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# **Editor's Note**



The Marathon: almost every runner's ultimate conquest. For the last quarter of 2009, four marathons are tentatively scheduled in the country. This would put marathon dreamers in full training mode for the next several months.

In this issue, Drew Arellano, a recent Hong Kong Marathon finisher (3:54), shares his passion for running. Our other articles will guide you through building your mileage, proper hydration, and choosing the right watch whether it's for a 10k, 21k, or a full 42.195 km.



Jaymie Pizarro The Bull Runner



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## PERSONAL RECORD/

JOSELYN SAW Pinoy Ultra Runner

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HOW TV HOST/ RUNNER / TRIATHLETE DREW ARELLANO SPREADS THE LOVE THROUGH RUNNING

WRITTEN BY MARGA DEONA • PHOTOGRAPHY BY BEN CHAN

T IS NO SURPRISE THAT DREW HOSTS AN EARLY MORNING SHOW. WHILE THE REST OF US stagger out of beds, our bleary eyes meet Drew's beaming own on the tube, his energy more potent than any alarm clock or a douse of cold water.

This very same energy gives justice to his high-octane performances in his sporting life. An enthusiastic runner and triathlete, Drew's boundless, child-like energy finds its way towards a physically demanding sport.

"You know, I join triathlons, I love the challenge, but really, running is my greatest love," he candidly shares with a sheepish grin.

It is not unusual to catch Drew on

a Sunday road race. He is not only a sports enthusiast, but those who have seen him race can attest to him being fairly competent. Having a body clock attuned to waking up very early on a regular basis is an added advantage.

But even beyond the obvious fact that Drew can run a good race, he has shared his love for running through his loved ones and advocacies close to his heart. His sister Ann and brother Gelo have started running and triathlon due to his prodding. Eventually, their father Tony started running as well.

"You know how Dad started running? We'd all – me and my siblings – sit around the dining table and talk about races, about running, about tri...

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"I join triathlons,, I love the challenge,, but really,,running is my greatest love.","

and then he was like 'what on earth are you talking about, I can't relate!' So in order for him not to be alienated, he started running," he confides. His longtime girlfriend, actress/TV personality lya Villania, has been bitten by the running bug, too. "I couldn't be any prouder, one day she went up to me and said 'Lovey can run thirty minutes straight already!' I feel fulfilled and happy for being a great influence to them - my family, lya, and my other friends who have gotten into running." While Drew never takes himself too seriously ("If I did, it'll take the fun out of training and racing."), one thing that he involved himself with was children's education. With the help of running coach and race organizer Rio dela Cruz, Drew set up the Happy Run for the benefit of Bagong Silang Elementary School in Taguig. Apart from that, he has joined the

steering committee of the iamNinoy Runners Group, who has recently conjoined with the 5775 Foundation to reverse the educational crisis. One common thing both projects have – uplifting children's education.

"I guess I could say that all my life I've been blessed, and this is my way of sharing the blessings," Drew shares. "I don't know, I guess I just wanted to give back, for kids to experience at least a sliver of the blessings some of us are lucky to have."

While Drew can think of many reasons why he runs, his primary motivation for doing so is the joy it brings him. "Running just gives you that euphoria, that something that you just want to feel over and over again kaya you're willing to subject yourself to the pain." For a guy who seizes every second of the day, the time spent running becomes well worth it.

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BY COACH MIGUEL "IGE" LOPEZ



You have a number of short races under your belt, your 5k times are quite decent as well as your 10k's. But now, you want to up your ante. Short races just don't appeal to you anymore. Going longer like 21k, 42k or even an ultramarathon sounds more like your cup of tea. Before you dive into these epic distances keep these three most basic things in mind:

- FOCUS ON LONG RUNS TO BUILD ENDURANCE. Building good endurance is like building a house with a solid foundation. When race day comes, this is the only thing that will take you to the finish line.
- GRADUALLY INCREASE YOUR WEEKLY MILEAGE. Add no more than 10 percent of your previous week's mileage to your current week's mileage. Depending on your program and goal, this gradual increase in mileage should also eventually taper off.
- EYE ON THE BALL. Focus on realistic goals. Don't be too conscious of your time. With patience and consistency, you will find that improvement will come naturally. After all, the point of all these is to be a better you. ●



Miguel Antonio "Ige" Lopez is known by many as a triathlete



and adventure racer. More than acquiring recognition in local and international races, he finds fulfillment in being a multisport coach who converts his students' lifestyles into active and healthy ones. He also a designs and produces "Transition One"- a multisport apparel brand.

## WRITTEN BY JAY NACINO PHOTO BY JC LIM USING CANON EOS DIGITAL CAMERA

ast March 22, 2009, the Condura Skyway Run for the Whale Sharks was held at the Bonifacio Global City Open Grounds in Taguig City. The event was organized by Patrick and Ton Concepcion to help raise funds to protect the Whale Sharks and promote responsible eco-tourism in Donsol. 6,000 runners converged at the site with almost half running the 21km race which would go through the Skyway. There were shorter distances as well: a 3 km fun run, a 5k discovery run, and a 10k challenge run.

