

COURSES FOR ISLAND MARATHON

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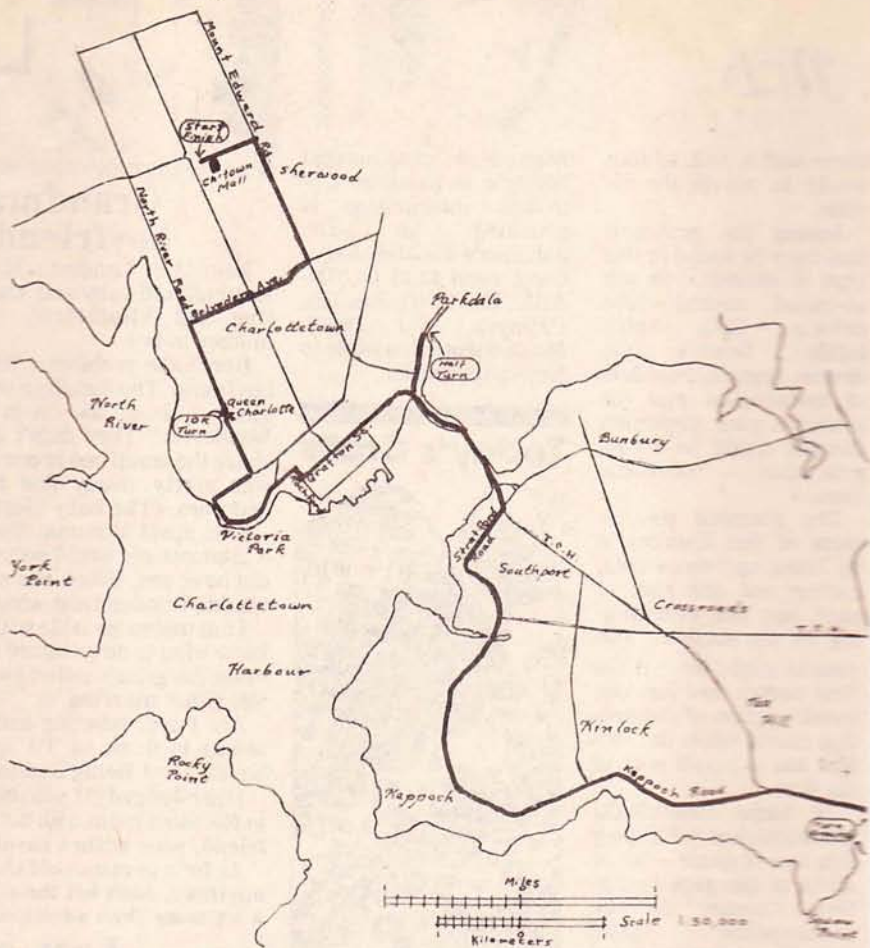
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The P.E.I. Roadrunners Club invite all those living along the race

route to come out and cheer on the runners. The race organizers request the motoring public to use extra caution along the race course between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 1.

All those planning to

run in the 10k, half-marathon or full-marathon are requested to send in their entry forms immediately to assist the race organizers.

Entry forms are available at National Video and CFCY.

## INVITATION

All runners in the Summerside area, particularly those who ran the Brothers Two 10 Km. There is still time to register for the 10 Km. division of the Island Marathon- a quality road race on Sunday, September 1. Post registration at the Spa, West Royalty, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday, August 31.



# Island Marathon Takes On New Look To Attract More Runners

The 1985 edition of the Island Marathon will take on a whole new look with a change in the starting time, new sponsorship and with the introduction of a totally different course than that used for the past six years.

Two additional features of this year's event will be a half-marathon and a 10-kilometre run.

The marathon, sponsored by National Video and CFCY Radio, will be held Sunday, September 1, with a 9:00 a.m. starting time. The new out-and-back course starts and finishes at the Charlottetown Mall. The runners will travel down Mount Edward Road, across Belvedere Avenue to North River Road, then along Edinburgh, Charlotte and Queen Elizabeth Drives to Victoria Park.

Following the Parkway, the route winds through downtown Charlottetown, over the Hillsborough Bridge

through the communities of Southport, Keppoch and Kinlock with the turnaround point at Bellevue Cove.

## WON'T INTIMIDATE RECRUNNER

Course director Brian Dunn feels the new route will offer a challenge to the experienced marathoner, but he says "it will not intimidate the recreational runner," adding, "there are a few hills, but they are in the middle of the 26-mile, 385-yard course."

The race committee is anticipating an increase in participation with the "new look" marathon and the two shorter races this year.

The half-marathon course has its turnaround point near the Hillsborough Bridge, while those running the 10 km race will turn around near Simmons Sports Centre on North River Road; both following the same route back to the starting line.

## EARLIER START

The earlier starting

time of 9:00 a.m. will help runners avoid the heat of the day. However, with all the changes this year the organizers insist the traditional hospitality, the unique awards and the post-race events, which have characterized the Island Marathon, will be maintained.

Runners are urged to return the entry form for the race of their choice as soon as possible, as early registration will aid the committee in its preparation for the three races.

Registration forms are available that Radio Station CFCY, 141 Kent Street, Charlottetown, and at both National Video locations, University Plaza and St. Peters Road.

The entry fee is \$10 and all participants will receive an attractive long-sleeve souvenir T-shirt.

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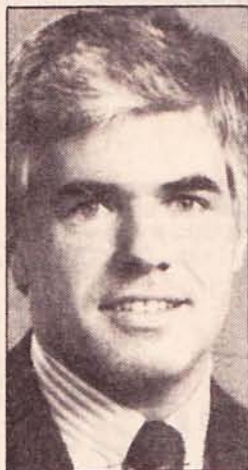
Tom McMillan, the newly-appointed federal minister of environment, will be the official starter for the Island marathon on Sunday, September 1st.

