



USRowing and Quinsigamond Rowing Association are proud to present the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual USRowing Northeast Youth Championships. This event offers the most opportunities for crews within the region to qualify for the USRowing Youth National Championships, as well as an opportunity for novice and junior varsity crews to compete in a championship-level event.

Please read this packet completely as it includes information regarding entries, rules, events, Youth National Championships qualification and eligibility, and other information about the policies governing this regatta. All crews competing in the USRowing Northeast Youth Championships are responsible for the information contained in this packet.

USRowing would like to thank the Quinsigamond Rowing Association and Visit Central Massachusetts for coming together to host this year's event. This will be the fourth time the event is held on this course.

#### **New for 2018**

Here is a list of notable changes to the regatta for 2018. Be sure to read the packet in its entirety, as you are responsible for all information in this packet.

- USRowing Membership (pg 3) - Information about new "Regatta Package" option
- Eligibility (pg 4) - Language regarding NY States and NEIRA crews
- Classifications (pg 5) - Added "Inclusive" category definitions
- Inclusive Events (pg 6) - Rules and regulations for Inclusive events
- Time Trial Procedures (pg 13) - Bow # for time trials distributed at registration
- Order of Events (pg 13) - Adjusted to match new Youth Nationals order. Added Novice 2x and Inclusive 2x events to non-qualification events.
- 4- Exhibition Events (pg 14) - Information on adding 4- as an Exhibition event
- Team Point Trophies (pg 16) - Added new Novice 2x and Inclusive 2x to point calculations

#### **Important Dates & Deadlines**

- March 1, 2018 – Entry packet posted.
- March 15, 2018 -- Online registration opens on RegattaCentral.
- May 8, 2018 – Initial online registration deadline. All entry fees become non-refundable after this deadline.

- May 9, 2018 – Initial race schedule posted.
- May 10, 2018 – Online late entry deadline. Line-up deadline. All crews with an organization must meet the “Express Lane” requirements by this date in order to guarantee the organization’s eligibility for this option.
- May 17, 2018 – RegattaCentral re-opens for last minute lineup changes. Initial schedule, start order lists for time trials, and heat sheets posted.
- May 18, 2018 – On-site credential pick-up is available. “Express Lane” opens. Last day for online line-up changes via RegattaCentral. Venue opens for trailer parking & practice. Coaches & Coxswains Meeting.

**Venue Information:**

Venue – Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, Mass.

Regatta Point

10 North Lake Ave.

Worcester, MA 01612

Driving directions are available online: <http://www.qra.org/visitors/directions.html>

- Admission
  - There will be a \$10/person admission charge to enter the Regatta Point area on racing days. This money goes directly to the local organizing committee, to help cover their costs for hosting the regatta. Please make your parents and supporters aware.
  - Athletes and coaches wearing credentials will be allowed to enter free-of-charge.
- Parking
  - Parking inside the park for competitors and spectators is not allowed during major regattas.
  - Competitors and spectators should park in the lots closest to the starting line (to the left as you come in the gate).
  - The spaces closest to the lake are reserved for Vans with boats or boat trailers.
- Rigging Areas
  - Rigging can take place on any of the grass areas of the park. The parking lots may be used provided it does not block vehicles from using the parking lots.
  - Rigging on the lower access road is strictly prohibited. This road must be kept clear for emergency vehicles.
- Launching
  - Launching is not allowed from the awards dock in front of the Sailing Office.
  - Launching from the shore is prohibited due to the presence of foreign objects in the shallows.
  - Coaches and rowers are expected to act with courtesy and common sense.
- Restrooms
  - Restrooms are available in the main building. Additional temporary facilities are available during the spring racing season.
- Trash

- Trash receptacles are provided throughout the park and large dumpsters are available during the large regattas. Visiting crews are asked to clean up after themselves and deposit trash in the dumpsters provided inside the park.
- Public Urination Policy
  - Crews are absolutely forbidden from urinating in the lake. This rule is strictly enforced. Crews that urinate into the lake will not be allowed to return to the lake for any event for a full calendar year.
  - Violating this rule is considered “Unsportsmanlike Conduct,” and crews will be penalized accordingly.
- Noise Makers (horns, cow bells, whistles, etc.)
  - Artificial noise makers of any kind (horns, cow bells, whistles, etc.) are prohibited in the park.

Course: The course is a 2,000 meter, 7-lane, fully-buoyed course with stakeboats. Crews must be able to back into a stakeboat. Crews are not allowed to cross between stakeboats.

**Event Drone Policy:**

Drones are PROHIBITED at this venue. Airspace over the venue is restricted for emergency services, so no one is permitted to operate a drone in this area.

Unapproved drones are not permitted anywhere on the regatta venue. Use of unapproved drones may result in penalties to the associated crew, and the operator may be subject to removal from the venue. Anyone removed from the venue is not eligible for a refund of their admission fee.

**Team Tent Rentals**

Team tents can be rented through the LOC. Rental registration will be available on RegattaCentral beginning April 1st.

**USRowing Membership:**

The USRowing Northeast Youth Championship is a USRowing-owned event.

Each participant is required to be a current member of USRowing, with either a Basic membership with Add-On Regatta Package or a Championship member of USRowing in place. Each participant must also have a signed waiver on file for 2018.

**Not familiar with our brand new Add-On Regatta Package?** Learn more about our great new membership deal for current Basic members through our website FAQ. Athletes can now be compliant for USRowing-owned regattas and get our most popular benefits at a serious **discount**.

Each competing organization is required to be a current organizational member of USRowing.

Memberships can be activated or renewed by visiting <http://www.usrowing.org/join.aspx> or by calling the Membership Services Department at (800) 314-4769.

Memberships should be handled prior to arriving for the event. A current listing of your athletes, their member numbers, and expiration dates can be found on your online roster through the Membership Portal at <http://membership.usrowing.org>

**Waivers:**

All athletes should make sure to sign their USRowing waiver using their Basic w/ Regatta Package or Championship member number.

