

# 2021 Development Regatta Package

Date: Friday, October 29th 2021

Location: Welland International Flatwater Centre - South Course

Regatta Chair/COVID Safety Officer: Matt Waddell (519 317 0748)

## **Entry Deadlines, Two Stages:**

Confirm **Number** of Entries for your School with Matt Waddell ([matthew\\_waddell@sympatico.ca](mailto:matthew_waddell@sympatico.ca)) by 5PM Monday, Oct 25th

RegattaCentral will open for entries Tuesday, October 26th and close 1PM Wednesday, October 27th. Each school will pay an institutional fee assessed according to their number of entries as submitted to Matt, plus associated seat fees as assessed by RCA/RowOntario.

Draw to be released late Wednesday, October 27th.

## *PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

**There will be no weigh-ins for rowers or coxswains**

**Volunteers Meeting @ 8:45AM Near Launch Docks**

**Coaches' Meeting @ 9:00AM Near Launch Docks**

**Races are called 50 minutes prior to race time. 15 minute centres between races.**

**First race starts at 10AM. Finals follow the last heat. Heat schedule will be compressed depending on entry sizes, resulting in earlier finals.**

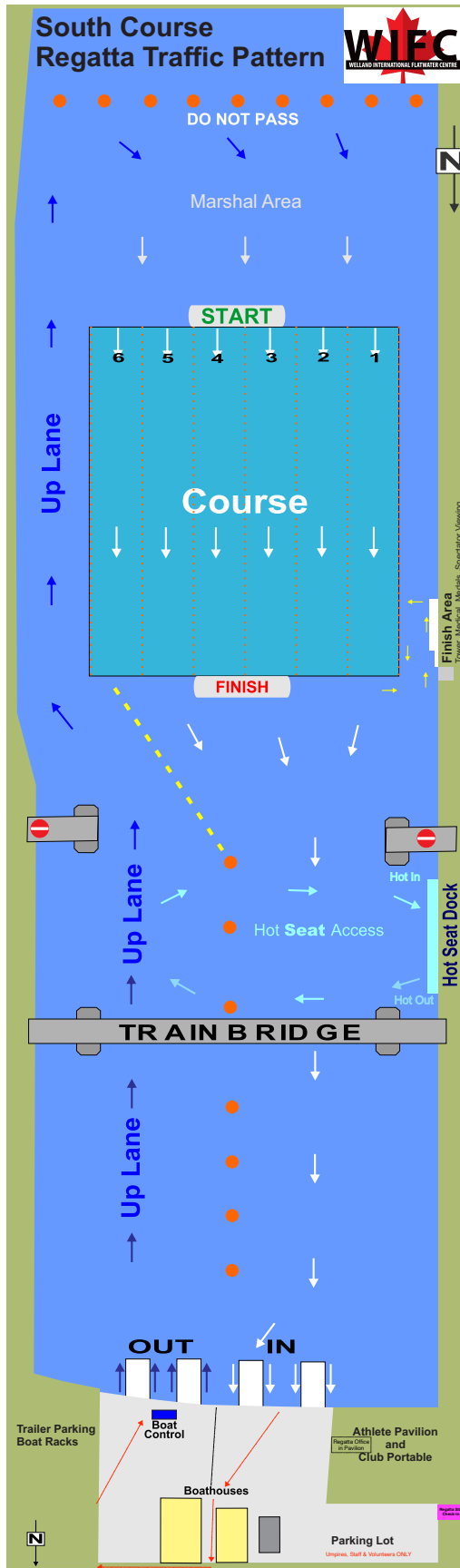
Finals	
10:00AM	JV Men's 4+
10:15AM	JV Men's 2x
10:30AM	Nov Men's 8+
10:45AM	Nov Men's 4+
11:00AM	JV Women's 4+
11:15AM	JV Women's 2x
11:30AM	Nov Women's 8+
11:45AM	Nov Women's 4+

- There will be no late entries accepted for this regatta.

