's worth repeating: if you're going to be running (or racing) for longer than an hour, you should be drinking a sports drink as well as water.

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MEDICAL RISKS IN THE BADWATER ULTRAMARATHON

This 135 mile race is probably the most physically taxing competitive event in the world. It also has considerable medical risks. All runners and crews must appreciate these two facts both before and during the race.

Heat illness and heat stroke are serious risks. These can cause death, renal shutdown, and brain damage. It is important that runners and crews be aware of the symptoms of impending heat illness. These include: nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, faintness, irritability, lassitude, weakness, and rapid heart rate. Impending heat stroke may be signaled by a decrease in sweating and goose bumps, especially over the chest.

Heat stroke may progress from minimal symptoms to complete collapse in a very short period of time. Deaths and renal shutdown (kidney failure) have been reported in other ultra-marathons. Adequate conditioning is mandatory.

Adequate fluid and electrolyte intake is the most important preventative for heat illness. Runners may well require dozens of gallons of fluid during this race. Proper pace is crucial.

The high altitude plus exertion can also produce various degrees of altitude sickness. This can lead to severe lung and brain swelling, and even death. The main treatment is rest, and especially to get to a lower altitude.

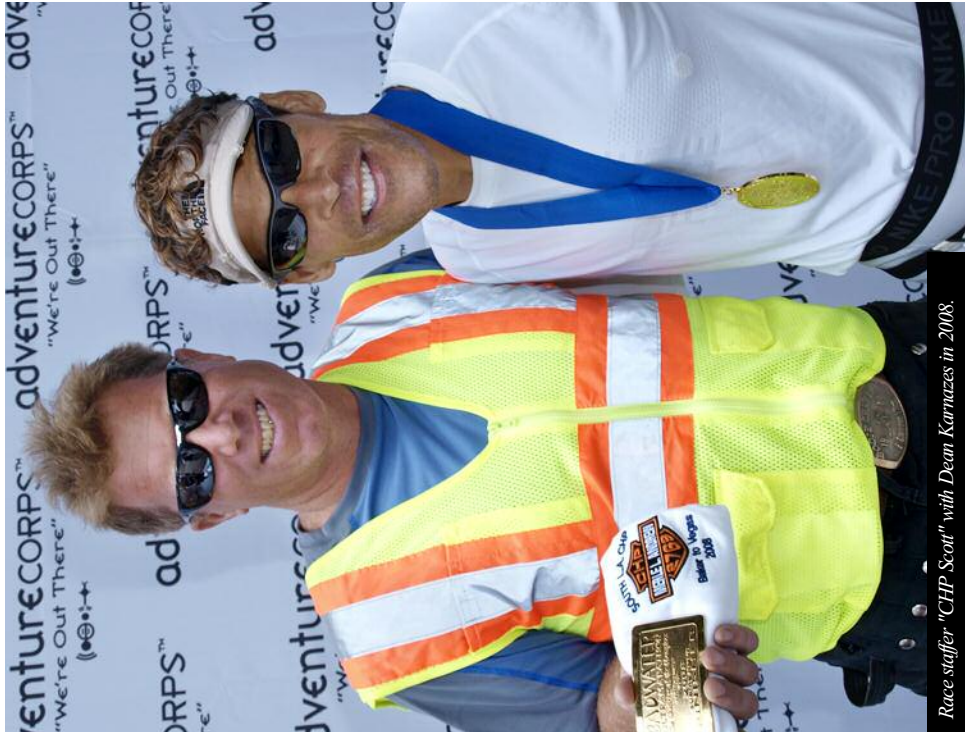
Blisters are also a problem on this course, with pavement temperatures perhaps reaching 200 degrees. Proper foot care & preparation are essential for having a successful race.

Remember, you are responsible for your well-being while participating in this race. There are no aid stations. Know where your limits are and know your body. Your acceptance of invitation to this race declares that you are aware of the risks & potential health problems.



FINISHER DATA ANALYSIS: BADWATER ULTRAMARATHON, 1990-2008

Year	Starters	Finishers	Buckle Cut-Off	Sub 60hr	Sub 48hr	Sub 40hr	Sub 34hr	New M Rec?	New F Rec?
2008	82	75	48 hours	91%	83%	37%	10%		26:51:33
2007	84	78	48 hours	93%	77%	47%	18%	22:51:29	
2006	85	67	48 hours	79%	62%	24%	13%		
2005	81	67	48 hours	83%	56%	22%	7%	24:36:08	
2004	72	57	48 hours	79%	58%	28%	8%		
5yr avg	80.8	68.8		85%	67%	32%	11%		
2003	73	46	48 hours	63%	42%	14%	5%		
2002	78	58	48 hours	74%	47%	12%	4%		27:56:47
2001	71	55	48 hours	77%	46%	14%	7%		
2000	69	49	48 hours	71%	41%	16%	12%	25:09:05	29:48:27
1999	42	33	48 hours	78%	60%	26%	12%	27:49:00	36:58:00
5yr avg	66.6	48.2		73%	47%	16%	8%		
1998	29	20	48 hours	69%	41%	17%	10%	28:09:00	
1997	27	20	48 hours	74%	44%	26%	3%	29:10:00	37:01:00
1996	23	14	45 hours	61%	35%	1%	4%	33:01:00	41:13:00
1995	24	16	45 hours	67%	38%	13%	0%		
1994	25	16	45 hours	64%	32%	1%	4%		
5yr avg	25.6	17.2		67%	38%	12%	4%		
1993	12	10	60 hours	83%	50%	25%	17%		
1992	14	13	60 hours	92%	29%	14%	14%		
1991	14	14	60 hours	100%	71%	36%	14%		
1990	21	17	70 hours	81%	29%	29%	14%		
4yr avg	15.25	13.5		89%	45%	26%	15%		



Race staffer "CHP Scott" with Dean Kamazas in 2008.