**Credentials:**

Credentials will be issued to athletes once registration is complete, membership and waiver information is verified, and all fees are paid in full.

A coach or team representative may pick up the credentials for their team if all team members meet the above criteria and the organization's membership and regatta fees are paid in full. All team credentials must be picked up at the same time. Partial groups will not be distributed.

Athletes will be required to show credentials in order to pass through weigh-ins, Control Commission, and launch for racing sessions.

Crews will not be able to launch without showing proper credentials.

Each athlete will receive one complimentary credential as part of their registration for the event. Any replacement credentials can be purchased for \$10 at the registration desk.

**"Express Lane":**

Any crew whose line-ups are complete, fully compliant with Membership requirements, and fully paid on all entry and other fees are eligible for the "Express Lane" on-site registration option.

These crews may collect their credentials without waiting in line to speak with a USRowing representative.

To be eligible, crews must be in compliance by the Line-up Deadline posted in this packet and on RegattaCentral.

After this deadline, a list of eligible crews will be made available.

**Eligibility:**

The USRowing Northeast Youth Championships are open to youth competitors from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont that meet the membership requirements stated above.

Crews from outside of the United States are not eligible to compete at this event.

Crews that have declared the New York State Scholastic Championships or NEIRA Championships as their qualification regatta are not eligible to enter the Youth National Championship qualification events at the Northeast Youth Championships.

**Classifications:**

Youth- A Youth is a competitor who in the current calendar year does not attain the age of 19, or who is and has been continuously enrolled in secondary school as a full-time student seeking a diploma. A competitor thus ceases to be a Youth after December 31 of the year of his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, or of the year in which he or she completes the 12<sup>th</sup> grade of secondary school, having been a full-time student, whichever is later.

Post Graduates: Per Rule 4-104 (a), a student must be working towards their first secondary school

diploma, therefore, post graduate students who attain the age of 19 in the current calendar year are ineligible to compete.

U17- A competitor may compete in the U17 category until December 31 of the year of his or her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Inclusive -- A crew entered in the "Inclusive" event must be comprised of a mixture of Classified Rowers and Non-Classified Rowers. The crew must contain an equal number of Classified and Non-Classified Rowers. The Inclusive events are open to athletes that have been classified in the PR-3, PR-2, or PR-1 sport classes included in the Rules of Rowing. The sport class requirement pertains only to the Rower who has been classified.

"2<sup>nd</sup>" Boats- The 2<sup>nd</sup> boat classification is not open to any rower competing in a Youth National Championship qualifying event in the same discipline (sweep or sculling). In order to enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> boat, organizations must also enter a boat in the "Youth" or "Ltw" event in the same gender classification and boat class.

"3<sup>rd</sup>" Boats- The 3<sup>rd</sup> boat classification is not open to any rower competing in a Youth National Championship qualifying event. Organizations must have an entry in the corresponding "2<sup>nd</sup>" event to be eligible to place an entry in the "3<sup>rd</sup>" boat event.

Novice- A Novice shall be a coxswain or rower whose initial competition within the same discipline has been in the previous 12 months of the regatta. Coxswains who wish to become rowers may race for one year as a novice rower regardless of their coxing experience.

"2<sup>nd</sup> Novice"- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice classification is not open to any rower competing in a "Novice" (1<sup>st</sup> Novice) event in the same boat class (8+). In order to enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice boat, an organization must also enter a boat in the "Novice" (1<sup>st</sup> Novice) event in the same boat class (8+).

Unaffiliated- Crews entered as "Unaffiliated" are not considered to be representing a club or organization for this regatta. Competitors may compete as "unaffiliated" in single sculls only, as composite entries are not accepted for this event. "Unaffiliated" competitors must meet the individual membership requirements listed in this packet.

### **Youth National Qualification Rules:**

The USRowing Northeast Youth Championships offer 3 bids in each of the USRowing Youth National Championships events.

The bids will be distributed to the top 3 crews in each qualifying event that are eligible to qualify at the USRowing Northeast Youth Championships.

Crews competing in the New York State Scholastic Championships that wish to use the USRowing Northeast Youth Championships as their qualifying regatta must declare their intention no later than the close of the initial registration period for the New York State Scholastic Championships.

Crews competing in the USRowing Northeast Youth Championships that wish to use the NEIRA Championships as their qualifying regatta must declare their intention no later than May 8, 2018.

Declarations must be made using the [online form](#).

Failure to declare a different regatta will result in using the first qualification regatta entered as the crew's qualification regatta.

All crews from a given organization must qualify at the same qualification regatta.

Only crews competing in Youth National Championship qualifying events are eligible to receive bids. Crews competing in Ltwt 1x, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or Novice events are ineligible to receive automatic bids. Crews competing in the Ltwt 1x, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or Novice events are ineligible to petition to receive bids based on the results of non-qualifying races.

Full rules regarding qualification for the 2018 Youth National Championships will be available in the event entry packet posted on the event website:

<http://www.usrowing.org/event/2018-youth-national-championships/>

### **Rules:**

USRowing's Rules of Rowing will govern this event.

An online version is available at <http://www.usrowing.org/rules-of-rowing/>

### **Please pay particular attention to the approved rule changes listed on page 1 of the 2018 Rules of Rowing.**

USRowing licensed referees will officiate the event to ensure fairness and safety.

The following rules will be waived for this event:

- Rule 3-104 Minimum Weight of Boats

### **Inclusive Events**

The Inclusive category is open to crews comprised of a mixture of Classified Rowers and Non-Classified Rowers. The crew must contain an equal number of Classified and Non-Classified Rowers.

The Inclusive events are open to athletes that have been classified in the PR-3, PR-2, or PR-1 sport classes included in the Rules of Rowing. Rowers may compete in a more functional sport class than their assigned sport class but not in a less functional sport class. For example, a Rower classified as PR2 may compete in PR3 Events, but may not compete in PR1 Events.

