

# *Beach to Bay Relay*

## *Marathon History*

*1976-2010*

### **1976**

- First Beach to Bay Relay was celebrated in conjunction with Armed Forces Day
- Organized by U.S. Navy Commander John Butterfield to honor military personnel

### **1978**

- The Corpus Christi Roadrunners running club was formed and added more structure to the event
- Number of runners per team was set to six
- Various competitive divisions were organized
- Each leg now had to run 4.4 miles

## 1980

- Remembered mostly for the high tide making the beach leg a nightmare

## 1981

- Beach to Bay becomes an international event

## 1986

- Remembered as the “year of construction” due to construction taking place on the course path

## 1991

- First year the race field was increased by 100 teams
- Race budget reached the \$90,000 mark

## 1994

- Larry's Shoes Team has won the past 13 titles

## 1995

- Celebrates its 20th anniversary
- Race committee increased the field to 1,000 teams
- Retired U.S. Navy Commander John Butterfield joined the celebration

## 1996

- Remembered as the hottest event ever

## 1997

- Remembered as the wettest event ever where the majority of the runners were drenched by rain

## 1998

- Smoke from fires in Mexico clouded the air
- A new record of 1,134 teams was reached

## 2000

- A record 1,310 teams included participants from Boston, Florida, Utah, California, Wyoming, Mexico and Germany

## 2002

- High winds and rain prevented runners from running fast times
- First time in event's history those men's masters' team captured the overall title

## 2003

- Remembered as the “King Ranch Edition” because the first half of the course changed due to construction

## 2004

- “Back to the Beach” after the previous year's temporary “King Ranch Edition” was a great success

## 2005

- Completion and reopening of the new highway that goes through the Causeway.

Team [www.LaredoHeat.com](http://www.LaredoHeat.com) wins for the second straight year

## 2006

- Warm conditions remained the norm as total team registration and participation was up from 2005, with about 1,200 teams finishing the event

## 2007

The Race honored the many volunteers and committee members of the Beach to Bay Relay Marathon and was held in memory of Carolyn McBee (1941-2007). The race also hit another all time high with the most participating teams to date of 1543 teams.

## 2008

The race marked another milestone by reaching 1725 teams. 2008 also marked the very first time that chip timing was introduced to its participants.

## 2009

The 2009 Beach to Bay Relay Marathon will be run in memory of Matthew Ryan Beveridge. Matthew succumbed to T-Cell Cancer at the age of twenty not before leaving an indelible mark on the Corpus Christi Community. It was noted as an exceptionally hot day with record temperatures in 90's.

2009 marked the very first time that a simultaneous Beach to Bay Relay Marathon was ran in Tikrit, Iraq. Soldiers in Iraq were given special Beach to Bay Shirts and (BIB) numbers and ran their own race. Special runners of the 4<sup>th</sup> leg (through NAS C.C.) also had the names of these individuals on his/her (BIB) numbers.

## 2010

The 2010 Beach to Bay Relay Marathon honored long-time running advocate and friend William Dodge. Mr. Dodge was loved by many and he was very active in the South Texas Community, serving on the Port of CC Board of Directors. Rain and high wind plagued the beginning of the race but to many this added to the participants comradely and determination to complete the course.