The Hillsborough MP will be the starter for an expected field of 200 runners who have entered either the full marathon, half-marathon or the 10km event. The starting time will be 9 a.m.

A native of Charlottetown, McMillan was educated at St. Dunstan's University, Queen's University, U.N.B. and Trent University.

He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1979; was re-elected in 1980 and again in 1984 when he was appointed Canada's first full-time Minister of Tourism.

Last week he was promoted to Minister of Environment. Race co-ordinator Dave Manoville, said "we are indeed pleased that the minister could find time in his busy schedule to act as our race starter."



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# 200 Participants Expected At Island 'New Look' Marathon

**CHARLOTTETOWN (IIS)** — A field of about 200 runners is expected to assemble at the Charlottetown Mall parking lot on Sunday morning, for the seventh annual P.E.I. Roadrunners' Island Marathon.

The "new look" mara-

thon, sponsored by National Video and CFCY Radio, will incorporate for the first time a half marathon and a 10 Kilmometre run. The Marathon itself is expected to attract some 75 runners, up considerably over last year's 54 en-

trants. Another 75 are expected to run the 10K, while about 50 will run the half-marathon.

The starting time is 9:00 a.m. with the new out and back course considered faster and flatter than the previous Cavendish to Charlottetown route. Federal Environment Minister Tom McMillan will be the official race starter.

Paul Wright of Lower Bedeque will be seeking to defend his title. He won last year's marathon in a time of 2:44.24. However, he has a personal best marathon time of 2:41.18. A challenger for this year's crown will likely be Bert Devries of Toronto, who boasts a marathon time of 2:33.13.

Among the top contenders in the half-marathon will be Ken Doucette of CFB Summerside. The Nova Scotia native has a personal best time for the distance of 1:10.

Former roadrunner Jim Wyatt is also entered in the half-marathon. He has a personal best time of 1:15.49.

Along with the many runners, the event requires over 100 volunteers, these people are involved in everything from registration to water and timing stations. Others who will be contributing their services are members of the Charlottetown Boys Club, who will be course guides; the St. John Ambulance, City police and RCMP, and 15 members of the 721 Communications Regiment.

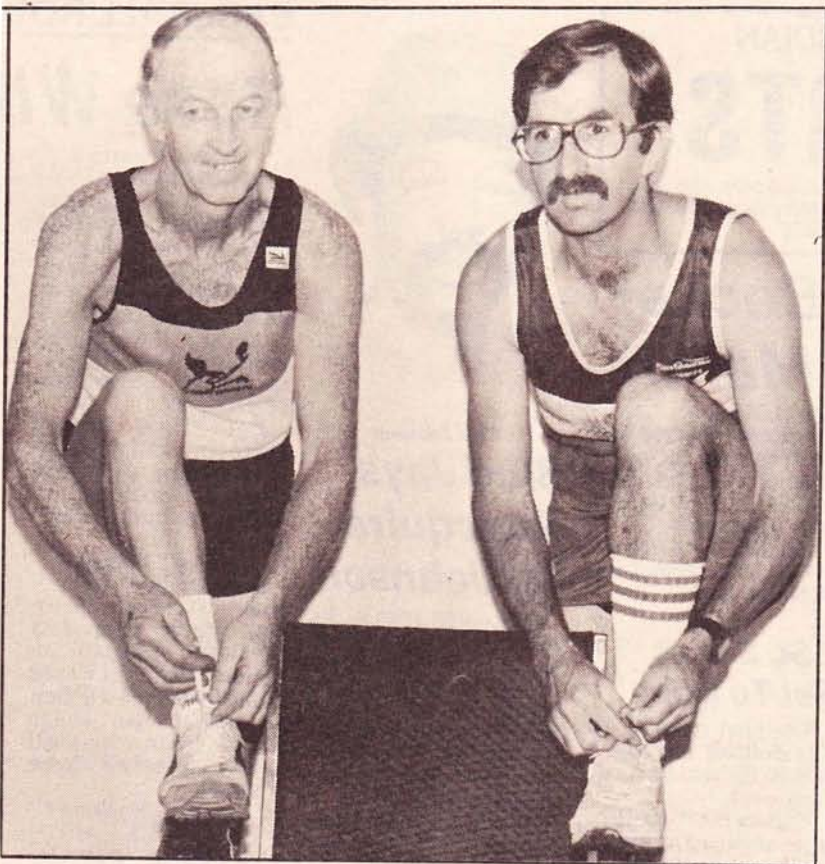
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which will provide results is supplied by No com Ltd.

The marathon runners will travel down Main Edward Road (from Towers Road) Belvedere Avenue, down North River Bay through Brighton, Victoria Park to Griffith Street. Crossing the bridge the runners will travel through Southport and Keppoch and back to the start.

Motorists are requested to be cautious driving in the area. Residents along the route are encouraged to come out and support the runners.

The awards presentation, which will follow the Charlottetown Mall is open to the public. It is expected to take place approximately 2:00 p.m.



## RUNNERS PREPARE FOR MARATHON

Mike Sullivan, LEFT, of Bunbury and Harvey Bernard of Crossroads lace up their sneakers as they prepare for another training session for the the Island Marathon Sunday. Sullivan, 57, will be running in his first marathon while Bernard will be competing in his 6th. Bernard says the two of them will run together, with the aim just to finish, not to beat the

clock. The marathon will follow a new course this year and starts Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Charlottetown. About 200 runners are expected to take part in the maraton, half-marathon and 10 km recreational run associated with the event. Bernard says the new course should be easier than the former hilly one from the north shore into Charlottetown.