



May 19-20, 2018

Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, Mass.

USRowing, the Quinsigamond Rowing Association, and Discover Central Mass. are excited to welcome crews to the 2018 USRowing Northeast Youth Championships.

This packet includes venue related information, such as parking, practice times, the initial schedule, and other important information regarding the event.

Admission

Please remind parents and spectators that there will be a daily \$10/person admission charge to enter the Regatta Point area. This money goes directly to the local organizing committee, to help cover their costs for hosting the regatta (police, EMS, park cost, etc.).

Trailer Directions

- **CREWS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE TRAILER REGISTRATION FORM PRIOR TO ARRIVAL:**
<https://goo.gl/forms/G1WWJm2QsvkfE12F3>
- CREWS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE FORM MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARK IN REGATTA POINT UNLESS SPACE IS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL OTHER TRAILERS HAVE ARRIVED.
- WE ARE TRYING TO GET A COUNT OF TRAILERS COMING IN ORDER TO BEST PREPARE THE PARKING AREA. SHARING TRAILERS IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.
- Trailers may arrive on Friday after 12:00PM.
- The trailer entrance is at the north end of the park. Access this entrance via NORTH ROAD which runs east along the north edge of the UMASS Medical Complex. North Road is accessed via Plantation Street. See driving directions below. A Police Officer will be stationed at the east end of NORTH ROAD to direct you into the park. Once in the park, staff will direct you accordingly.
- From 290 East take exit 21. At end of ramp turn right onto Plantation St. Drive approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile and turn left on North Rd. At the end of North Rd. wait to be directed across Lake Avenue into the Park.
- From 290 West take exit 22. Bear Right at end of Ramp onto Main St. Proceed to second set of lights and turn left onto Plantation St. Drive approximately 1 mile and turn left on North Rd. At the end of North Rd. wait to be directed across Lake Avenue into the Park.
- Trailers should not attempt to approach Regatta Point heading either direction on Lake Avenue. Lake Avenue to the north is closed for construction and the turn is too tight coming from Lake Ave south. Trailers not approaching via North Rd. will be sent around to enter the correct way.
- Trailers with fewer than 6 boats will be required to unload their equipment at Regatta Point and park their empty trailer at Donahue Rowing Center until the end of racing. We strongly recommend that teams from the same area share trailers! Once Regatta Point reaches trailer

capacity, arriving trailers will be allowed to unload and then be directed to park at Donahue Rowing Center until the end of racing.

Time Trial Procedures

Bow numbers for time trials will be distributed to teams as part of their registration packet along with their athlete credentials. Teams are responsible for ensuring that the proper

Crews will launch from the usual launching docks on the north beach at Regatta Point. Due to the volume of crews going through the time trials, all of the docks here will be dedicated to launching crews. Crews will recover onto the dock located alongside the Sailing Center, near the finish line. Please plan accordingly.

Row up the Worcester shore (Regatta Point shore), and crews will be directed north of the 290 bridge.

Crews will enter the course from the bay. Crews should be in the starting area no less than 10 minutes prior to the start of their time trial event.

Even number crews will race in lane 4, odd number crews in lane 5. If needed, crews in lane 4 will yield into lane 3, and crews in lane 5 will yield into lane 6.

The course length will be 1,950 meters, due to the available locations for the start line timing camera.

USRowing Information/Registration Desk

USRowing staff will be available at the Information desk, located in the main building at Regatta Point.

A representative from each team must come to the USRowing desk to collect team registration packets, including athlete credentials, prior to competing. Team registration packets will include time trial bow numbers, so all teams must be sure to collect their packet prior to racing.

The desk will be open during the following hours to handle athlete registration, regatta administration, and to answer questions throughout the event.

The USRowing desk will be open at Regatta Point during the following times:

- Friday, May 19: 12:00 PM – 6:30 PM
- Saturday, May 20: 6:30 AM – end of racing
- Sunday, May 21: 6:30 AM – end of racing

“Express Lane” On-Site Registration

Teams that have achieved 100% membership compliance (organizational and individual “Championship), and have paid their entry fees in full at least two days before the regatta will be eligible for the “Express Lane”.

An email will be sent to the RegattaCentral account associated with the entries, and your team’s

credentials will be in a separate line from the normal registration area.

Instead of waiting in line, you can simply walk up, sign out that you've collected your credentials, and get back to your team.

Line-up Changes

To allow for further ease at the registration table, USRowing will re-open RegattaCentral to accept line-up changes online.

Coaches will be able to edit their line-ups in RegattaCentral beginning Thursday, May 17, until the Coaches and Coxswains Meeting at 6:30pm on May 18.

After the C&C Meeting, any line-up changes must be submitted by completing a form at the USRowing Information Desk.

There will be a \$5 admin fee for all line-up changes processed at the regatta site by USRowing representatives.

No line-up changes will be allowed less than 1 hour before the first race or time trial of an event.

At this time, crews are only allowed to substitute a maximum of 50% of the line-up currently listed on RegattaCentral. No substitutions may be made for single scull entries except for illness or injury in accordance to USRowing rules.

Late Entries

Late entries will be accepted in events where additional entries will not change the progression of the event.

At this time, late entries will only be accepted at the regatta venue during official registration hours. E-mail submissions will not be accepted.

On-site late entries must be submitted no later than the close of registration on Friday, May 18, 2018.

Scratches

All entry fees are non-refundable as of May 8, so the fees for entries scratched are still due for payment.

After May 10, all scratches must be submitted to USRowing on a Scratch Form at the USRowing Information Desk. Email submissions will not be accepted. A copy of this form can be found on the RegattaCentral page for this event.