Notes in Chronological Order

1987 through 1989: Data was not included because it is incomplete and because the route was 11 miles longer than the route used from 1990 through the present.

1990 through 1995: The race began in the evening (a "PM Start"), which is, by all accounts, faster. Thus course records are not noted above.

1999: The feature length documentary film "Running on the Sun" was filmed, creating a larger field than ever before and, we would argue, a higher than average "drive to succeed" due to the plethora of cameras on the course.

2000 to the present: The field became much more international and thus significantly faster and more competitive than previous years. In 2000, the highest placed American was in sixth place, five hours behind the winner. Since then only in 2007 has a non-American won.

2002 and 2003: Pam Reed, a female, won the race overall.

2003: This year, even by Badwater standards, was "extra hot." Thus the finishing and bucking cut-off averages dipped, rather than rose, that year. Interestingly, the sub-40 and the sub-34 hour averages rose, so apparently the very top competitors were not negatively affected by the heat.



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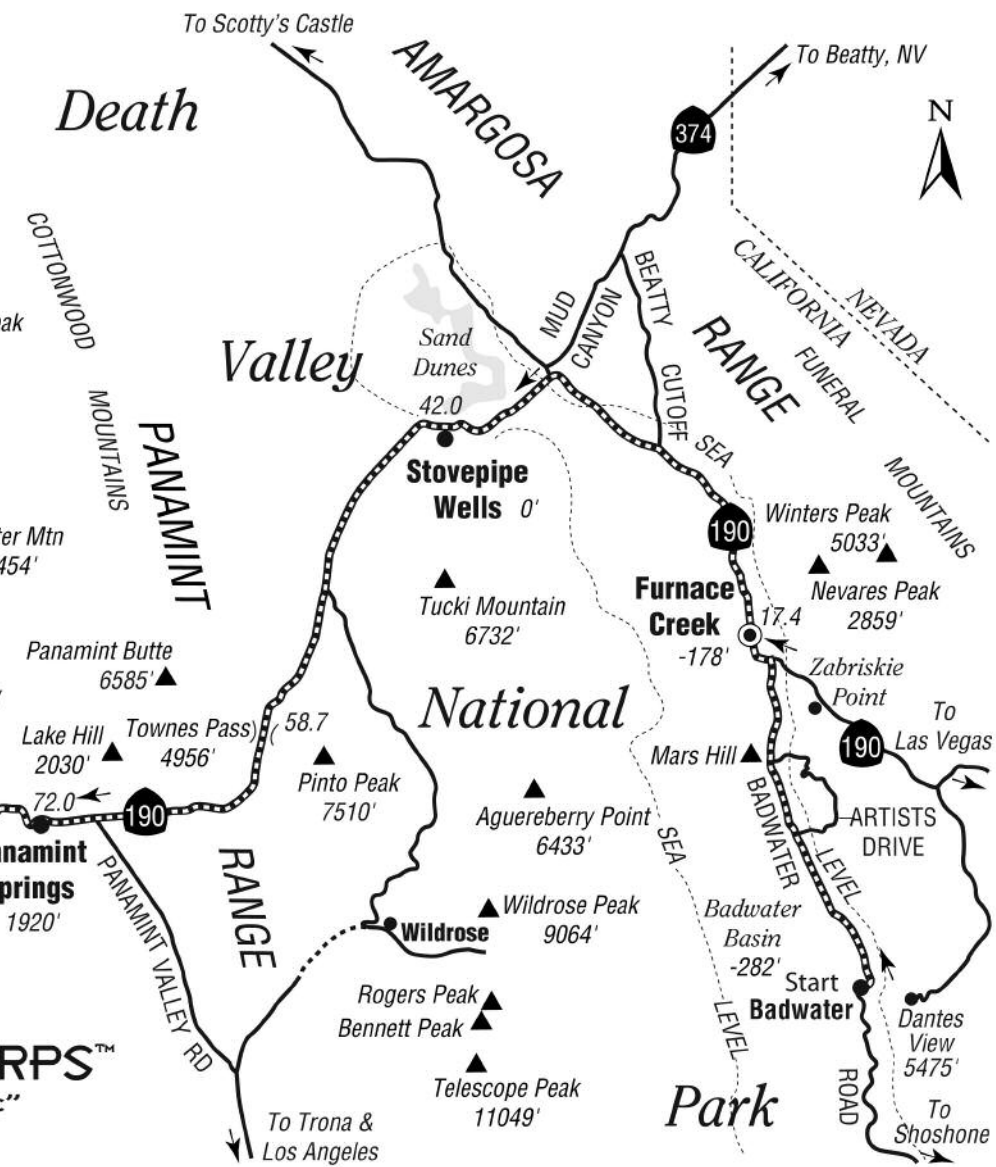