A rower may compete in an Adaptive or Para Rowing event if his or her disability meets the criteria set out in the Adaptive Rowing Classification Regulations and has been classified by a national or international Classification Panel into an eligible sport class. A rower without a sport class or whose sport class has been withdrawn may not compete in Adaptive or Para Rowing events.

The sport class requirement pertains only to the Rower who has been classified.

All Rowers racing in Adaptive Rowing Races shall be classified before competition by a USA or FISA Classification Panel. If a Rower enters a Regatta and does not have a classification status, the LOC may default him or her from the final results of the Race.

There shall be no protests over another Rower's sport class designation.

At all times when on the water during practice, warm up, cool down, and competition from the opening day of the Course until completion of the final Race of their competition, all Rowers who row in Adaptive Rowing Races must row with the prescribed equipment which must be used according to the boat and sport class. Equipment in this context refers to strapping and pontoons.

### **Equipment:**

All equipment used in competition must meet the USRowing Rules of Rowing requirements for equipment, with the exception of the waived rule listed above. Each organization is responsible for ensuring that their equipment meets these standards.

### **Crews must provide their own bow balls.**

USRowing will provide bow numbers for sprint racing as crews pass through Control Commission to launch for racing. USRowing will provide bow numbers for time trial events with registration packets, to be picked up by each crew or its representative prior to launching.

Any equipment not meeting these standards, or judged to be unsafe by a USRowing official, will not be allowed onto the water.

### **Electronic Devices:**

Crews will be allowed to bring electronic devices on the water.

Cell phone use is prohibited from the time a crew reaches the launching area to the time they leave the recovery area, except in the case of an emergency.

Crews seen using cell phones in non-emergency situations may be excluded from competition.

### **Outside Assistance:**

Crews are reminded that they are not to receive outside assistance during a race except from the unaided voice.

### **Weigh-Ins**

Competitors shall be weighed in racing uniform without shoes or other footgear. The racing uniform shall cover the torso of the competitor.

Lightweights:

The weight of Youth Rowers in lightweight events shall be determined once each day during either the Weigh-in Window or the Adjusted Weigh-in Window, but not both. Each Youth Rower shall have only one (1) initial opportunity to weigh in. A Rower within one (1.0) pound or less of the weight standard is allowed one (1) re-weigh within the same window as his or her initial opportunity. A Rower whose initial weight is greater than one (1.0) pound above the weight standard will be ineligible to compete in the Event.

Competitors who fail to weigh-in during either the Weigh-in Window or the Adjusted Weigh-in Window shall be deemed ineligible to race.

When an Adjusted Weigh-in Window is created due to a scheduling change, a Competitor may weigh-in during either the original Weigh-in Window or the Adjusted Weigh-in Window, but not both, provided the Competitor completes his or her weigh-in prior to the newly Scheduled Time of the Race and on the same day as the newly Scheduled Time of the Race.

“Adjusted Weigh-in Window”: Should Race Officials adjust or alter the racing schedule for compelling reasons, changing the amount of time between the Weigh-in Window and the newly Scheduled Time of the Race, an Adjusted Weigh-in Window shall be created. The Adjusted Weigh-in Window shall be no

less than one (1) hour and not more than two (2) hours before the newly Scheduled Time of the Race.

**An “Adjusted Weigh-in Window” is only created if an adjusted schedule is officially posted or published by USRowing. Commonly occurring delays throughout the day are not considered an official adjustment to the schedule.**

**Lightweight Men:**

Max: 150 lbs. (no average)

Coxswains:

The weight of Coxswains shall be determined once **each day** during either the Weigh-in Window or Adjusted Weigh-in Window, but not both. In the event a Coxswain is weighed after the applicable Weigh-in Window or Adjusted Weigh-in Window but before the first Race in which the weight is relevant, the Coxswain may be subject to one of the penalties described in Rule 2-602 (“Types of Penalties”); the presumed penalty for such infraction is a Warning. Failure to weigh-in at any point in time prior to the first Race in which the weight is relevant shall constitute a violation of Rule 4-105.1 (“Coxswain’s Weight”) and result in the Coxswain being deemed ineligible to race.

When an Adjusted Weigh-in Window is created due to a scheduling change, a Competitor may weigh-in during either the original Weigh-in Window or the Adjusted Weigh-in Window, but not both, provided the Competitor completes his or her weigh-in prior to the newly Scheduled Time of the Race and on the same day as the newly Scheduled Time of the Race.

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Coxswains who do not comply with the minimum weight standard must provide their own materials to create deadweight in accordance with the USRowing Rules of Rowing. This weight must be placed in the boat as close to the torso of the coxswain as possible, and is specifically forbidden to be distributed throughout the boat. At any time, before or immediately after the race, the Referee, another Race Official, or a member of the Control Commission may require the weight of the deadweight to be checked.

**Crews must provide their own weight making materials.**

Excess clothing, equipment, electronic systems, tools, and other utilitarian devices germane to competition shall not be considered part of the coxswain’s weight and shall not be included as part of any deadweight.

Weighted vests cannot be worn in order to achieve the minimum weight.

**Coxswain for Men’s Event:**

Minimum: 120 lbs.

**Coxswain for Women’s Event:**

Minimum: 110 lbs.



**Unsportsmanlike Conduct:**

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, failure to heed the instructions of race officials, use of obscene language or gestures, delaying a race without just cause, intentional or flagrant disregard of principles of safety and fairness, or abusive behavior toward any official, team member, or spectator.

A crew that engages in unsportsmanlike conduct may be assessed a penalty by a race official.

Any team member, including a competitor, who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct at any time during the regatta may have his or her further participation at the regatta curtailed or prohibited by a race official.

**Entry Information:**

No paper entries will be accepted for this event. All entries must be made online at [RegattaCentral](http://RegattaCentral). Initial registration will be available beginning March 15, 2018 and ending Tuesday, May 8, 2018. No refunds will be given once the initial registration period has ended.

All entry fees must be paid in full by Thursday, May 10, 2018. After this date, unpaid entries will be considered late entries and subject to the conditions of such designation. Payment arrangements may be made by contacting [alvin@usrowing.org](mailto:alvin@usrowing.org) prior to the deadline.