Scratches received after the Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will be subject to a forfeiture of the entry fee plus an additional \$25 scratch fee.

Crews failing to notify USRowing of a scratch in writing will be subject to an additional no-show fee of

\$100 that must be paid in full before other crews from that organization are allowed to continue racing.

Travel and Arrival Details

- Regatta Point will OPEN promptly at Noon of Friday, May 18th. NO trailers, boats, tents, or any other team equipment should be stored in Regatta Point until opening.
- Trailers MUST NOT park outside of Regatta Point prior to opening. Please do not line up on North Street (see attached) prior to gate opening. Early arrival trailers are welcome to wait at the State Boat Ramp adjacent to the Donahue Rowing Center in Shrewsbury MA, until it is time to enter the Regatta Point
- If you detach your trailer from your truck:
 - It is imperative that you utilize a block of wood under your trailer crank. The pavement at Regatta Point experienced damage in the past as a result of trailer cranks sinking into the pavement.
 - Be sure to secure the wheels of your trailer with a block.

Key Reminders

- Regatta operations will be based from Regatta Point, including weigh-ins, registration, and awards.
- Regatta Point will close promptly at 7:00 PM each night. All crews must be sure to be out of the park by that time, as the gates will be locked.
- Home crews launching from the DRC must plan properly to ensure they are able to get their lightweights and coxswains over to Regatta Point during their official weigh-in window.
- Be sure to complete all membership and entry fees prior to the event. Crews will not receive credentials and will not be allowed to compete until all balances are paid in full.
- NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE PARK ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. Buses and vans must park in the assigned lots and are not permitted to park on Lake Avenue. There will be a shuttle bus running on Saturday and Sunday between the parking areas and Regatta Point. There will be a drop off area in front of the park for unloading and drop off only.
- Food Trailer will not be permitted to park at Regatta Point. Trailers must be unloaded immediately upon entry and will be directed to park at the Corzinni Boat Ramp at 237 N. Quinsigamond Ave. Shrewsbury, MA.
- Artificial noisemakers of any kind (cowbell, horn, whistle, etc.) are prohibited at all QRA hosted regattas. Please advise your parents and fans not to bring them.

Team/Spectator Tents

- Team and Spectator tents can be set up on Friday, May 18.
- Teams that have paid for a space can set up Friday between 12:00PM and 6:30PM.
- Crews bringing their own tents will be directed to the set up area upon arrival at Regatta Point.
- No tents/tables are permitted below the wall at the north beach launching area and tents may only be set up behind the yellow tape in the ramp area.

Practice Times

- The course will be open for practice from 12:00 PM- 6:30 PM on Friday, May 18. Please see map on Page 9 of this packet for practice traffic pattern.
- At this time, athlete scales will also be available at Regatta Point for lightweights and coxswains to practice weigh-in, and to create deadweight, should they need to carry it. If you know your coxswain will need to carry weight, we ask that you prepare the weight Friday night to help keep lines moving at the weigh-in area during official weigh-in windows.
- Due to the late racing schedule, no practice will be available after racing on Saturday evening.

Coaches & Coxswains Meeting

- Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will be held outside of the Sailing Center at Regatta Point on Friday, May 18 beginning at 6:30 PM.

Bow Numbers

- USRowing will provide bow numbers for all racing sessions.
- Time Trials
 - Bow numbers for time trials will be included in each team's registration packet. It is the team's responsibility to ensure that the correct number is placed on the correct shell prior to approaching the referees at the launch dock.
 - The goal of this is to help speed up the process at the launch docks. **DO NOT APPROACH THE CONTROL COMMISSION REFEREES WITHOUT YOUR CORRECT BOW NUMBER IN PLACE.**
- Sprint Racing
 - Bow numbers will be provided once crews go through Control Commission to launch for races.
 - "Alpha-numeric" numbers will be used, to assist crews and officials with lining up crews for each race. The bow numbers for each crew in a race will have the same letter preceding their lane number. Crews should stay near crews with the same letter to help with the process of staging crews prior to each race.
 - Example, if your bow number is "C2", it means you are in the same race as other crews with "C" on their bow number, and your crew is in lane 2 of that race. Coxswains and crews should stay near other crews with "C" bow numbers to assist with staging before their race.

Results & Heat Sheets

- Results and Heat Sheets will be posted online.
 - Visit <http://www.usrowing.org/event/2018-northeast-youth-championships/> for a link to the web page.
- Initial Heat Sheets will be posted on Thursday, May 17.

USRowing Youth National Championship Invitations

Youth Nationals qualification details are included in the entry packet for this regatta.

Following this event, USRowing will determine which crews have earned bids in each event, and open up registration for those crews.

Upon entering them into the RegattaCentral system, USRowing will notify the qualified crews of their status via an e-mail invitation sent to the email account listed on RegattaCentral.

Please be sure to update your email address in RegattaCentral to make sure you receive the invitation.

Crews will have 3 days to register in their qualified event from the date when the invitation is sent. This limit will be strictly enforced this year.

Awards Ceremonies

- Awards ceremonies will be held in front of the sailing center at Regatta Point.
 - Ceremony 1: Qualification Events (1-18) – 11:00 AM
 - Ceremony 2: Non-Qualification Events (19-40) & Point Trophies – 3:30 PM
- Athletes that cannot attend the first ceremony can collect their medals from the USRowing desk between ceremonies, or can be included at the end of the second ceremony.

Merchandise

- Visit the N&D Sports tent at Regatta Point to purchase the official event shirt.

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Time Trial Start Area Map