It was a highly anticipated affair as many runners had fond memories of the well organized 2008 edition of the run. It would also be the first time runners would experience running on the elevated roads of the Skyway.

The event was well organized down to the last detail. Assembly areas were delineated using the color of the participants' bibs and lit by a contingent of Condura delivery trucks' headlights. The races started on time with the half marathon starting 30 minutes earlier than the 3-, 5-, and 10-km races to avoid the late morning sun. The route was well planned as it wound thru the streets of the Fort and the Makati CBD. There were kilometer markings and marshals along the way and water stations every 2.5 km. There was a Manila Water truck at the Skyway and at the finish line to provide cool relief from the heat. Along the way, there were running and non-running celebrities, cheering squads, marching bands, and runners in different marine life costumes to entertain and inspire everyone.

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At the end of the race, runners were treated to a festive atmosphere. Finishers were given loot bags and, for the half marathon finishers, a medal to remember their achievement. There were also games and a raffle for prizes. Several booths showcased the products of the sponsors and invited runners to buy their goods at discounted prices. The Bull Runner Magazine was also launched.

Eduardo Buenavista won the men's 21-K and Mercedita Fetalvero won the Women's 21-K.

All in all, it was a great ending to a great race day. ■



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ydration is a key factor that can affect a runner's performance and, more importantly, safety during a run. With so much information out there, it's hard to separate fact from fiction. Here's the truth about proper hydration:

#### FICTION: Thirst is the signal for a runner to drink fluids.

FACT: By the time a runner is thirsty, it will be too late as dehydration would have already set in. Runners should hydrate before, during, and after a run.
TIP: Weigh yourself before and afer a run. For every pound lost, drink 16 oz. of water or sports drink (ex. Gatorade).

# • FICTION: Plain water is enough to hydrate runners.

• FACT: Water will quench your thirst, but it will not fully rehydrate your muscles and other parts of your body. It will not restore the important electrolytes you lose when you sweat, which can lead to cramps and early fatigue. Drinking sports drinks will provide your body with carbohydrates, sodium, and electrolytes (sodium and potassium) lost during a run which are critical for muscle function and fluid absorption.

• **TIP:** Fill your hydration pack or water bottle with your favorite sports drink instead of plain water.

#### • FICTION: Caffeine in coffee, softdrinks, or energy drinks will boost my performance.

 FACT: Ingesting high levels of caffeine before running can enhance your performance, but it can also have negative side effects, like anxiety, jitters, or nausea.
TIP: Avoid caffeine completely or take in minimal amounts.

# • FICTION: I can drink as much as I want.

• FACT: Drinking too much can result in a condition called hyponatremia which occurs when too much fluid taken leads to reduced blood sodium concentration levels.

• **TIP:** Have a hydration plan during a race or training run.

# FUEL UP FOR THE BIG RACE

To run your best, you need to be properly hydrated before, during, and after your run. If not, you could experience fatigue, decreased coordination, or muscle cramps. These are some of the common outcomes of dehydration and could easily prevent you from finishing your race. Worse, you could be susceptible to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

#### ORINK BEFORE YOU RUN.

If you're competing in a race or a long distance run (more than 8 to 10 miles), prehydration is important. If your urine is very dark (concentrated) and low in volume, you need to drink more fluids before play. Also, if your body weight is lighter than usual, you're likely to be poorly hydrated.

#### IS WATER REALLY ENOUGH?

Water is a good thirst guencher but is not a very good hydrator during activity. Water tells your brain to "turn off" thirst before your body's fluid needs are met. If you're an athlete, water doesn't provide your body what it needs - fuel and electrolytes - to give your best performance, fight fatigue and sustain working muscles. It also doesn't replenish the sodium and other electrolytes your body loses in sweat. Only Gatorade has the science-tested amount of electrolytes to help your body be properly replenished.

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To determine how much to drink during a race, weigh in before and after a practice run of an hour. You should drink a volume that minimizes weight loss/gain. If you lost weight (more than 1% of body weight), increase fluid intake. If you gained weight, cut back the next time you play. Also note the weather conditions. Hotter temperature will require more fluids due to higher sweat rate. The reverse is true for cooler weather. If you already know your housy swall rate, divide by 4, and drink that volume every 15 minutes of a race to provide a steady and reliable intake during the race.

#### FINISHED THE BACE? LET'S DRINK TO THAT.

Don't forget to rehydrate after your run. If you lost weight, drink 125% to 150% of the deficit to rehydrate. For example, if you lost 0.5kg (0.5L of sweat), drink 0.75L of Gatorade to optimize your rehydration. One way to estimate if you're dehydrated is to check your urine. If your urine is dark yellow after your run, you need to keep rehydrating. It should be a light lemonade color.

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