Youth National Championship qualifying events with entries from 2 or more organizations will be run as scheduled.

Non-Youth National Championship qualifying events with entries from 2 or fewer organizations at the close of registration may be scratched from the schedule.

Organizations with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to compete until the balance is paid in full.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Late Entry Fee</b> <i>(Total Cost after initial deadline)</i>
8+	\$ 215.00	\$323.00
4x/4+	\$ 160.00	\$240.00
2x/2-	\$ 88.00	\$132.00
1x	\$ 66.00	\$99.00

**Line-ups:**

All entries should include the line-up of athletes to compete as part of that entry. All entry line-ups must be submitted by Thursday, May 10, 2018. Any entry without line-ups after this time will be treated as a late entry. Line-ups with placeholder names such as "A. Rower" will be considered incomplete and will also be considered late entries.

After Thursday, May 10, 2018, crews may substitute up to one half of its rowers, as well as its coxswain, excluding single sculls. After this deadline, no substitutions may be made for single scull entries except for illness or injury in accordance with the USRowing Rules of Rowing.

RegattaCentral will re-open for last minute line-up changes on Thursday, May 17, 2018, until the end of the Coaches and Coxswains Meeting on Friday, May 18, 2018.

After the Coaches and Coxswains Meeting, any further line-up changes must be processed on site by a USRowing representative, no later than 1 hour before the first race of the event for which the crew is entered.

**Each line-up change processed on-site is subject to a \$5 administrative fee.**

Email lineup changes will not be accepted.

**On-Site Line-up Changes:**

Any line-up change required on Saturday or Sunday will be subject to a \$5 administrative fee for processing the request.

Payment is due before a line-up change can be officially made.

**Late Entries:**

Beginning May 9, 2018, entries may be accepted in events where additional entries do not change the progression, or exceed any listed entry maximums. These entries are subject to the higher entry fees listed above.

RegattaCentral will be open for late entries until Thursday, May 10, 2018. After this time, any further late entries must be submitted on-site at the USRowing registration desk no later than the close of registration on Friday, May 18, 2018.

E-mail submissions will NOT be accepted.

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

**Scratches:**

Entries may be scratched or changed without penalty until May 8, 2018.

Scratches received beginning May 9, 2018, are not subject to a refund.

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

Scratches will be accepted via RegattaCentral until May 10, 2018.

Beginning May 11, 2018, all scratches must be submitted to USRowing on-site using the forms provided at the USRowing registration desk.

Any crew failing to submit written notification of a scratch, either online or on-site, may be subject to an additional no-show fee of \$100 to be charged to the RegattaCentral account holder.

Any crew that competes in the first round of an event is required to finish the event. A crew that scratches after competing in the first round of an event is ineligible to compete in that event at the next year's regatta. This does not apply to crews that scratch due to injury, and are able to provide medical documentation for the injury.

**Composite Entries:**

Composite entries are not accepted at the USRowing Northeast Youth Championships.

Crews, excluding single sculls, which include athletes competing as “unaffiliated”, would have to enter as a composite crew, and are therefore ineligible to compete at this regatta.

Composite entries are allowed in the Inclusive events, but composite entries will not earn points towards team point trophies.

**Entry Limits:**

Each organization may submit a maximum of 2 entries in all Youth National Championships qualifying events.

An organization’s top crew should be designated as its “A” entry. Organizations submitting multiple entries should designate their second crew as its “B” entry. This is important for seeding purposes.

Each of these entries is eligible to receive separate bids for Youth Nationals, meaning an organization can earn a maximum of two bids in these events.

Due to scheduling concerns, all events will be limited to a maximum of 28 entries.

Entries in non-qualification events are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Athletes are eligible to compete in a maximum of two (2) events. Coxswains are NOT limited in the number of events they may enter; however, they must meet all appropriate eligibility and classification requirements for each event being entered.

**Progression:**

**Progression for Youth Nationals Qualification Events**

Entries	Time Trial Heats	Advancing in each Heat	Semifinals	Advancing in each Semifinal	Finals
1-7	1 (Seeding)	7	-	-	Grand Final
8-14	1	7	-	-	Grand Final
15+	1	14	2	3	Grand Final

**Progression for Non-Qualification Events**

Entries	Time Trial Heats	Advancing in each Heat	Semifinals	Advancing in each Semifinal	Finals
1-7	-	-	-	-	Final Only
8+	1	7	-	-	Grand Final

Each crew is responsible for knowing the progression of their event.

Only Grand Finals will be run at the 2018 USRowing Northeast Youth Championships.

Non-Youth National qualifying events will run a progression including time trial heats and finals.

**Schedule Information:**

Time trial heats and semifinals will be run as close to the order of finals as possible.

Time trial heats will be run on Saturday.

Semifinals for Youth National Championship qualification events will be run Saturday evening, as time allows, following the time trials for non-qualification events.

Grand Finals will be run Sunday.

This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

### **Time Trial Procedures**

Crews will launch from the usual launching docks 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. Coxswain weight will be checked at the recovery dock. 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.

Bow assignments for the time trials in Youth Nationals qualification events will be seeded by the Northeast Youth Coaches Council. The goal is to have the faster crews assigned to earlier bow numbers in each event. Non-qualification events will be seeded by randomly assigning bow numbers to the "A" entries from each program, followed by random assignments for the "B" entries from each program.

A marshal will be positioned near the start to direct crews to enter the course. Crews are responsible for staying in numerical order, staying behind crews with lower numbers and in front of crews with higher numbers.

Crews are responsible for maintaining their proper order and distance. Crews failing to maintain their proper position may be delayed, moved to the end of the starting order, penalized, or excluded. A crew will be allowed to race as long as they are in the starting area before the crew with the last bow number of the event has started.

A crew's race time begins once their bow ball crosses the start line.

There will be a 20-second gap between starting crews, resulting in a 40-second gap between crews in the same lane.

