



Regatta Bulletin #1

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This Regatta Bulletin is intended to supplement the official Regatta Information Package posted online at RegattaCentral. Please refer to that package for detailed information regarding the 2019 ROWONTARIO Championships Regatta.

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1. Club Representative and Coaches Meeting Location

The Meeting scheduled for 7:00PM on Friday July 26th will be held in the Regatta Office, which is in the boathouse.

As per the regatta package, each club was asked to identify a club representative when submitting entries. If a Club does not sign in at the Meeting, the designated club representative will be issued a Yellow Card. The club representative may choose to send an alternate to the meeting, who will be asked to sign in with contact information as the new club representative. The club representative is responsible for conveying all information from the Meeting to all participating athletes, coaches and spectators from their Club. All participants are expected to be familiar with the information conveyed at the Meeting.



2. WhatsApp Group

Identified club representatives will be added to a regatta WhatsApp group, which will be used to share important information throughout the regatta e.g., regarding weather events, lost articles, etc.

Please ask your club representative to download WhatsApp. The group will be created on Friday evening before the Meeting. We ask that each Club only have 1 representative in the WhatsApp group.

3. Other Regatta Communications

1 copy of the race draw will be distributed to each participating club + 1 additional copy for each registered crew coach identified at time of submitting entries. Race draws and results will also be posted on the results board outside of the boathouse and at the grandstands and will be available at the medal tent and in the regatta office for viewing.

Race draws and results will also be posted online:

- RegattaCentral: https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/?job_id=6406
- Regatta Master: <https://regattamasteronline.com/Pages/Races.aspx?regattaid=1376>

Social Media Updates

Results and announcements will be posted on ROWONTARIO's Twitter feed (@ROWONTARIO). Follow us on Instagram (@rowontario_official) for live updates and photos throughout the regatta. Use the official event hashtag to be part of the conversation! #ROChamps2019

Notice: ROWONTARIO takes photographs and videos at regattas for internal use and promotional purposes in print and electronic format. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Sydney Boyes at sydney@rowontario.ca or 416-759-8405 ext 3.

4. Weigh-in Times

Saturday

Women: 5:30AM – 7:30AM
Men: 6:40AM – 8:10AM
Coxswains: 8:14AM – 9:44AM

Sunday

Women: 2.5 – 1 hour before the 1st lightweight 1x, TBC after Saturday TT
Men: 2.5 – 1 hour before the 1st lightweight 1x, TBC after Saturday TT
Coxswains: 6:54AM – 8:24AM



Competitors (including coxswains) must show ID at time of weigh in and crews must weigh-in together. Please review the ID requirements listed in the Regatta Information Package. There will be **no exceptions** to the ID requirements.

5. Participant Waivers & ROWONTARIO Concussion Policy

International participants are not required to sign a waiver. All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the Regatta Information Package and verified at time of entry.

As a reminder, ROWONTARIO's Concussion Management Policy will be in effect for all participants and volunteers. [The full policy is available on our website.](#)

6. Proof of Age and Identity at Control Commission

All competitors (including coxswains) will be required to show ID at Control Commission for every race. Please review the ID requirements and options listed in the Regatta Information Package. There will be **no exceptions** to the ID requirements.

7. Regatta Office Hours & Draw Change Requests

The Regatta Office is in the boathouse and will be open and staffed at the following times:

- Friday July 26th 2:30PM – 6:30PM
- Saturday July 27th 5:00AM – 7:00PM
- Sunday July 28th 30 min prior to weigh-in – 5:00PM

**NEW in 2019!*

Name Changes, Scratches and Late Entries will be accepted online starting at **9:00AM Wednesday July 24th** until **6:30PM Friday July 26th**. Late Entries can be completed directly in RegattaCentral, including payment. Name Change and Scratch forms should be emailed to andrea@rowontario.ca and payment retransferred to finance@rowontario.ca.

Changes will be processed upon receipt of payment and only when completed using the means listed above.

All events (except the Men's and Women's 1x events) are capped at 30 entries now to avoid triggering Time Trials in the progression system, because it is too late at this stage for that schedule change. Late entries will not be accepted in events with 0 entries, as they have been canceled. Otherwise, all other late entries will be accepted, even if it triggers adding an additional heat.

Once the Final Draw is posted on Friday evening, late entries will only be accepted in events with an open lane to avoid triggering a schedule change.



Changes to the Final Draw (name changes, scratches and late entries) can be completed in the Regatta Office during regular office hours up to 2 hours before the scheduled race time.

