



Popular Racing Announcer Returns for Suffolk Marathon

Race announcer Terry Bisogno will be back for the Catholic Health Services third annual Suffolk County Marathon, Half Marathon and 5k and marathon relay to Support Our Veterans on Oct. 29.

The races will begin and end in the village of Patchogue.

Bisogno, of North Massapequa, called the Suffolk race last year, which netted \$140,000 for Suffolk County veterans services.

From the late 1980s to early 2000s, he completed running almost 1,000 races, including 46 marathons in 13 states. While he still runs about 10 to 12 races a year, announcing races has taken over much of his schedule. He turned to announcing in 2005 when, "I was watching the Doug Wood 8K Race in Northport and suggested to the race crew in the finish area that it would be neat to have the finishers' names announced. I was handed a microphone."

His announcing work has continued to expand every year.

In more than 11 years of announcing races, he's called close to 670 events. During the last three years he's been averaging over 75 annually.

A number of runners and race directors have labeled him "The Voice of LI Running & Racing". While most of his races have been on Long Island, he has also announced

marathons, halves and 5K's in Texas, Pennsylvania and New York City, multiple police and fire runs in New York City and corporate runs in Westchester and Rockland Counties, New Jersey, Connecticut and Maryland.

Bisogno credits his good sense of recall for his knowledge about runners and doing his homework in advance of the race, where he studies registration lists and uses his collection of five years of detailed paper results, awards and other notes about every race he's announced.

As a multi-distance runner himself, Bisogno says he loves the running community and the multiple rewards he and all runners continue to gain from it. And he welcomes the crowds' enthusiasm while attempting to heighten their excitement and enjoyment through his announcing.

"I'm honored to again be announcing the Suffolk County Marathon, Half & 5K! I really enjoy the excitement of these Suffolk races together and enhancing everyone's start and finish line experiences."

"Terry is a priceless resource for the Long Island running community," said Mike Polansky, president of the Greater Long Island Running Club, which is managing the Suffolk County Marathon. "He is our voice, a constant source of inspiration at the finish line of our races, and an amazing source of knowledge as to the accomplishments of Long Island runners."

The Oct. 29 races will be followed by the Taste of Long Island festival, which features Long Island foods, wines and craft beers. Bands, Halloween-themed events and other activities are also planned.

While net proceeds of the race benefit veterans services, numerous teams are, through sponsorship, also running to raise funds for their own charitable causes.