#### ***Bow Numbers:***

Bow numbers for time trial heats will be distributed to each crew with their athlete credentials during the on-site registration hours. Crews must collect their bow numbers from the USRowing registration desk before trying to launch for time trials.

#### ***Passing:***

A crew being overtaken must yield to the outside lane to allow the overtaking crew to pass.

A crew is deemed to be overtaking another crew when it has moved to within one length of open water of the crew ahead.

Any crew failing to yield will be excluded.

Referees will give instruction in accordance with the USRowing Rules of Rowing.

*Broken Equipment:*

A crew experiencing broken equipment during the time trial should move to the outside lane.

**Order of Events:**

Below is the order in which finals are scheduled to be run. Events marked with an asterisk (\*) are designated as Youth National Championship qualifying events.

The order of events for the Youth National Championship qualification events will match the order approved for use at the current year's Youth National Championships. Any changes made to the national championship order will be reflected in the order at this event.

		19	Womens Youth Inclusive 2x
1	<b>Womens Youth 1x*</b>	20	Mens Youth Inclusive 2x
2	<b>Mens Youth 1x*</b>	21	Womens Youth Ltwt 1x
3	<b>Womens Youth 2-*</b>	22	Mens Youth Ltwt 1x
4	<b>Mens Youth 2-*</b>	23	Womens 2nd 4+
5	<b>Womens Ltwt Youth 2x*</b>	24	Mens 2nd 4+
6	<b>Mens Ltwt Youth 2x*</b>	25	Womens Novice 8+
7	<b>Womens Youth 2x*</b>	26	Mens Novice 8+
8	<b>Mens Youth 2x*</b>	27	Womens 2nd 4x
9	<b>Womens Ltwt Youth 4+*</b>	28	Mens 2nd 4x
10	<b>Mens Ltwt Youth 4+*</b>	29	Womens 2nd Novice 8+
11	<b>Womens Youth 4+*</b>	30	Mens 2nd Novice 8+
12	<b>Mens Youth 4+*</b>	31	Womens Youth 3rd 8+
13	<b>Womens Youth 4x*</b>	32	Mens Youth 3rd 8+
14	<b>Mens Youth 4x*</b>	33	Womens 2nd 8+
15	<b>Womens Ltwt Youth 8+*</b>	34	Mens 2nd 8+
16	<b>Womens Youth 8+*</b>	35	Womens Novice 4+
17	<b>Mens Ltwt Youth 8+*</b>	36	Mens Novice 4+
18	<b>Mens Youth 8+*</b>	37	Womens Novice 2x
		38	Mens Novice 2x
		39	Womens U17 8+
		40	Mens U17 8+
		41	Womens Youth 4- (Exhibition)
		42	Mens Youth 4- (Exhibition)

The schedule of races will be determined based on the number of entries at the close of registration.

#### **4- Exhibition Events**

The 4- event is being added to the schedule to test the demand for the boat class.

For 2018, the event is added on an “exhibition” status at the end of the regatta. The event will not count towards team point trophies, and will not count against an athlete’s maximum number of events.

Medals will not be awarded for these events.

#### **Coaches and Coxswains Meeting:**

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting will be scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2018, at 6:30 PM and will be held at Regatta Point. All crews are responsible for the information that is delivered at that meeting.

#### **Medals:**

Medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third-place finishers in each Grand Final, including both qualification and non-qualification events.

A final must contain a minimum of 4 boats in order for a third-place medal to be awarded. This rule applies to both qualifying and non-qualifying events.

The awarding of medals is determined by place regardless of the crew’s Youth National Championship qualification declaration. Therefore, the awarding of medals may not necessarily reflect the awarding of Youth National Championship bids.

#### **Team Point Trophies:**

The following traveling trophies shall be awarded to teams based upon the points earned by that team’s crews at the year’s USRowing Northeast Youth Championships.

Teams that won trophies in 2017 are responsible for returning the trophies in good condition prior to this year’s event. The trophy should be updated with the winning organization’s name and year on the provided nameplates.

Teams failing to return a trophy are responsible for transporting or shipping the trophy to the 2017 winner. Any costs associated with the transportation or shipping is borne by the team failing to return the trophy from the previous year.

The following table summarizes how points shall be awarded for events.

All events will be scored. One boat per team scores in each event.

- **Northeast Youth All Points Trophy** - Presented to the team with the highest point totals in all events.
- **Northeast Youth Mens Points Trophy** - Presented to the team with the highest point total in **Men's** events.
- **Northeast Youth Women's Points Trophy** - Presented to the team with the highest point total in **Women's** events.
- **Northeast Youth Sculling Points Trophy** - Presented to the team with the highest point total in **Sculling** events.
- **Northeast Youth Novice Points Trophy** - Presented to the team with the highest point total in **Novice** events.

## TEAM POINTS REFERENCE TABLE

The club of the winning boat in each event shall receive points based on a modification of the "Barnes Scoring System" on the chart below. The teams of the remaining boats in the finals race of the event shall receive points according to the following percentage of the points awarded to the champion in that event. If more than six boats raced in heats in an event, points shall be awarded as if six boats raced in the final, regardless of the number of crews that actually race in the final. In the event of a points tie, a coin toss shall be used as a tiebreak. All events will be scored. One boat per team scored in each event.