As a reminder, crews that miss their race for any reason will be assessed a \$50.00 Scratch Fee.

The fees will be waived for changes made for medical reasons if a note from a qualified medical professional is presented at the time of making the change. If that isn't possible, you will be asked to pay the associated fee but will be refunded if that note is emailed to andrea@rowontario.ca by 5:00pm on Monday July 29th, 2019.

8. Course Practice Times

The course will be open for practice during the following times:

- Friday July 26th 3:00PM – 7:00PM
- Saturday July 27th 6:00AM – 6:45AM
& 5:25PM – 7:00PM
- Sunday July 28th 6:00AM – 6:45AM

As outlined in the Regatta Information Package, there must be a minimum safety boat to crew ration of 1:4 on the water during practice times and coaches are reminded not to follow their crews but to act as safety boats on the course only.

***UPDATED FROM THE REGATTA INFORMATION PACKAGE:**

Safety boat drivers and Crews must sign in with Chris Marshall or Shelby Harding before launching. They will be at or between the athlete launch dock and safety boat dock. Safety boat drivers will be required to show their Pleasure Craft Operator's Card.

Any crew practicing without a designated safety boat will be issued a Yellow Card when they check in to Control Commission for their first event.

9. Trailer Parking, Boat Racks & Security

Trailers are welcome to arrive on Friday July 26th. Only trailers will be permitted to park in the athlete area. Tow vehicles and vehicles used to car-top boats are asked to park in the designated 'Bus and Tow Vehicle Parking' area referenced on the Parking Map posted on RegattaCentral.

The area will be monitored over night, but everyone is reminded to ensure their equipment is safely strapped down and loose valuable items appropriately stored.

**NEW IN 2019!* There will be two boat rack areas available for small boats on a first come, first serve basis.



Thank you to the Local Organizing Committee in London for the work done to increase trailer parking for this year. Please be mindful of each other's space and refer to the Land Traffic Pattern posted on RegattaCentral to prevent unnecessary traffic jams, damage and/or injury when moving equipment in the trailer area.

10. Parking

**NEW IN 2019!*

There will be no paid parking and no shuttle at this year's Championships. Please refer to the updated Parking Map posted on RegattaCentral.

As a reminder, parking at the boat house is restricted to officials, volunteers and staff **only**. The only exception will be for vehicles displaying an accessible parking permit. This includes a quick stop to drop things off; please warn competitors and spectators accordingly!

As a reminder, there is no vehicular traffic to the grandstands. The only exception will be for vehicles displaying an accessible parking permit, who are reminded to drive very slowly because it is a narrow road.

11. Additional Site Notes

Please keep in mind that the regatta is hosted in a Conservation Area. It is a beautiful setting but is subject to the challenges that come with being in such a natural outdoor setting. The Local Organizing Committee has invested a lot of time and effort into preparing the site for this year's regatta, including grading the entry roads and parking areas. In case of rain in the forecast, Clubs are welcome to bring in straw, wood chips, etc. for their trailer area. The road to the grandstand is narrow and can get muddy in the rain; appropriate footwear is encouraged for participants and spectators.

12. Food Vendor Information

We are excited to welcome Forrat's Chocolate Lounge to this year's regatta, who have committed to providing healthy food options at this year's event. Food will be available in the trailer area AND at the grandstands; however, tickets must be purchased at the trailer area. Cash only.

13. Official Regatta Merchandise

ROWONTARIO is excited to partner with Regatta Sport as our official apparel supplier. Please remind competitors and spectators that there will be limited quantities available of the 2019 official event gear, but other ROWONTARIO items will be available for purchase on site, as well as Regatta Sport's usual selection of gear.



14. 2nd Annual ROWONTARIO Championships Social Event

We hope to see all competitors, coaches, volunteers, spectators and general rowing supporters at our 2nd annual Champs Social Event at Joe Kool's in London. Tickets are only \$25 and include a selection of Joe Kool's most popular appetizers and drinks are available for purchase on site. Tickets can be purchased in advance at:

https://www.regattacentral.com/v3/cms/regatta/6406/social?org_id=0. We appreciate you sharing this link in your networks and hope to see you there for a night of friendship and community!

If there are any other questions, please contact Andrea Miller, Regatta Manager. 416-759-8405 ext. 2 or andrea@rowontario.ca.

In case of any changes or updates, RegattaCentral will be the most up-to-date source of information.