

# **9<sup>th</sup> Tail of the Fish Regatta**

(October 1<sup>st</sup>, 05)

We look forward to seeing you all at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tail of the Fish. The events are spread apart with enough time to row more than one event. The eights are still the focus of the day, but rowers have the opportunity to row twice. The schedule is designed to give those traveling here, time to come up in the morning. It also ends around 1:30pm, giving you the rest of the day to get home fairly early. The schedule is as follows –

**PLEASE NOTE, you should plan on at least 45 (pref. 1 hour) minutes between any rerows (boats or athletes). We will NOT hold up a race for boats late to the start:**

8:00	Coxswains Mtg.
8:30	First Launch
9:00	Mens Varsity Eights (A, B, C, etc)
9:15	Womens Varsity Eights
9:50	Mens Frosh/Novice Eights
10:00	Womens Frosh/Novice Eights
10:20	Mens 1x
10:30	Womens 2x
10:40	Mens 2-
10:50	Womens Varsity Fours (4+)
11:00	Mens Frosh/Novice Fours (4+)
11:00-11:30	Break & Catch-up time
11:30	Womens 1x
11:40	Mens 2x
11:50	Womens 2-
12:00	Mens Fours (4+)
12:10	Womens Frosh/Novice Fours (4+)
12:30	Mens Quads
12:40	Womens Quads
1:00	Medals Presentations
1:15	Vernmonster Eating Contest (*see below)

**Medals:** There are Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals for every event with at least three entries – including A, B, C flights. In addition, each event has a plaque for the winner. Lastly, there will be “Mens & Womens Total Point Trophy” (2) awarded. Every event with at least 3 entries will be factored into the points total.

**Costs:** Eights (\$60) – Fours/Quads (\$35) – Doubles/Pairs (\$20) – Singles (\$10). Parking is available, however, the State Boat launch charges \$6 per vehicle and Lee’s Park will also charge \$10 per. We have no control over this. There will be no parking in the staging area for the athletes/boats.

**Distance:** The Tail is exactly 2 miles long. There is one major turn in the course. The course runs bridge-to-bridge ending in front of the NYS Boat Launch at Route 9P.

**“Vermonger” Contest:** This contest is between teams made up of no more than 650lbs of eating power. Vermongers are 25-scoop buckets of Ben & Jerry’s ice creams. They will be on hand for the race day contest. Teams must pre-order their bucket (by contacting Chris Chase). The cost of the bucket is \$28. Winners get Ben & Jerry’s t-shirts and bragging rights for one year, plus their name on the trophy. The Vermonger record is just under 3 minutes of chaos and sloppiness. Only the brave should enter. (Bring spare clothes)

**Race site:** Please note, this year, the entire race will be hosted on Lee’s Park. All trailers are to proceed to the far, grassy lot that is used for the NYS Champs. There will be plenty of room for tents and trailers. Trailers are welcome to begin arriving on Friday. Please respect the property by cleaning up after yourselves, putting all trash in the dumpsters before you leave, not trespassing on the various trailers already existing in the park, and staying off of the private docks along the shore. (Use the site maps for directions).

## **RULES**

Rules of Racing shall apply

Boats being overtaken must yield to the passing boat, which must indicate its intentions. On curves, the overtaken boat should allow the overtaking boat to pass on the inside. The overtaking boat must allow ample clearance before moving in front of the passed boat.

Hot seating (of equipment and personnel) will be performed at the **crew’s risk** of missing an event. Under no circumstances will the start of an event be held up waiting for a late boat.

Bow numbers. Numbers will be provided at registration. Crews without bow numbers will not be permitted to launch. Bow numbers are to be turned in at the launch site after race.

Boats without bow balls and quick release footgear will not be permitted to launch. All boats will be inspected prior to launch.

## **LODGING**

Please see the regatta website for a listing of Hotels and Motels in the area.  
<http://www.saratoga.org/accommodations/index.asp?type=Hotel>

You can also find lodging by calling the chamber of commerce of the surrounding towns. Clifton Park will have several hotels, as will South Glens Falls, Glens Falls, Queensbury, Ballston Spa, and Schuylerville. Make your reservations early.

## RESULTS

Computerized results for each event will be made available as soon as possible, as well as posted in “real-time” online at [www.RaceTrak.com](http://www.RaceTrak.com) All results posted on regatta day are unofficial. Official results will be posted on [www.RaceTrak.com](http://www.RaceTrak.com).

## DIRECTIONS TO REGATTA SITE

*From points east:* Take I-90 West (Mass Pike) into NY State. (I-90 West becomes the NY State Thruway). Continue on I-90 West to exit B3 towards Albany, NY. Go through Albany on I-90 West to the intersection of I-87 North (the Northway). Continue North on I-87 to Exit 14. Take a left at the exit ramp onto Route 9P East toward Saratoga Lake. Follow enclosed map.

*From points west:* Take I-90 East toward Albany, NY to exit 24. Proceed through toll booths at exit 24 and follow signs for I-87 North. Take I-87 North to Exit 14. Take a left at the exit ramp onto route 9P East toward Saratoga Lake. Follow enclosed map.

*From points south:* Take I-87 North toward Albany, NY to exit 14. Take a left at the exit ramp onto Route 9P East toward Saratoga Lake. Follow enclosed map.

*From points north:* Take I-87 South toward Lake George / Albany to Exit 14. Take a left at the exit ramp onto Route 9P East toward Saratoga Lake. Follow enclosed map.

Special Note: The bridge gets very congested Saturday morning. Look at the enclosed map for directions avoiding the bridge (Left on Meadowbrook Rd., Right on Stafford's Bridge Rd., Cross river at the Start. Right on Fitch Rd., Right on Rt. 9P. Right into Lee's Park.