# Boats in Event	% of 1st Place Points					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6+	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	10%
5	80%	60%	40%	20%	10%	
4	60%	40%	20%	10%		
3	40%	20%	10%			
2	20%	10%				

### Youth 8+ | Ltwt 8+

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6+	160	128	96	64	32	16
5	128	96	64	32	16	
4	96	64	32	16		
3	64	32	16			
2	32	16				

### Youth 4+ | Ltwt 4+ | Youth 4x | 2nd 8+ | U17 8+ | Novice 8+

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6+	80	64	48	32	16	8
5	64	48	32	16	8	
4	48	32	16	8		
3	32	16	8			
2	16	8				

### Youth 2x | Ltwt 2x | Youth 2- | 2nd 4+ | Novice 4+ | 2nd 4x | 3rd 8+ | 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice 8+

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6+	40	32	24	16	8	4
5	32	24	16	8	4	
4	24	16	8	4		
3	16	8	4			
2	8	4				

**Youth 1x | Inclusive 2x | Novice 2x**

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>6+</b>	20	16	12	8	4	2
<b>5</b>	16	12	8	4	2	
<b>4</b>	12	8	4	2		
<b>3</b>	8	4	2			
<b>2</b>	4	2				

**Ltwt 1x**

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>6+</b>	10	8	6	4	2	1
<b>5</b>	8	6	4	2	1	
<b>4</b>	6	4	2	1		
<b>3</b>	4	2	1			
<b>2</b>	2	1				

**Inclement Weather Information:**

The Chief Referee, USRowing, and Local Organizing Committee will work together to monitor the weather continuously during the regatta.

In the event that inclement weather causes delays in the regatta schedule, the following weather plan will be utilized:

**Notification Process:**

All schedule change notifications will be announced in the following places:

- On-site on the results/announcements board by the boathouse
- On-site through any on-site public address systems in use
- Online via Twitter, Facebook, RegattaCentral, and the USRowing website
- Via text message. Coaches, athletes, and parents can register to receive weather related text messages by texting "USRNortheast" to 313131.

To ensure that each crew has at least 1 representative on the texting list, USRowing will manually add the Race Day Contact listed on RegattaCentral to the texting system.

Crews are responsible for staying updated on any announced schedule changes.

Please direct any questions about schedule changes to USRowing at the registration area.

Schedule Changes will be made with the following priorities

- Delay racing either later the same day or to the next day, if time is available.
- Begin racing earlier than previously announced. Announcement will be made no later than 3 hours before racing or 9:00 PM the evening before in the case of morning racing.
- Utilize a time-trial system for a round of the event.
- Omit a round of the event. The composition of the next round will be determined on the basis of



the results of those rounds that have been completed. If grand finals must be omitted, medals and Youth National Championship bids will be awarded based on the results of the last completed round of the event.

- Cancel some or all non-Youth National Championship qualification events. Cancellation priority will be:
  - o Non-Youth National Championship qualification events that have completed at least one round of racing
  - o Non-Youth National Championship qualification events that have not completed at least one round of racing.
- Cancel some or all Youth National Championship qualification events that have completed at least one round of racing.
- Cancel regatta.

Under no circumstances will races be rescheduled for a date later than May 20, 2018.

#### *Weigh-in Procedures*

In instances where inclement weather causes a change in the scheduled race times for events that require the weighing of competitors (lightweights or coxswains), the time in which a competitor must be weighed will be affected as described in the Rules of Rowing. See the current year's rulebook, or the weigh-in sections in this packet for details.

#### **Lodging Information:**

USRowing has partnered with EMC Venues to provide accommodation options for teams and spectators travelling to the 2018 USRowing Northeast Youth Championships.

Rooms are now available at a variety of hotel properties near the Worcester venue.

[Click here to submit your rooming requests to EMC Venues.](#)

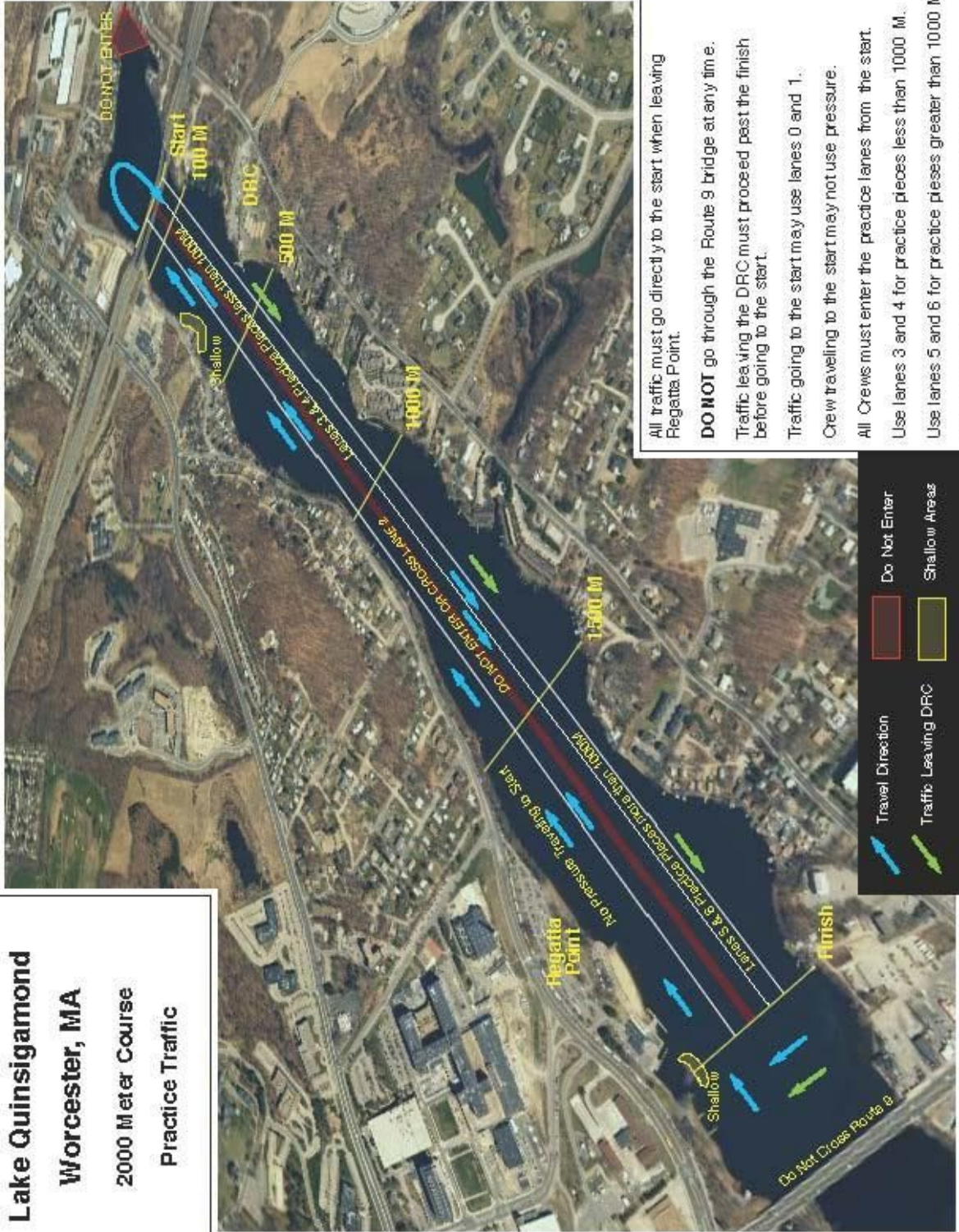
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**Lake Quinsigamond  
Worcester, MA  
2000 Meter Course  
Practice Traffic**

