



Sunday, April 28, 2019
Riverside Park
Guild St NW
Grand Rapids, MI, 49505

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1) MACRA Competitors since 2011

- Butler University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cleveland State University
- Denison University
- DePaul University
- Drake University Women's Rowing
- Eastern Michigan University
- Grand Valley State University
- Indiana University
- John Carroll University
- Lawrence University
- Marietta College
- Marquette University
- Mercyhurst University
- Miami University (OH)
- Michigan State University
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- North Park University (IL)
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Ohio University
- Purdue University
- St. Louis University
- University of Charleston (WV)
- University of Chicago
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Dayton
- University of Illinois
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Michigan – Michigan Rowing Association
- University of Minnesota
- University of Notre Dame
- University of St. Thomas (MN)
- University of Toledo
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wheaton College
- Xavier University

2) General Race Information

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019

Location: Riverside Park, Grand Rapids MI

Boat trailers and support vehicles, head to:

Guild St NW, Grand Rapids MI 49505

Spectators are advised to carpool as parking on-site is limited. Additional parking is available at the GVSU downtown campus parking lots (<https://www.gvsu.edu/homepage/files/pdf/maps/robertc.pewgrandrapidscampus.pdf>) where cars can consolidate. Shuttles will NOT be offered.

Maps of the venue and racecourse are found on the next two pages.

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Please note that parking is very limited inside Riverside Park. There are lots on the north side of the park (not shown here), and spectators may also park at GVSU downtown lots and carpool/walk/Uber in.

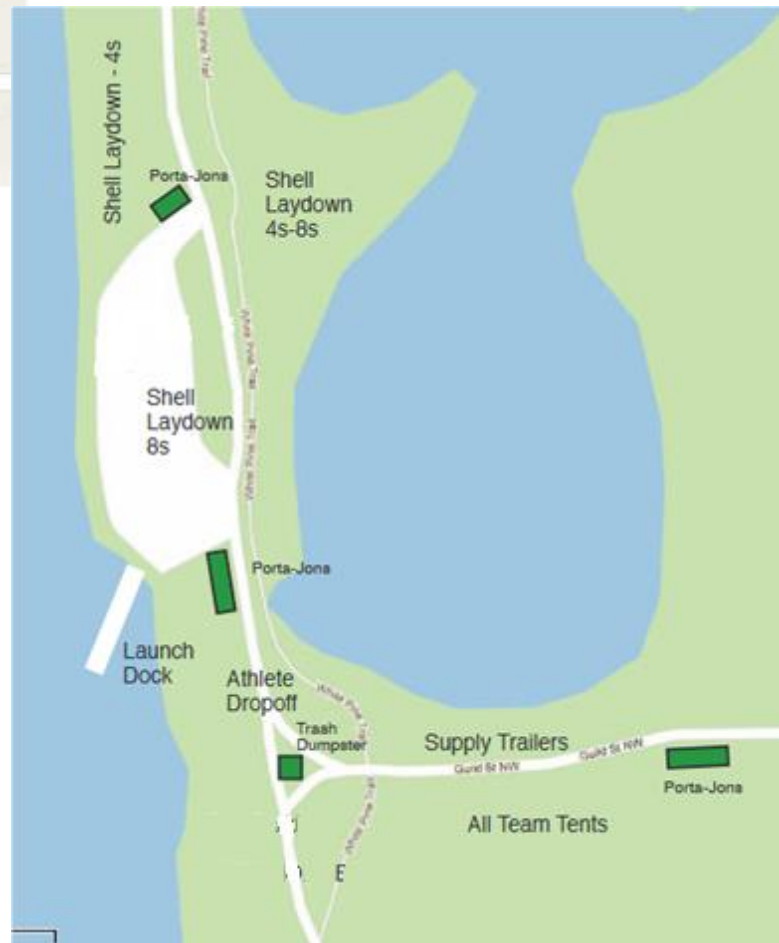
Cars can park on the right side of the road, north of the yellow gate. 4WD vehicles can form a second line away from the road.

Boat trailers should enter at the Guild St entrance – search Google Maps for Guild St NW, Grand Rapids, 49505.

Trailers can park to the north of the small yellow gate shown above. Boats can be staged around the launch area.

Tents can be set up south of Guild St and along shore; make sure to leave space for docks.

Team buses can park to the north of the yellow gate, beyond the shell trailers. Please have them drive all the way north, just shy of the small bridge there.



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Crews will launch and travel upstream for warmup. Please note that the warmup lane is not very wide – please stay single-file until completely upstream of the course.

Please refrain from taking power strokes while rowing up the course.

Once crews cross the finish line, they must stay upstream of the railroad bridge and proceed back upstream to the recovery dock.

