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## Save the Light Half Marathon and 5K set for Feb. 5 on Folly Beach *Race supports preservation of the Morris Island Lighthouse*

[FOLLY BEACH, SC] – The Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC) is proud to partner with Save the Light to host their annual half marathon and 5K. The race is set for Feb. 5, 2022 on Folly Beach. Advance registration is required.

The half marathon and 5K support the preservation of the Morris Island Lighthouse by Save the Light, a grassroots non-profit organization formed in 2000 to save the lighthouse from being lost to the sea. Both races are USATF-certified and begin and end near the Folly Beach Pier. The half marathon is a run-only event and will begin at 8 a.m. The 5K is open to runners and walkers and begins at 8:30 a.m.

Advance registration is required and is now open at [CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com). Registration closes Jan. 31 and all participants must register in advance. Fees are \$60 for the half marathon and \$40 for the 5K.

“Celebrate the new year by logging your miles from the streets of Folly Beach while supporting the preservation of the Morris Island Lighthouse to boot,” said CCPRC’s Fitness and Wellness Manager Allison Foster.

“Save the Light is pleased to be teaming up with Charleston County Parks to present the Save the Light Half-Marathon to area runners for the 19th time,” said Save the Light Board Member Richard Beck. “Thanks to all who participate. Your continued support of this race has provided thousands of dollars that allow us to continue our work to preserve this beloved symbol of South Carolina’s maritime past.”

The 5K is open to ages 8 and up; the half marathon is open to ages 10 and up. Participants under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a registered adult chaperone. Packet pick-up will be available at The Tides Hotel on Friday, Feb. 4 from 4-7 p.m., and on race day, Saturday, Feb. 5, from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Awards and post-race food will be provided.

As part of their ongoing partnership, The Tides Hotel will continue to offer group rates for participants who book by Jan. 25. Guests can contact The Tides Hotel directly for more information.

Save the Light, Inc. purchased the Morris Island Lighthouse from its previous owner in 1999, and then transferred ownership to the state of South Carolina through a lease agreement. Save the Light retains responsibility for planning, engineering, fundraising and execution of all aspects of the preservation of the Morris Island Lighthouse.

To register for the Save the Light Half Marathon and 5K, visit [CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com), or call 843-795-4386 for more information. For more information on the Save the Light organization and the Morris Island Lighthouse, visit [SaveTheLight.org](http://SaveTheLight.org). This event is presented by Jalisco Taqueria & Tequila, and also made possible by Charleston County Parks.

*Owned and operated by CCPRC, the Folly Beach Pier is located at 101 East Arctic Avenue on Folly Beach. The mission of CCPRC is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes six land parks, three beach parks, a skate park, four seasonally-lifeguarded beach areas, three dog parks, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, a historic plantation site, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, an interpretive center, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, as well as wedding, meeting and event facilities. The park system also offers a wide variety of recreational services – festivals, camps, classes, programs, and more. For more information on CCPRC, call 843-795-4386 or visit [CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com).*



*High-resolution photos available upon request.*

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