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NYRR Staten Island Half

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Despite the Rain, Undampened Spirits at the NYRR Staten Island Half and 5K

Sunday brought rain and cool October winds to the NYRR Staten Island Half and second annual NYRR Staten Island 5K at Richmond County Bank Ballpark. The island will host the start of the 2016 **TCS New York City Marathon** in four weeks. The race today was the fifth and final installment of New York Road Runners' 2016 **Five-Borough Series**.

Many took to Staten Island to represent their club, win club points, earn guaranteed entry to the 2017 **United Airlines NYC Half** and 2017 TCS New York City Marathon, or wind down their 2016 fall marathon training.

Sergio Soto of **Central Park Track Club-New Balance** took first in the men's 5K with a time of 16:48. Close behind were Paul Chillo (17:09), and Barclay Richey (17:13). On the women's side, **November Project's** Alison Tercek won with a time of 19:02. Kaelin Goulet came in second with a time of 20:07 and Ashley Bezgin rounded out the women's top three with a time of 20:31.

"The key to becoming a better runner is to focus on what you want to do," advised Soto, who plans to use his final race of this season, the **Abbott Dash to the Finish Line 5K**, to set himself up for an even stronger 2017. "I'm coming back from injury, but Staten Island is good for a win," he said. "It was challenging, but the energy of the crowd helped me up the hill."

The crowd and **Staten Island Yankees** mascot, Scooter, energized both 5K and half-marathon runners as they finished inside the stadium. **West Side Runners** (WSX) swept the top three half-marathon places: Tadesse Yae Dabi (1:06:16) first, Tekeste Nekatibeb (1:06:19) second, and Ayele Megerse Feisa (1:07:51) third.

The women's side saw a win for Adidas's Neeley Gracey (1:13:03). WSX again had a strong showing with Bose Gemeda Asseta (1:16:57) taking second. Coming in third was **Westchester Track Club's** Salome Kosgei (1:17:36).

These races, with a combined 12,000+ finishers, bring runners out to celebrate the Staten Island community and prepare them for future races. "This is my 9+1 for next year's [TCS New York City Marathon]," said runner Kyle Salkin. "The marathon is a special one for me."

New York City Fire Department member Timothy Clarke (1:16:10) received the FDNY Family of Champions trophy as the FDNY's fastest member. The trophy was established to honor the memory of FDNY Lieutenant Victor J. Navarra.

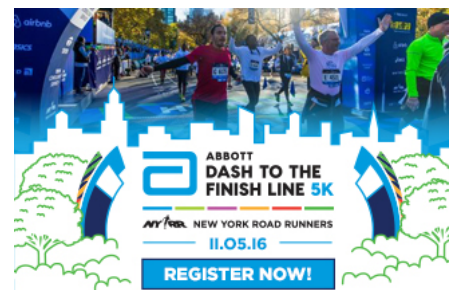
Runners now turn to their focus to the upcoming TCS New York City Marathon on November 6. Be a part of race week and join us at the **Poland Spring Marathon Kickoff** on October 30 and the **Abbott Dash to the Finish Line 5K** on November 5.

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