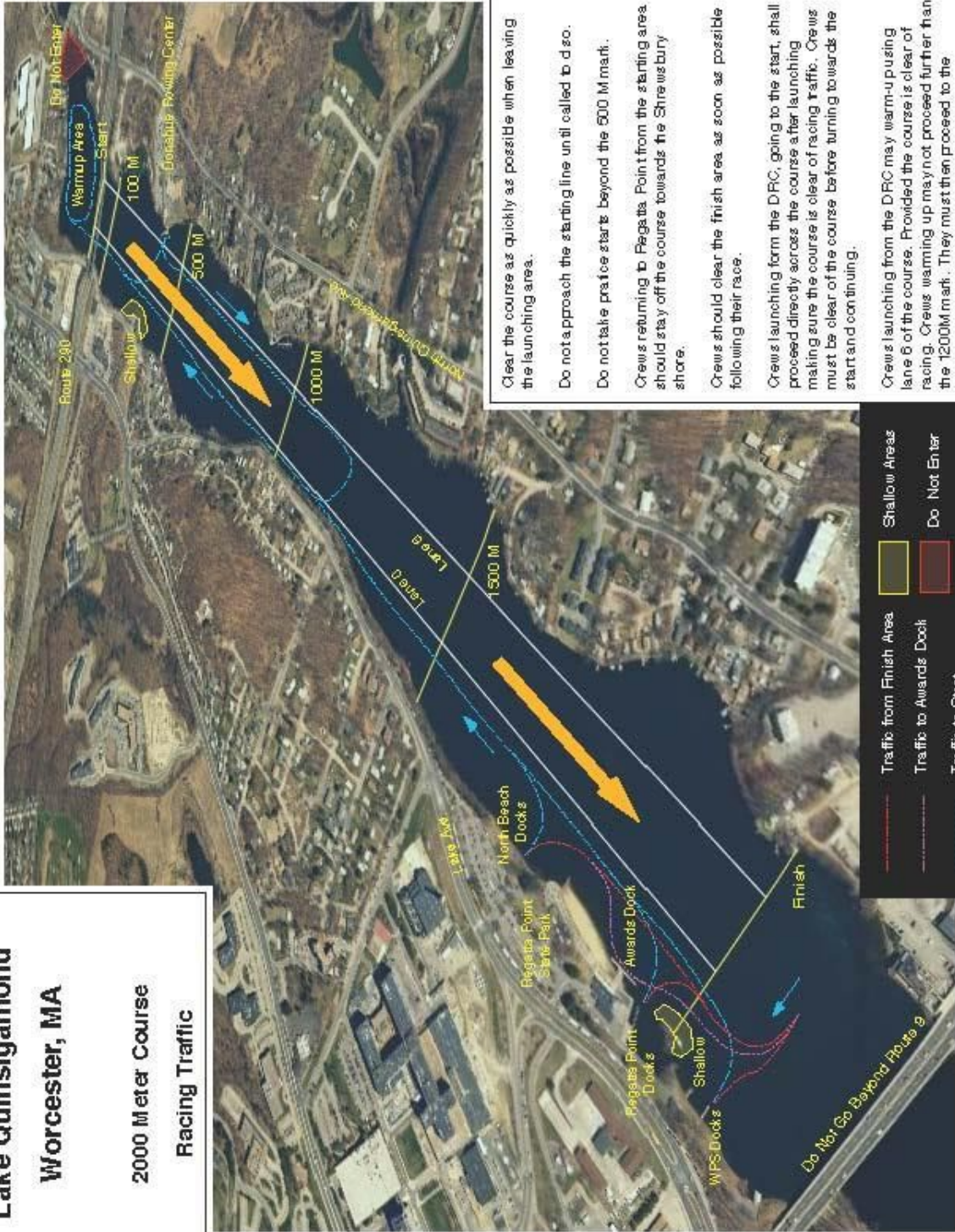


All traffic must go directly to the start when leaving Regatta Point.  
**DO NOT** go through the Route 9 bridge at any time.  
 Traffic leaving the DRC must proceed past the finish before going to the start.  
 Traffic going to the start may use lanes 0 and 1.  
 Crew traveling to the start may not use pressure.  
 All Crews must enter the practice lanes from the start.  
 Use lanes 3 and 4 for practice pieces less than 1000 M.  
 Use lanes 5 and 6 for practice pieces greater than 1000 M.  
**DO NOT USE OR CROSS LANE 2 AT ANY TIME.**