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OFFICIAL RACE ROUTE

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<i>Landmark</i>	<i>Distance (mi.)</i>	<i>Elevation (ft.)</i>	
Badwater	0	-282	
Telescope Peak Sign on L.	1.8	-200	
Wide Shoulder on R.	3.1	-200	
Natural Bridge on R.	3.5	-170	
Devil's Golf Course on L.	5.5	-165	
Artist's Drive entry on R.	7.9	-165	
West Side Road on L.	10.5		
Artist's Drive exit on R.	11.6	-70	
Mushroom Rock on R.	12.9	-170	
Golden Canyon on R.	14.4	-165	
Hwy 190 & 178 – Go Left	16.4	0	
Furnace Creek Ranch on L.	17.4	-165	First Time Station on Left after entrance
Chevron Gas and ice on L.	17.6	-165	
Visitor's Center on L.	17.7	-170	
Harmony Borax Works on L.	19.0	-170	
Cow Creek on R.	20.7	-170	
1st Marathon	26.2	-170	
Beatty, NV turnoff on R.	28.3	-165	
Salt Creek turnoff on L.	30.7	-165	
Sea Level Sign on L.	31.9	0	
Scotty's Castle turnoff on R.	34.7	-130	
Sea Level Sign on L.	35.2	0	
Sand Dunes turnoff on R.	35.8	0	
Devil's Cornfield sign on R.	36.1	-80	
Sand Dunes on R.	39.9	0	
Stovepipe Wells Village	41.9	0	Second Time Station on Right before Store
Mosaic Canyon turnoff on L.	42.1	5	
1000' elevation sign	46.6	1000	
2000' elevation sign	50.5	2000	
Wild Rose turnoff on L.	51.0	2500	
2nd Marathon	52.4	2800	
3000' elevation sign on L	53.3	3000	
4000' elevation sign on L.	55.7	4000	
2nd Radiator Water Tank on R.	58.5	4900	
Townes Pass summit	58.7	4965	
4000' elevation sign on R.	61.5	4000	
Vista Point (view of Whitney)	62.2	3500	
3000' elevation sign on L.	63.8	3000	
2000' elevation sign on L.	66.1	2000	

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<i>Landmark</i>	<i>Distance (mi.)</i>	<i>Elevation (ft.)</i>	
Adopt-a-Highway sign on R	67.7	1800	
Panamint lake bed, east edge	68.1	1640	
Panamint lake bed, west edge	69.1	1640	
Trona turnoff on L.	69.8	1750	
Panamint Springs Resort	72.3	1970	Third Time Station on Left at Resort
2000' elevation sign on L.	72.9	2000	
Darwin Falls turnoff	73.3	2500	Dangerous, narrow area! - miles 74 to 81*
3000' elevation sign on L.	75.8	3000	
3rd Marathon	78.6	3400	
4000' elevation sign on L.	80.2	4000	
Father Crowley's Point on R.	80.2	4000	
DVNP Park Boundary	84.9	4200	
Saline Valley turnoff on R.	86.0	4800	
5000' elevation sign	87.0	5000	
Darwin turnoff on L	90.1	5050	Fourth Time Station on Left at turnoff
5000' elevation sign on L.	92.4	5000	
Grave Site on R.	96.3	4100	
27.5 mile post marker	100.0	4050	
4000' elevation sign on L.	101.6	4000	
Hwy 136 & 190 – go straight	102.9	3935	
4th Marathon	104.8	3800	
Keeler	107.8	3610	
Adopt-a-Highway sign on R.	108.5	3605	
Dolomite loop turnoff on R.	112.6	3600	
Dolomite loop turnoff on R.	116.9	3610	
Owen's River	117.7	3610	
Junction Hwy 136 & Hwy 395 - Go Right	120.3	3695	
Dow Villa Hotel on Right	122.3	3610	Fifth Time Station on Right at Dow Villa
Portal Road light – go Left	122.4	3610	
Tuttle Creek turnoff on L.	122.9	3770	
LA Aqueduct	123.0	3855	
Lone Pine Creek	124.1	4200	
Movie Flat Road on R.	125.1	4590	
Lone Pine Creek	125.3	4800	
Horseshoe Meadow on L.	125.5	5000	
Cuffe Ranch turnoff on R.	126.7	5100	

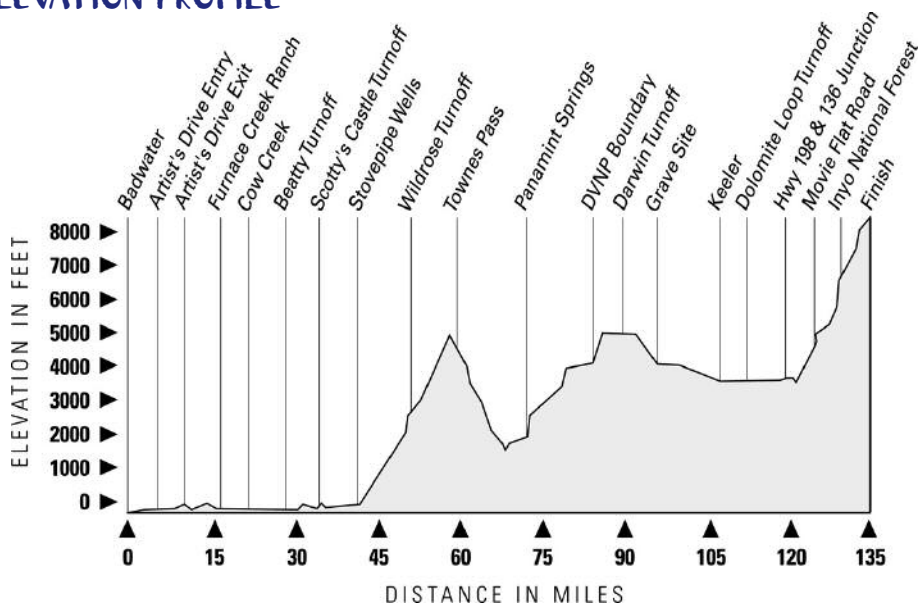
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Landmark	Distance (mi.)	Elevation (ft.)
Olivas Ranch turnoff on L.	128.0	5300
Lone Pine Campground on L.	129.0	5700
		Dangerous, narrow area! - miles 129 -135*
Lone Pine Creek	129.2	6000
Inyo Nat. Forest sign on R.	129.5	6400
Large pullout on R.	130.8	6890
5th Marathon	131.0	7000
Switchback to left	131.7	7215
Vista Point	132.4	7400
"Campsites 39-44" sign on R	133.3	7700
Meysan Lakes trailhead on L.	133.5	8035
Family Campsites	133.7	8100
Overflow Parking	134.3	8200
Finish	134.4	8360

