

HISTORY OF THE BROCKVILLE HALF MARATHON

Affectionately known as TIP (or TIPS), the Brockville Road Runners have held a 21.1K race on the Thousand Islands Parkway – yes on TIP – since 1987. This was just 2 years after the club's foundation in 1985.

In the early years, the race was held on the pathway from close to the eastern entrance to the Parkway just off the 401. There was also a quarter marathon (or a half of a half = 10.55K!). In later years a 5K was added and eventually the 10.55K distance was dropped in favour of the more usual combo of a 5K and a Half Marathon.

In the early years of the club, the race was a labour of love for Rick Oliver and family and friends, and they spearheaded all arrangements for TIP. Nancy Oliver's father, Mark Darroch, was the second president and a major supporter of the club and an avid enthusiast for all our races including TIP.

Mark referred to 1988 as the "2nd annual running of the TIP half marathon". This would mean it started in 1987. He noted in one of the newsletters that the club had "adopted [the] previously known Healey Half marathon from Smiths Falls".

A newsletter story on the 1990 half marathon noted that the race had been "held annually for the past four years, with the exception of 1989". This would seem to confirm that the first TIP was in 1987. There was no race in 1989 because of road maintenance at Jones Creek Bridge. We still have the challenge to find the 1987 and 1991 winners.

Some key dates:

1990: Race was run out and back from Mallorytown Landing

2000: The Half marathon was dedicated to the memory of Mark Darroch who died in June of that year.

2000 and 2005 Kevin Beatty does the double-double; winning the 5K and the Half

2005: Race start moved from Mallorytown Landing to Rockport

2007: Course certified by Kevin Dunbar
Half added to Kingston RRA race series

2017: 30th Edition of the Half Marathon

2018: Course re-certified by Kevin Dunbar

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Race Results 1987-2018

[Click here](#) for a compilation of race results by Rick Swift

Highlights:

Course Records:

Men: 2003: Deng Kuol Marial 1:10.27

Women: 2011 Paula Wiltse 1:21.43

Most Number of Wins:

Six (6): Paula Wiltse; Five (5) Kevin Beatty

Other (3): Dan Dominie Colin Wilkinson Kathy Easter