

Paraplegic Man Participates in Three Races During Walt Disney World Marathon Weekend

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., (Jan. 5, 2017) — Adam Gurlitsky, (Charleston, S.C.) took part in the [Walt Disney World 5K](#), 10K and marathon despite being paralyzed from the waist down. With a throng of spectators cheering him on along the way, Gurlitsky, 30, participated in a portion of the 5K with the use of a robotic suit that enables him to stand and walk.

Gurlitsky lost his mobility 10 years ago when his spine was severed at the T9 level in a car accident. He was told by doctors that he would never walk again.

But his prospects changed dramatically in recent years when he was chosen as a candidate for the wearable exoskeleton machine that allowed him to stand and walk again for the first time since the accident. Since April 2016, he has walked in a few races using the suit, challenging what it means to be a paraplegic. Gurlitsky participated in three of the four races of the Dopey Challenge (the half marathon was canceled due to inclement weather) in the [Walt Disney World Marathon Weekend presented by Cigna](#).

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