Official distance is 135.0 miles. Remember all car odometers have error. Distances above are accurate in a relative sense, but you may find variation in the overall distance, as we did when creating the above routesheet.

ELEVATION PROFILE



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Badwater, Death Valley

The race begins here adjacent to a pool of salt-water located at the lowest place in the Western Hemisphere.

Furnace Creek Ranch, Mile 17.4

The first oasis in our journey. A gas station, small general store, hotel, restaurant, camping, and ice machine are available.

Stove Pipe Wells, Mile 41.9

A small market, gas station, restaurant and motel. This is not open 24 hours.

Townes Pass (4956'), Mile 58.7

Long ascent, then long descent, followed by approx. 12 long straight miles. It's a steep and narrow road with limited opportunities to park. Support vehicles, crews, and runners must be cautious and extra aware of the traffic.

Panamint Springs Resort, Mile 72.3

Restaurant, gas station, and motel with limited hours. A long, steep climb follows on a steep and narrow road with limited opportunities to park. Support vehicles, crews, and runners must be cautious and extra aware of the traffic.

Father Crowley's Turnout, Mile 80.2

This isn't the top. The road continues to rise to 5000' over rolling hills, then eventually descends into the Owen's Valley.

Keeler, Mile 107.8

A small mining town with no facilities.

Lone Pine, Whitney Portal Road, Mile 122.2

Lone Pine offers the weary runner and crew all the amenities of a real town: fast food, pizza, restaurants, motels, gas stations, grocery stores, and more, not to mention our Webcast Headquarters. Restock here for the climb to the portals. Turn left onto the Whitney Portal Road to begin the final leg, the longest and steepest climb of the race. Temperatures will steadily

decrease. Be prepared with extra layers of clothing and rain gear the final few miles. Be sure your support vehicle is completely off of the road and that you do not block traffic.

Mt. Whitney Trailhead, (8360'), Mile 135

Congratulations! You have finished the most extreme running race in the world! A small diner/shop are open daylight hours. There is also a stocked fishing pond and a campground.



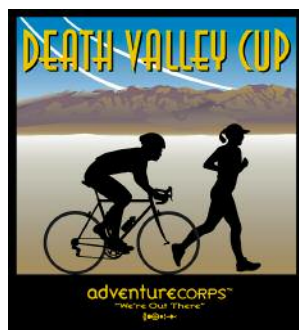
Lisa Tamati of New Zealand during the 2008 race.

DEATH VALLEY CUP

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The Death Valley Cup recognizes those athletes who complete both the Badwater Ultramarathon 135 Mile Running Race and the Furnace Creek 508 Mile Bicycle Race in the same calendar year. To earn this recognition is a very significant achievement in endurance sports and especially for those athletes who have come to know and love Death Valley and its environs.

For more information about Furnace Creek 508, visit www.the508.com.



Current Death Valley Cup Record Holders:

Kaname Sakurai, "Sea Lion" Nagoya, Japan, 36	2000	Badwater, 27:52:14, 3rd place	Furnace Creek, 32:31:56, 2nd place	=60:24:10 total time*
Shanna Armstrong "Dik Dik" Lubbock, TX, 34	2008	Badwater, 31:16:10, 3rd female, 7th overall	Furnace Creek, 34:30:58, 5th female, 24th overall	=65:47:08 total time*

Death Valley Cup Finishers, in order of fastest to least fast:

