

Dear Coaches,

Due to the early start time, we will not hold a formal coaches & coxswains meeting. We will post the course map at the registration table. Please make sure your coxswains understand that we will have a Marshall of the Point managing boat traffic into cove so as not to interfere with racing.

Please share the following information with your coxswains:

1. We will do two calls this year. First call will be 40 minutes prior to race time, followed by a **final** call 25 minutes prior.
2. Boats must check in with the bow number tent before launching. Equipment safety rules will be enforced throughout the competition. We will employ spot checks as crews launch for proper bow ball and heel ties, so be certain that your equipment has been properly checked before you launch for each race.
3. The course has lanes numbered 1-7, with 2-7 being the most frequently used lanes. Lane 1 is only used in 7 boat races. Lane 7 is closest to the beach and launch docks, with lane 1 being farthest from the beach.
4. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** For this event, there is no buoy line to separate the edge of the race course from the travel lane. As crews proceed to the start, they should be at least 3 boat lengths away from the nearest buoy line! The only exception to this rule is passing through the “pinch point” , as described below,
5. There is a pinch point at 600m into the race (1400m as boats travel to the starting dock). This is near the boat ramp adjacent to lane 1. All boats proceeding to the start must stop here until directed to enter the starting cove by a race marshal.
6. The traffic pattern in the cove is clockwise. There are 2 warm-up areas available (please see the map on-site). The cove will get crowded quickly, so please plan on using the first warm-up area for the bulk of your full-pressure strokes.
7. There will be a starting platform used during races. The course will have partial lane lines in place with a lane line between lanes 2 and 3, between lanes 4 and 5, and between lanes 6 and 7. There will be no lane line between lanes 1 and 2. Crews should use the line which will typically be on one side of them to maintain a straight course and to stay away from the boat next to them on the non-buoyed side.
8. When racing necessitates time trials to be used, crews will be brought into the starting area into either lanes 4 or 6 (alternating). They will be placed on the

paddles with the adjusted start line being at the 100 meter mark (end of normal breakage). Crews are responsible for being at full pressure when they pass the start line.

9. There will be 1 recovery dock available. Wet-docking at the beach after racing is also permissible. Hot seating on the beach is permissible so long as the new crew has checked in with the bow-number tent.

If you or your coxswains have questions about the course or logistics, please ask when you check in or stop by the registration table between 6:15 and 6:30 on Saturday morning.

If possible, please try to check in on Friday.