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## Whatever happened to SEA RATIONS???

It's more grueling than the Iron Man – longer than the Boston marathon – and crazier than the Polar Bear Swim. Its five men and one woman determined to kayak more than 166 miles in open water over five days, beginning September 21, in a challenge to raise \$100,000 dollars for Baltimore-based Believe In Tomorrow National Children's Foundation ([www.believeintomorrow.org](http://www.believeintomorrow.org)) and increase awareness for the foundation's military initiative.

When Ron Furman, proprietor of Max's Taphouse and Scunny McCusker, owner of Nacho Mama's and Mama's on the Halfshell, take to the water in Baltimore's Battle of the Paddles, in a kayaking challenge to raise funding and awareness for Baltimore-based Believe In Tomorrow National Children's Foundation, **they will be chowing down on anything but SEA RATIONS.**

Nacho Mama's and Mama's on the Half Shell's, Scunny McCusker and Max's on Broadway's, Ron Furman, are kayaking over 166 miles, from Quantico, VA to the finish line in Fells Point, in a bid that pits Canton, home of Mama's on the Half Shell against Max's, a Fells Point landmark. Joining Scunny McCusker on TEAM MAMA are Delaware Dave and Sean Leahy, vs MAX'S Ron Furman, Jason Mislan and Jessica Welsh, the only female in the challenge.

**From ship to shore, the kayakers will be treated to delicious meals provided by some of Baltimore's best restaurants and celebrated Chefs. Three of the restaurants are testing their selections in advance of the September 21, launch.** On the menu: Gunpowder (as in Falls) Bison Ossobuco on a White Corn Polenta, from Sotto Sopra's Billy Crouse; Assorted grains and warm granola mixed with almonds and dried fruit is the offering from Tom Brown from Greystone Grill; and Chef Rashad Edwards, from Kali's Restaurant Group is preparing a duo of duck including duck confit and duck bread pudding. Baltimore's Battle of the Paddles has the makings of Dueling Chefs!

According to Jason Mislan, from Team Max's, his biggest challenge will be "...Cramping, sharks, fatigue, sharks, bad weather, sharks, exhaustion and, yup...sharks." According to Chef Tom Brown, his biggest challenge will be to create a dish that is easily absorbed, easy to eat and works well with a kayaker's rhythm -- "eat, digest, kayak." All of the "characters" involved with Baltimore's Battle of the Paddles are available for interviews -- and a tasting or two.

Believe In Tomorrow National Children's Foundation provides exceptional hospital and respite housing for families with critically ill children. In addition to being the exclusive provider of hospital housing for the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, Believe In Tomorrow has five destination driven respite facilities, families can utilize free of charge to rest, relax and recover from the trauma of a child's critical illness. Two of the foundation's respite facilities, The Believe In Tomorrow House on the Bay in Ocean City, MD, and The Believe In Tomorrow House at Pinnacle Falls, outside Asheville, NC, prioritize military families with critically ill children.