Charlie Engle, "Water Dragon" Greensboro, NC, 44	2007	Badwater, 27:42:32, 5th place	Furnace Creek, 34:31:12, 13th place	=62:13:44 total time
Danny Westergaard, "Wiener Dog" Rolling Hills, CA, 48	2007	Badwater, 32:22:58, 12th place	Furnace Creek, 35:51:38, 19th place	=68:14:36 total time
Monica Fernandez, "Quetzal" Casablanca, Morocco, 40 (Guatemala)	2008	Badwater, 35:17:59, 7th female, 12th overall	Furnace Creek, 32:58:12 2nd female, 12th overall	=68:16:11 total time
Patrick Candé, "Golden Eagle" Tahiti, French Polynesia, 48	2005	Badwater, 34:13:21, 7th place	Furnace Creek, 36:52:12 37th place	=71:05:33 total time
Danny Westergaard, "Wiener Dog" Rolling Hills, CA, 49 (2nd DV Cup)	2008	Badwater, 36:31:46, 17th place	Furnace Creek, 34:38:34, 23rd place place	=71:10:20 total time
Marshall Ulrich, "Unicorn" Ft. Morgan, CO, 43	1996	Badwater, 33:01, 1st place	Furnace Creek, 38:32:45 16th place	=71:33:45 total time
Monica Scholz, "Scarlett Fairy Cup" Jerseyville, Ontario, Canada, 39 (2nd DV Cup)	2006	Badwater, 32:07:01, 1st female, 8th overall	Furnace Creek, 40:00:02, 2nd female, 27th overall	=72:07:01 total time
Jean Michel Monot, "Manta Ray" Tahiti, French Polynesia, 45	2005	Badwater, 36:51:12, 11th place	Furnace Creek, 35:53:48 31st place	=72:45:00 total time
Monica Scholz, "Scarlett Fairy Cup" Jerseyville, ON, Canada, 37	2004	Badwater, 29:22:29, 1st female, 3rd overall	Furnace Creek, 44:29:15, 1st female, 25th overall	=73:51:44 total time
Michele Santilhano, "Shongololo" Menlo Park, CA, 38 (South Africa)	2008	Badwater, 39:42:23, 11th female, 29th overall	Furnace Creek, 38:01:42, 7th female, 42nd overall	=77:44:05 total time
Steve Teal, "Desert Duck" Phelan, CA, 42 (3rd DV Cup)	2007	Badwater, 44:16:27, 50th place	Furnace Creek, 34:16:04, 11th place	=78:32:31 total time
Steve Teal, "Desert Duck" Phelan, CA, 40	2005	Badwater, 43:56:20, 34th place	Furnace Creek, 35:39:52 29th place	=79:46:12 total time
Steve Teal, "Desert Duck" Phelan, CA, 43 (4th DV Cup)	2008	Badwater, 45:24:20, 56th place	Furnace Creek, 35:12:55, 26th place	=80:37:15 total time
Angelika Castaneda, "Cat" San Diego, CA, 56	1999	Badwater, 36:58, 1st female, 8th overall	Furnace Creek, 43:46:40, 3rd female, 18th overall	=80:44:40 total time*
Steve Teal, "Desert Duck" Phelan, CA, 41 (2nd DV Cup)	2006	Badwater, 42:29:16, 32nd place	Furnace Creek, 41:24:06 29th place	=83:53:22 total time
David Jackson, "Jackass" Lexington, KY, 43	2002	Badwater, 47:12:30, 25th place	Furnace Creek, 38:56:12 15th place	=86:08:42 total time
Del Scharffenberg, "Spider" Portland, OR, 52	1997	Badwater, 48:16, 13th place	Furnace Creek, 42:15:26, 10th place	=90:31:26 total time
Charlie Liskey, "Lizard" Somis, CA, 40	1996	Badwater, 58:26, 14th place	Furnace Creek, 39:32:08 17th place	=97:58:08 total time

(*To receive the Death Valley Cup plaque, these combined record times must be broken.)

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General Race Rules

1.) There are three starting times for the 2008 Badwater Ultramarathon (6am, 8am, and 10am on July 13, 2009), but all racers in all groups are competing in the same race. Runners may attend only their assigned start time. Runners must check in at the start line, ready to race, 30 minutes prior to their start time. Starting Groups are assigned by the race director and are non-transferable. Split times will be collated throughout the race to maintain overall standings. There are only two divisions: men's and women's. The racer to arrive at the finish line in each division with the lowest overall time, based on their starting time, will be considered the winner.

2.) The race number must be worn on the front of the body, unmodified, unfolded, and visible at all times during the race. It may not be worn on the head or hat.

3.) The clock does not stop for any reason until the race course officially closes 60 hours after each designated official start time. All racers must leave the course by the 60th hour.

4.) Running must always be single file, on the far left side of the road or off the left side of the road, facing traffic (pacers, too).

5.) Racers must make their presence known at all Time Stations located along the route. Runner arrival times at Time Station will be recorded.

6.) The race ends at Mt. Whitney Portal. If you choose to hike to the summit, please remove any official race logos and be sure to have the appropriate permits from the Forest Service.

7.) Racers, crew, and staff must not litter, mar, or pollute the landscape or environment.

8.) All racers, crew and staff must display courtesy, good taste, decorum, and sportsmanship at all times. Nudity is specifically not allowed.

Legal and Bureaucratic Issues

1.) All racers must follow and complete the entire application and entry process, filling out all forms and paying all necessary fees.

2.) All racers must sign the Entrant Contract.

3.) All racers and all crew members must sign the Accident Waiver and Release of Liability / Release of Name and Likeness. Each entrant must also bring the properly completed Check-In Form and Medical History Form to Runner Check-In.

4.) All race vehicles must meet the minimum requirements of property damage and personal injury liability automobile insurance for the state of California. All vehicle drivers must be fully licensed.

5.) All racers and at least one crew member for each entrant must attend Racer Check-In and all of the Pre-Race Meeting. Those racers who do not complete the scheduled check-in and attend the meeting will not be allowed to participate. No exceptions.

6.) All racers must be willing to submit to a drug urine test before, during, or after the race. If any USOC banned substances are detected, the racer will be disqualified from competition and listed as **DISQUALIFIED FOR DOPING** in the final standings of the race.

7.) No TV, film, or video crew, person, producer, director or other broadcast media representative may accompany or cover any racer or the race itself without the specific written permission of the Race Director. All film crews must sign a Non-Exclusive Licensing Agreement and pay a Rights Fee. Additionally, Death Valley National Park and/or the U.S. Forest Service may also require payment of a filming fee and signature of a filming agreement.

