



## Eagleman Ironman 70.3 Triathlon – June 13, 2010

**Columbia, MD** – On June 13, 2010 in Cambridge, Maryland, triathletes from around the world will be competing in the Eagleman Ironman 70.3 Triathlon, a qualifier for the Ford Ironman World Championship Kona and the Foster Grant Ironman World Championship 70.3 Clearwater. Named the winner of the Best Race Support category in the March 2009 issue of *Triathlete Magazine*, this event takes place in and around the Choptank River of Cambridge, Maryland, and begins at 7:00am at Great Marsh Park. The event draws approximately 2,400 participants, 3,000 spectators, and 900 volunteers each year. The race is organized and directed by the Columbia Triathlon Association (CTA), a 501(c)-(3) Corporation, and includes a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike, and a 13.1 mile run.

Over 20 world class male and female pros will be competing for the Eagleman title, and for a slot to the Clearwater World Championships. New Zealand's **Terenzo Bozzone**, a 5-time World Champion, has an impressive record and will be defending his 2009 Eagleman Champion title against some amazing athletes, like **Andrew Yoder** (20), a 4<sup>th</sup>-year pro from Columbia, PA who just won the 2010 Columbia Triathlon (Columbia, MD). Maryland Public Television (MPT) will also be at the event filming a story on **Brian Boyle**, aka "Iron Heart", a Maryland triathlete with an inspiring survival story (<http://brianboyle.wordpress.com/>).

Among the women, there is 43-year old **Natascha Badmann** from Switzerland, a 6-time Hawaiian Ironman World Champ who holds the female record time for Eagleman and five 1<sup>st</sup>-place Eagleman titles, **Michellie Jones** (AUS) who is the most decorated female triathlete with 200+ major wins, **Sam McGlone** (Canada), an Ironman 70.3 World Champion and 2004 Olympian, and **Desiree Ficker** from Potomac, MD, who has finished in the top 3 of twelve 70.3 triathlons.

**Eagleman Ironman 70.3 Triathlon Pro Forum:** Saturday, June 12th, 2:30pm at Sailwinds Park, Cambridge, MD. See and hear some of the best as they share their triathlon expertise. All press welcome.

Established by President and Race Director, Robert "Vigo" Vigorito, the CTA also directs **The Columbia Triathlon**, Centennial Park, MD, the **Celebration Sprint Triathlon**, Centennial Park, MD (June 27, 2010), the **Tri Columbia Kidz Triathlon**, Columbia, MD (July 25, 2010), the **AFLAC Iron Girl Columbia Triathlon**, Centennial Park, MD (August 22, 2010), and the ChesapeakeMan Ultra Triathlon Endurance Festival, Cambridge, MD (September 23 and 25, 2010). For event information visit [www.tricolumbia.org](http://www.tricolumbia.org), or email CTA at [events@tricolumbia.org](mailto:events@tricolumbia.org).

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