	Travel Direction		Do Not Enter
	Traffic Leaving DRC		Shallow Areas

# Lake Quinsigamond Worcester, MA

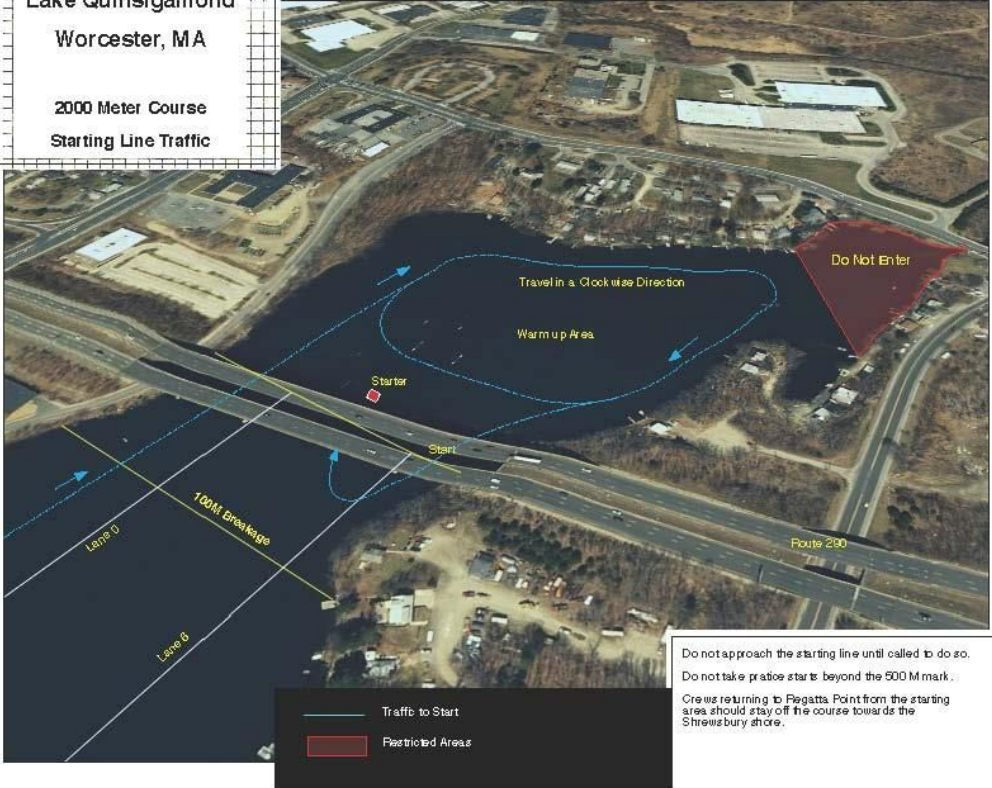
2000 Meter Course  
Racing Traffic



- Clear the course as quickly as possible when leaving the launching area.
- Do not approach the starting line until called to do so.
- Do not take practice starts beyond the 500 M mark.
- Crews returning to Regatta Point from the starting area should stay off the course towards the Shrewsbury shore.
- Crews should clear the finish area as soon as possible following their race.
- Crews launching from the DRC, going to the start, shall proceed directly across the course after launching making sure the course is clear of racing traffic. Crews must be clear of the course before turning towards the start and continuing.
- Crews launching from the DRC may warm-up using lane 6 of the course. Provided the course is clear of racing. Crews warming up may not proceed further than the 1200M mark. They must then proceed to the Shrewsbury shore and travel to the start.

	Traffic from Finish Area		Shallow Areas
	Traffic to Awards Dock		Do Not Enter
	Traffic to Start		

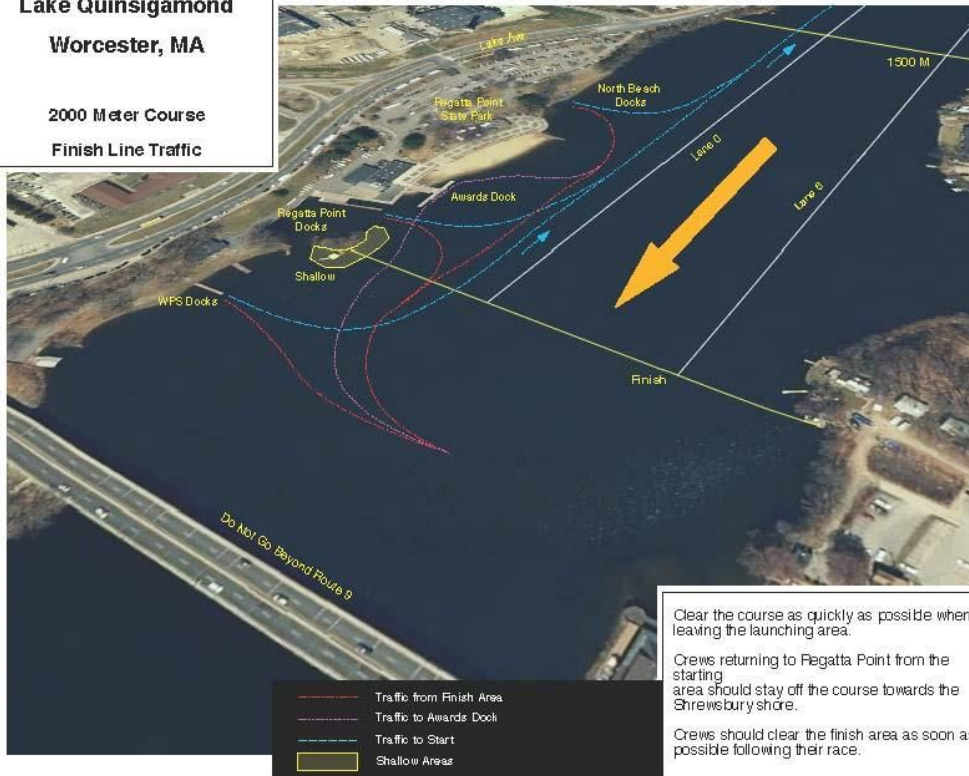
Lake Quinsigamond  
 Worcester, MA  
 2000 Meter Course  
 Starting Line Traffic



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**Lake Quinsigamond  
Worcester, MA**

**2000 Meter Course  
Finish Line Traffic**



Clear the course as quickly as possible when leaving the launching area.

Crews returning to Regatta Point from the starting area should stay off the course towards the Shrewsbury shore.

Crews should clear the finish area as soon as possible following their race.

# Time Trial Start Area Map