8.) All racers and crew must pay the Death Valley National Park Entrance Fee. Proof must be brought to Runner Check-In. Runners will not be allowed to check-in for the race without proof of paying the Park Entrance Fee.

9.) All entrants must bring one U.S. dollar (or more) in a sealed envelope to the Pre-Race Meeting. Please write the runner number on the envelope. This envelope will not be returned and the money will be donated to charity.

Support Crew

1.) Each racer must be accompanied by a support crew comprised of at least one four-wheeled motor vehicle and two crew members—both of whom are legally licensed to drive and at least one of whom can speak English—at all times. Each racer must have his or her own personal support crew and vehicle; crew and support vehicles may not be shared, except informally in the spirit of the event, i.e., crews may lend assistance to other racers or crews. Race entrants may have no more than two support vehicles and no more than six crew members in total (including "unofficial" and "family cheering squads") at the race. This includes at the finish line: no more than six crew members and two vehicles may be present.

2.) Runners must progress under their own power without drafting, helping, pushing, supporting, or any other type of physical assistance. Runners may not use walking sticks, ski poles, or the like. So-called "cooling vests" or other types of artificial / technological cooling systems may not be worn or utilized by race entrants while making forward progress on the race course. Crew members may not carry an umbrella or shade cover for a runner.

3.) Runners may not be accompanied by more than one pacer at any given time while making forward progress on the race course. Additional crew members that are handing off supplies to the runner and/or pacer must be off the roadway at all times (i.e. left of the white line on the shoulder).

4.) Runners must not run abreast with other runners or with pacers on the roadway. All running must be single-file on the roadway. If runners or pacers want to run next to one another, they must be OFF the roadway, i.e. left of the white line. Pacers may not run in front of race entrants at any time.

5.) Crew members may not use illegal drugs, stimulants, or dope, as well as alcohol of any kind, during the race or at any official race events or activities.

6.) Runners under the age of 60 may not be accompanied by pacers or moving crew members between Badwater and Furnace Creek.

7.) Wheeled conveyances (other than a motorized support vehicle), including in-line skates, strollers, and bicycles, are prohibited on the course at all times. Likewise for hovercrafts and helicopters. Runners accompanied by any such conveyance will be disqualified.

Support Vehicles

1.) Support vehicles may not be wider than 78" in width, as stated in the manufacturer specifications. Small Cars, Minivans, and SUVs are recommended. Oversize SUVs, vans, and trucks, or other types of oversize vehicles are strongly discouraged, even as a secondary support vehicle. Motorhomes and RVs are specifically not allowed. Race entrants may have no more than two support vehicles and no more than six crew members in total (including "unofficial" and "family cheering squads") at the race. This includes at the finish line: no more than six crew and two vehicles.

2.) All support vehicles must have their headlights on whenever the engine is running, 24 hours a day.

3.) All race vehicles must have highly visible signage on the back of the vehicle stating "CAUTION RUNNERS ON ROAD," as provided by the race organizers at Runner Check-In. Magnetic, reflective, professionally made signs for this purpose may be made to order by your local sign shop instead.

4.) All support vehicles must have their racer's name and race number easily visible on all four sides. This type of sign can be made, for example, using yellow, white, or pink adhesive shelf paper with at least 6 inch letters. This should be

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done in advance of coming to Death Valley. Magnetic, reflective, professionally made signs for this purpose may be made to order by your local sign shop.

5.) Vehicle windows may not be blocked or obstructed with any signage, paint, or the like.

6.) Only one support vehicle is allowed for each racer at the Start Line before the race and then between the Start Line and Furnace Creek during the race.

7.) Due to a severe parking shortage at the finish line, no more than two vehicles per runner may be on the Whitney Portals Road and/or parked at or near the finish line.

8.) Vehicles must "leapfrog" the runner at all times. Attempt to make each "leapfrog" at least one mile or more in length. Racers may not be "shadowed" (driving a vehicle at the runner's speed) and vehicles must not "caravan" (drive together, like a train, at any speed). Driving may never be at the speed of any racer. Driving must be done at the speed of traffic, never slowing down to encourage, talk to, or lend assistance to any racer while moving. All assistance must be provided by pedestrian crew members; handing off of supplies from the vehicle is never allowed.

9.) Vehicles must be parked completely off the road surface whenever they are stopped (with all four tyres right of the white line). Many areas of the route have very little shoulder for parking so care must be taken in choosing stopping places. When stopping/parking, vehicles may not stop on the left side of the road. All stopping/parking must be on the right side of the road, off the roadway.

10.) All vehicles must obey the vehicle code laws of California at all times.

Safety and Medical Issues

1.) Remember, at all times and in all situations, safety is the most important issue. This means safety for racers, crew, staff, and the general public. The roads are not closed for this event and are, in fact, quite busy with tourist and local traffic.

2.) If a racer receives an I.V. (intravenous fluids) during the race, for any reason, then that racer is disqualified and must withdraw from the race and the race course.

3.) From 700pm to 600am each day (night) of the event, while outside on the race course, all racers and all crewmembers/pacers must wear reflective material facing in all four directions, as well as blinking red lights facing front and rear. Racers and crewmembers are encouraged to wear reflective material during the day as well. We highly recommend the products from ZombieRunner.com.

4.) Racers are responsible for both their own and their crew's actions; crews are responsible for both their own and their racer's actions.

