

ROWONTARIO SMALL BOAT TRIALS

Sunday May 26th, 2019

Hosted by the Welland International Flatwater Centre (South Course)
270 Colborne St. Welland, ON L3B 3M9

REGATTA BULLETIN – MAY 21ST

Regatta Chair: Andrea Miller
Chief Umpire: Murray Christie

IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

The Forks Rd. bridge has been removed and there is no direct access across the waterway using Forks Rd. All participants and spectators are reminded that they must approach via Highway 58 and Forks Rd. only. Access to the East bank of the course is also markedly restricted. Spectators are strongly encouraged to stay on the West bank of the course, taking advantage of the grandstands and portable washrooms located on that side of the course.

The City of Welland has informed us that Bylaw officers will be “out and about” on Sunday to enforce parking restrictions. There is absolutely no parking permitted on Canal Bank Rd. or the Kingsway. Given the size of this regatta, there should be ample parking at the SNRC boat house and at the grandstand area. There will be no shuttle service between those two locations for this regatta.

VOLUNTEERS

The City of Welland requires additional volunteers for this event, especially in the position of safety boat driver. Please visit www.wifc.ca/site/community to sign up!

NO PRACTICE SUNDAY MORNING

Please be advised there will be no practice on Sunday morning due to the unavailability of safety boats.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: SATURDAY OVERNIGHT PARKING

Please be advised there will be **no overnight security** on Saturday May 25th. Club trailers or participant personal vehicles planning to park overnight or leave their equipment overnight should be aware there will be no one on site until 7:00AM Saturday morning. Neither ROWONTARIO or the City of Welland is responsible for any equipment left overnight.

COURSE INFORMATION

Please see RegattaCentral for a course map. All athletes and crews are expected to follow the posted warm-up, racing and cool-down flow pattern. Athletes and crews that do not follow the posted traffic patterns will be given a Yellow Card.

BOW # PICK-UP / ATHLETE REGISTRATION 7:00AM-9:00AM

Just a reminder that athletes are required to register at the Regatta Office, which will be located in the SNRC portable (**not** the small ROWONTARIO trailer, as in previous years). Bow numbers will **only** be distributed at athlete registration and **only** to those athletes who meet the I.D. requirements (see below). I.D. will **not** be checked at Control Commission.

Athletes are required to bring their bow # to Control Commission when checking in for their final. Athletes will not be permitted to launch for their final without their original TT bow #. If an athlete loses their bow # during the TT they are required to see Andrea Miller at the Regatta Office **before** attempting to launch for their final to prevent any unnecessary delays at Control Commission.

IMPORTANT: I.D. REQUIREMENTS

All competitors will be required to show proof of age and identity at the Regatta Office upon registration by producing government-issued documentation with a photo. Identification will only be accepted if it includes the athlete's birthdate **and** photo. If two pieces of identification are required to meet these requirements, competitors are required to show both at registration. A photo of identification on a cell phone will be accepted, so long as it is clear and has no evidence of tampering.

A birth certificate or other government issued documentation without a photo will be acceptable for Under 13 and Under 15 athletes **only**.

COACHES MEETING: 7:45AM

Just a reminder that ALL clubs are required to send a representative to the coaches meeting at 7:45AM for instructions from the Regatta Chair and Chief Umpire, as per Rule 8.6 of the 2018 RCA Rules of Racing. The Club representative in attendance is responsible for conveying all information from the coaches meeting to all participating athletes, coaches and spectators. All participants are expected to be familiar with the information conveyed at the coaches meeting.

Hardcopies of the draw will not be distributed. The draw will be available online and posted in easily accessible locations in the participant area and at the spectator area.

IMPORTANT TIME TRIAL INFORMATION

The first race will start at 9:00AM. Athletes will be permitted to launch no earlier than 8:00AM.

Athletes and crews will be permitted to launch no earlier than 60 minutes prior to their posted start time and no later than 30 minutes prior to their posted start time.

The minimum interval in the Time Trial will be 1 minute in each lane, or 30 seconds in alternate lanes. **Odd bow #'s will race in Lane 1. Even bow #'s will race in Lane 2.** Athletes who are late to the start may be required to wait until the end of their category to start, at the discretion of the Umpire at the Start.

Athletes are expected to be familiar with time trial start procedures but given the development-focus of this regatta the start marshal and Umpires will help an athlete if required. Athletes will be directed to go **"On the paddle"**, which means to build to race pace before the start line to ensure they are at racing speed when the time trial begins. Athletes should review the Time Trial On-Water Traffic Pattern to be familiar with the warm-up and pre-race staging expectations.

REMINDER - ELIGIBILITY

Please note that ROWONTARIO is verifying athlete registration in RCA's Web Registration System. Athletes are required to be registered and active with the member club for which they are racing; unregistered / inactive participants as of 7:45AM on Sunday May 26th will be excluded from racing and a \$50 Scratch Fee will be assessed.

SITE AMENITIES

Just a reminder that there will be no food vendors at this regatta. Though the Niagara Region Water Wagon will not be available, the City of Welland has ensured us they are working on an acceptable substitute to make the hose at the boathouse more accessible for competitors. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own water. Bottles of water available in case of emergency at the Start, Finish, Medical and Regatta Office.

RESULTS

Results will be posted online on ROWONTARIO's Twitter (@ROWONTARIO) and at m.regattamaster.com. Paper copies of results as well as progressions to finals will be posted on the wall of the boathouse as well as at the grandstands.