When either warming up or recovering and a race is in progress, please stop rowing when the race is approximately 100m away, and allow all competitors to pass before picking it back up.

Trailers: There is a high school regatta in Riverside Park on Saturday, April 27. As a result, we will be unable to access the park until that event is cleared.

Any trailers that arrive prior to the park clearing must stage their trailers at the Grand Rapids Rowing Association boathouse (291 N Park St NW, Grand Rapids MI 49533).

Trailers will be released from GRRRA once the park is open. We estimate that will be around 5PM on Saturday.

The venue will be open for trailers to drop off until 9PM Saturday.

There will be security on-site on Saturday night.

Buses: Drop off athletes and proceed north along the river, beyond the yellow gate and the shell trailers. Buses may park alongside the road to the north of the shell trailers.

3) Progression system, seeding, and starts

Progression: Varsity and Freshman/Novice 8's will be seeded. All other events done by random draw.

6 or fewer entries: Final only

7-12 entries: 2 heats, top 3 of each heat to final; all others to petite

13-18 entries: 3 heats, top 2 to final, places 3-4 to petite

Petite Finals: Petites will be offered for each event with 8 or more entries.

Seeding: Coaches with entries in the Varsity and Freshman/Novice 8's will be asked to participate in a poll to determine seeding of the heats.

Starts: Stake boats will be used; crews should be familiar with procedures for backing and sculling. Crews unable to lock into the boat-holder by the start time of their race will be issued a warning. The officials reserve the right to disqualify/exclude crews who are unable to lock onto the boat-holders and keep a point. Crews who are unable to do this will not be permitted to row down the course.

4) Registration

Registration: https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/index.jsp?job_id=6149&org_id=0

Entry date: Wednesday, 4/24. No late entries accepted.

Scratches, Lineups, Payments:

Scratches, lineups, and payments are due on Friday 4/26 on Regatta Central.

No scratches after this point. Any unpaid entries on this date will be scratched for you. Any coach requesting a scratch after the deadline must submit a \$40 scratch fee online at Regatta Central. Any scratches requested on race day will be subject to a \$60 fee. Please bring your checkbooks.

Entry fees: Pricing is unchanged from last year. We are requiring clubs to pay the MACRA membership fee of \$45 to offset fixed costs to host the regatta; each club will also pay an entry fee of \$12/athlete, capped at \$840 per program.

5) Waiver requirement

This is a US Rowing registered regatta, and all athletes must have an up-to-date waiver accessed through Regatta Central or US Rowing.

6) Schedule

Updates: Schedules will be emailed to participating coaches by Thursday 4/26 and posted on Regatta Central

Practice: The course will be available for practice on Saturday evening.

Traffic pattern on the course is counter-clockwise:

Up the course (travelling north or upstream) in lanes 0, 1, 2

Down the course (travelling south or downstream) in lanes 5, 6

No traffic in lane 3 or 4

Coaches and coxswains meeting: 7AM at headquarters, near the launch dock

Racing will begin at 8AM with heats as needed.

Hot seating: Hot seating is done at your own risk – no accommodations will be made.

7) Entry Rules

Once the regatta's scratch deadline has passed, clubs may not scratch their entries in larger-boat categories in order to focus on smaller-boat categories. A scratch fee of \$60 will be assigned and those results in the smaller-boat categories will be vacated, including if a medal were earned. Such violation of sportsmanship will be noted and reflected in invitations next year.

Multiple event entries:

Each team may submit up to two entries in each event.

The exception to this rule is that only one entry will be permitted in the Varsity 8 and Freshman/Novice 8. However, multiple entries will be permitted in the latter events if there is no 2nd Varsity 8 or 2nd F/N 8 event offered due to insufficient (<3) entries.

Teams may have unlimited, multiple entries in the 2nd F/N 8 and 2nd Varsity 8 events provided they enter a 1st F/N 9 and/or 1st Varsity 8 boat.

Double Rowing:

All athletes may row in as many as two separate events. There is no limit on multiple racing for coxswains. There will be no accommodations for equipment or athlete hot seating.

Lightweights and weigh-in:

This regatta will offer lightweight events if there are three or more entries. If there are fewer than 3 lightweight crews then they will be automatically placed in the heavyweight events.

Lightweight maximum weights are 130lbs for women and 160lbs for men, with no averages. There will be no official weigh-ins for lightweights; it is on your honor. There are no weigh-ins conducted for equipment or coxswains either.

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Championship qualifying and seeding:

Results in this race are considered in seeding for the Dad Vail, ECAC NIRC, and ACRA regattas. Programs participating in those regattas will be competing at the MACRA.

US Rowing rules

This regatta will follow the US Rowing Rules of Rowing. Exceptions will be permitted only by race officials.

8) Contact information

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