5.) Always look and listen both ways before crossing the highways. Remember that drivers will not expect to encounter a racer or parked vehicle out on the course. Remember we are on public roads. Racers should not cross over the highway more than necessary; crew should cross the highway carefully to bring assistance to their racer.

6) All entrants and crew must study "Medical Risks in the Badwater Ultramarathon," "Dangers of Running in the Heat," and "The Dangers of Hot Weather Running".

Leaving the Course or Withdrawing

1.) Every inch of the course must be traveled by each racer. In the event of a routing error, e.g., wrong turn, the racer may be driven back to the exact original spot where he/she left the course and continue running from that location. There will be no allowance made for lost time or miles run in the wrong direction.

2.) If a racer needs to leave the course, his/her crew must note the exact location with a numbered stake in the ground. This numbered stake must be visible from the road in both directions. The racer must then resume the race from the same place that he/she left it. The numbered stakes will be provided to all runners at Runner Check-In. Racers may only leave the course for appropriate reasons such as rest or medical attention. Focus must be kept on the speedy completion of the course.

3.) If a racer withdraws, he/she or his/her crew must contact Race Headquarters or a Time Station immediately. Name, reason for withdrawal, time of withdrawal, and miles completed must be stated. All racers and crew who drop are encouraged - and expected - to come to the finish line and both post-race events to greet and celebrate with their fellow racers and crews.

4) All Emergency Evacuation costs for participants or crews will be borne by that person or their heirs. The race organizers are in no way liable or responsible for emergency evacuation.

Awards

1.) All racers who begin the event will receive up a Badwater Ultramarathon race t-shirt, hat, Race Magazine, and a goodie bag. All racers who officially complete the event within 60 hours will receive a commemorative certificate, a finisher's medal, and a finisher's t-shirt. All racers who officially complete the course within 48 hours will also receive a commemorative Badwater Ultramarathon buckle.

Rule Enforcement and Penalties

1.) Race rules are designed to provide a safe and fair experience for everyone involved and to help ensure our ability to produce the race again next year.

2.) Major rule infractions by racers or their crew, especially those regarding "cheating," will result in immediate disqualification of the racer.

3.) Other, lesser offenses will result in the following cumulative time penalties:

First Penalty: One Hour

Second Penalty: Disqualification

4.) Time penalties are imposed by stopping at the final Time Station in Lone Pine to serve his/her time. The race and clock will continue while the penalized racer waits out his/her penalty time. A Race Official will be present to oversee this process.

5.) The Race Director has the authority, at any time, to overrule any rule or invent a new rule based on extenuating, unforeseen, and/or unusual circumstances and/or to maintain the integrity and fair play necessary for the successful completion, and continuation, of the race. The Race Director has ultimate authority in regards to all rules, their interpretation, and their enforcement. There is no "appeals committee" nor an "appeals process." All entrants in the race, and their support crews, willingly acknowledge this fact, as well as all other race rules, by attending the race in any capacity.

6.) In all cases and circumstances, it is the intent, and spirit, of the rules which will govern their implementation and enforcement.

Finally

1.) Have fun and keep smiling!



PHOTOS FROM BADWATER 2008





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1. Philippe Moreau and Hervé Taquet
2. Jacqueline Florine
3. Dan Jensen with Chris Kostman
4. Marie Bartoletti and crew
5. Lorie Hutchison and crew
6. Eberhard Frixe's AC tattoo
7. Cheryl Zwarkowski
8. Vito Bialla
9. Bruce Gungle



2009 OFFICIAL RACE ROSTER

6:00 AM START

#	M/F	Age	Name	City	State	Country	Nationality
23	M	57	Andrews, Bill	Reno	NV	USA	USA
16	F	46	Blangy, Marianne	Chaussin	Bour	France	France
47	M	48	Bradley, Bill	Santa Rosa	CA	USA	USA
38	M	38	Branco, Ariovaldo	Resende	Rio	Brazil	Brazil
67	M	46	Camara, Cas	Windermere	FL	USA	Brazil
6	M	66	Cantu, Ruben	Atoka	TN	USA	USA
40	M	40	Chasilew, Mauro	Rio Rio de Janeiro	Rio	Brazil	Brazil
100	M	26	Cheever, Rick	Santa Margarita	CA	USA	USA
64	M	26	Conill, Carles	Barcelona	Cata	Spain	Spain
17	F	48	Corbin, Leigh	Murrieta	CA	USA	USA
27	M	43	Dagua, Sebastiao	Resende	Rio	Brazil	Brazil
15	F	48	Farar-Griefer, Shannon	Hidden Hills	CA	USA	USA
54	M	56	Grizard, Philippe	Chaussin	Bour	France	France
83	M	53	Hanes, Steve	Westfield	PA	USA	USA
19	M	19	Hollon, Nickademus	San Diego	CA	USA	USA
72	M	51	Jacaway, Scott	Downers Grove	IL	USA	USA
61	M	37	Koors, Dennis	Oak Park	CA	USA	Denmark
87	M	55	Madi, Terence	Park Ridge	IL	USA	USA
74	M	50	Marinsik, Dan	San Jose	CA	USA	USA
48	M	46	McKinney, Frank	Delray Beach	FL	USA	USA
24	M	56	Merienne, Jean-Jacques	Sireuil	Aqui	France	France
75	M	58	Parker, Ian	Irvine	CA	USA	UK
43	M	43	Ridet, Jean-Luc	Monts-de-Corsier	VD	Switzerland	France
52	F	52	Sheridan, Molly	Las Vegas	NV	USA	USA
58	M	41	Teres Costa, Francisco (Xesc)	Sabadell	Barc	Spain	Spain
88	M	35	Thurston, Jarom	Payson	UT	USA	USA
13	M	56	Weber, Scott	Weed	CA	USA	USA
73	M	58	Weiss, Erhard	Siselen	BE	Switzerland	Germany

