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St. Petersburg Welcomes Professional to Amateur Athletes from Around the World April 22 - 24

Thousands Gather Here for the 33rd Annual St. Anthony's Triathlon

ST. PETERSBURG, FL (April 20, 2016) – Past champions, previous contenders and a well-rounded roster of professional athletes from around the world comprise the field for the 33rd Annual St. Anthony's Triathlon that returns to St. Petersburg Sunday.

Final preparations are under way for the athletic competition that is considered to be one of the sport's leading events in the U.S. Thousands of professional and amateur athletes of all ages and abilities will be in downtown St. Petersburg **April 22 - 24** to attend the two-day Sports and Fitness Expo and compete in one of three events: the Meek & Mighty Triathlon, Sprint Triathlon and the Olympic distance St. Anthony's Triathlon.

More than 3,500 athletes from more than 41 states, the District of Columbia and eight countries participated in the 2015 events.

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The Olympic distance Triathlon and the Sprint Triathlon will be **Sunday, April 24**, while the **Meek & Mighty Triathlon** will be **Saturday, April 23**. Approximately 40 professional stars of the sport, including **Cameron Dye** and **Alicia Kaye**, the 2015 men's and women's winners of St. Anthony's, have registered for this year.

The 2016 field includes the women who earned the top four fastest times in 2015. They are, respectively, **Kaye, Magali Tisseyre, Heather Lendway and Carla Moreno**. Kaye has repeatedly been named Athlete of the Year in the non-drafting category while consistently winning events in 2015 that included the Ironman 70.3 Boulder, Ironman 70.3 Calgary, TriRock Triathlon Philadelphia and New York City Triathlon.

Also vying for the 2016 women's title is Tisseyre whose 2015 titles include a first place finish at the Ironman 70.3 Los Cabos and Ironman 70.3 Monterrey while placing 4th at the Ironman 70.3 World Championships and the International Triathlon in Beijing. Lendway placed 3rd at the 2016 Ironman 70.3 Pan American Championship and 4th at this year's Ironman 70.3 Buenos Aires. In addition to winning the 2015 Club Med 2575 Championship, Moreno placed 10th at the 2015 City Bikes Ironman 70.3.

Among the men who will be trying to capture the 2016 crown are **Dye, Tyler Butterfield** and Russia's **Ivan Tutukin**. Dye also finished St. Anthony's first in 2010 and 2015 and took top honors at the 2015 Des Moines Triathlon and 2015 New York City Triathlon. Butterfield is a two-time Olympian in triathlon who competed in Athens in 2004 and London in 2012 and a three-time Commonwealth Games contender (2006 in cycling and 2002 and 2014 in triathlon). Tutukin finished 4th in the 2015 Russia Triathlon National Championships and 6th in the 2015 Burgas ETU Spring Triathlon European Cup.

These are just a few of the professionals registered for the 2016 St. Anthony's Triathlon. The field of competitors traditionally includes world champions, past winners and Olympians who are coming from around the world and throughout the Tampa Bay area. The professional field represents a variety of distances from the sport including Ironman, the non-drafting Olympic distance and the ITU.

For more information on the races, visit www.satriathlon.com.

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The 2016 St. Anthony's Triathlon weekend events are:

Friday, April 22-Saturday, April 23:

Sports and Fitness Expo, Straub Park, 500 Beach Drive

Friday: Noon – 6 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Free. Registration available on site at the Expo.

Saturday, April 23:

Meek & Mighty Triathlon, North Shore Pool, 901 North Shore Drive

Shorter distance race for youths ages 7-14 and novice adults, 7:30 a.m. start time.

Sunday, April 24:

St. Anthony's Triathlon, North Shore & Vinoy Parks

Olympic distance race (1.5K swim, 40K bike and 10K run.) 6:50 a.m. start time.

St. Anthony's Sprint Race, North Shore & Vinoy Parks

(750-meter swim, 20K bike, 5K run) Approx. 8:45 a.m. start time.

For more details about the 2016 races, athletes and fans may visit the St. Anthony's Triathlon Facebook page: [facebook.com/stanthonystriathlon](https://www.facebook.com/stanthonystriathlon) or be part of the conversation using the hashtag, #StAnthonysTri.

About St. Anthony's Hospital

[St. Anthony's Hospital](#) is a 393-bed hospital founded in 1931 as a ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. Celebrating its 85th year in 2016, St. Anthony's continues its rich history dedicated to improving the health of the community by providing high-quality, innovative and compassionate care. For more information on St. Anthony's, call (727) 953-6993 or go to www.BayCare.org/SAH.

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