8:00 AM START

#	M/F	Age	Name	City	State	Country	Nationality
81	M	37	Aldovini, Roberto	Bornato	Bres	Italy	Italy
34	M	51	Baum, Todd	Fayetteville	NY	USA	USA
31	M	29	Bonatto, Raphael	Curitiba	Para	Brazil	Brazil
57	M	58	Butterick, John	Tampa	FL	USA	USA
36	M	36	Cockbain, Mark	Rowlands Gill	Tyne	UK	UK
18	F	50	Cooper Imhof, Iris	Toronto	ON	Canada	Switzerland
62	M	46	Eggenreich, Gerhard	Mixnitz	Stei	Austria	Austria
42	M	41	Fortney, Darren	Middleton	WI	USA	USA
66	M	59	Frixe, Eberhard	Meine	Nied	Germany	Germany
14	F	40	Gaudet, Peggy	Hope	ID	USA	USA
59	M	51	Gleason, Jeff	Wexford	PA	USA	USA
30	M	31	Gunderson, Jonathan	San Francisco	CA	USA	USA
51	M	52	Humphrey, Jack	Louisville	CO	USA	USA
68	M	51	Kjenstad, Tim	Henderson	NV	USA	USA
56	M	56	Lebrun, Robert	Callander	ON	Canada	Canada
20	F	45	Lemus, Maria	Los Angeles	CA	USA	El Salvador
65	M	45	Marshall, Kelvin	Palm Beach	Qund	Australia	Australia
21	M	40	Molteni, Stefano	Albese con Cassano	Como	Italy	Italy
78	M	44	Murri, Morgan	Pagosa Springs	CO	USA	USA
44	M	46	Natraj, Nattu	Lafayette	CO	USA	USA
80	M	44	Ng, Hung-Kwong	Orlando	FL	USA	India
63	M	62	Olson, Mark K.	Covina	CA	USA	USA
71	M	52	Ostor, Pierre	White Bear Lake	MN	USA	France
89	M	38	Portera, Anthony	White Plains	NY	USA	USA
55	M	55	Prost-Dumont, Alain	Ravilloles	Jura	France	France
49	M	54	Saffery, Clive	Hong Kong	HK	Hong Kong	UK
53	M	54	Whalen, Mike	San Juan Capistrano	CA	USA	USA
50	F	51	Zwarkowski, Cheryl	Spring Valley Lake	CA	USA	USA

10:00 AM START

#	M/F	Age	Name	City	State	Country	Nationality
46	M	46	Begay, Arnold	Broken Arrow	OK	USA	USA
99	M	36	Beltiu, Adrian	Chicago	IL	USA	Romania
32	M	32	Benke, Blake	Danbury	CT	USA	USA
33	F	33	Carrion, Elizabeth	Fair Lawn	NJ	USA	USA
26	M	40	Cook, William	Santa Monica	CA	USA	USA
28	M	51	Cuff, Kermit	Mountain View	CA	USA	USA
3	F	34	Donaldson, Jamie	Littleton	CO	USA	USA
82	M	48	Edinger, Perry	Phoenix	AZ	USA	USA
9	M	46	Engle, Charlie	Greensboro	NC	USA	USA
25	M	40	Farinazzo, Marcos	Resende	Rio	Brazil	Brazil
45	F	45	Gayter, Sharon	Guisborough	Clev	UK	UK
29	M	29	Gingerich, Zach	Aurora	IL	USA	USA
8	F	45	Hutchison, Lorie	Hutchison	UT	USA	USA
95	M	57	Jones, David S.	Eagleville	TN	USA	USA
4	M	46	Karnazes, Dean	Ross	CA	USA	USA
76	M	47	Linton, Geoff	Guelph	ON	Canada	Canada
39	M	37	Lopez, Oswaldo	Madera	CA	USA	Mexico
37	M	39	Lusskandl, Gerhard	Ober-Graefendorf	LoAu	Austria	Austria
70	M	41	McCarthy, Philip	New York	NY	USA	USA
1	M	41	Pacheco, Jorge	Los Angeles	CA	USA	Mexico
77	M	55	Radich, John	Monrovia	CA	USA	USA
5	F	48	Reed, Pam	Tucson	AZ	USA	USA
41	M	42	Sanchez, Ray	Sacramento	CA	USA	USA
7	F	42	Scholz, Monica	Jerseyville	ON	Canada	Canada
85	F	34	Springman, Alisa	Mercersburg	PA	USA	USA
60	M	54	Straw, Keith	Malvern	PA	USA	USA
86	F	40	Tamati, Lisa Yvonne	New Plymouth	Tara	New Zealand	New Zealand
22	M	58	Ulrich, Marshall	Idaho Springs	CO	USA	USA
10	M	50	Vallée, Albert	St Aubin de Terregatte	Manc	France	France
11	M	67	Webb, Arthur	Santa Rosa	CA	USA	USA
84	M	50	Westergaard, Danny	Rolling Hills	CA	USA	USA
12	F	34	Youngren, Kathy	Huntsville	AL	USA	USA



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