- Coaches must bring enough equipment for their crews to race on time. Hot seating will not be permitted. Please keep in mind the geography of the course and that it is 4km from docks to start line (see traffic pattern map below).
- Heats and straight finals will be seeded according to results from the Brock Invitational.
  - Results in the NovW8+, NovM8+, NovM4+ and NovW4+ from the Brock Invite will count as normal for seeding purposes
  - Results in the JVM4+, JVW4+, JVM2x, and JVW2x will only count for seeding if there was one better placing boat from the school entered at the Brock Invite. For example: Western has two HW4+s at the Brock Invite; the result of the lower placing boat will count for seeding at the Development Regatta. Another example: Western has only one HM2x entered at the Brock Invite, therefore Western's JVM2x will be unseeded for the Development Regatta.
  - Entries without placings from the Brock Invite will be seeded in random order, in placings behind the seeded entries
  - Progression from heats will be based on top three placings from each heat to make six boat finals, because this is a seeded event.
  - In the event that a category has seven entries, heats will be rowed. One heat will have three entries, the other will have four. In this specific case, the last place boats from each heat will be eliminated and a five boat final will be rowed.
- If event scratches result in less than 7 boats in heats, that event will be changed to a straight final.
- There will be no drinking water on site. Please instruct your athletes to plan ahead!
- There will be no refunds for entries withdrawn after the entry deadline. There will be no additional scratch fee to entries withdrawn after the entry deadline.

### **Flow Pattern**

The course will not open for practice prior to the regatta. The flow pattern for racing, warm-up, and cool-down, is below. Please ignore the hot seat access on this map, it will NOT be used at this regatta.



## Trailing and Parking

Roughly half of the Ontario university rowing programs will be arriving the afternoon of Thurs, Oct 28th or early Fri, Oct 29th to attend the development regatta. The other half will be arriving the afternoon of Fri, Oct 29th or early Sat, Oct 30th to attend the OUA Championships only.

This means there may be trailers arriving as we are conducting the development regatta. For the safety of athletes and coaches and the success of the OUA Championships, it is extremely important that we leave space for these trailers to arrive and we do not have boats, tents, or other equipment/people in the way.

As trailers arrive they should park as close to the south-eastern side of the trailer park as possible. As we gradually fill up that area, we will leave the north-western side of the trailer park for trailers arriving for the OUA Championships only. Please see map below for a visual representation.



## Rules of Racing

The following will be exceptions to RCA's Rules of Racing:

### 2.3 Categories of Rowers and Proof of Age and Identity

Identification will be not checked at the docks. Upon request, a photo ID must be produced.

### 2.6 Weighing of Coxswains & 2.11 Weighing of Athletes in Weight Restricted Events

There will be no weigh-ins.

Rule 7.2 - The draw will be released a minimum of 2 days before the regatta.

### 7.6 Crew Changes Before the first heat

Crews will be allowed to substitute members at any time for any reason (competitive, medical, or otherwise). Purpose of the regatta is to increase participation and we want to give coaches maximum latitude to boat entries where possible.

Rule 7.7 - Clubs will be permitted to substitute any number of rowers in a crew after the first heat, as per requested exception for Rule 7.6

### 9.6 Adverse Weather Conditions and Fairness Committee

The Chief Umpire and Regatta Chair will determine relative changes to the program if action is required to ensure safety.

## Communication

Regatta communications will be distributed through WhatsApp, including results, progression for finals, COVID screening information, etc. Please join the group at this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FgACIA2WqDLKSGwQSYm60s>

To join the WhatsApp group, you may also scan this QR code with your phone:



## COVID Policies:

- All regatta attendees (volunteers, coaches, umpires, etc.) must complete a self-screening tool and contact tracing check-in form prior to arriving at the regatta site.
- Screenshots showing successful completion of both forms must be shown to registration desk staff at the regatta site entrance.
- All participants must enter the compound from the Colborne Street side (NO ENTRANCE FROM CANAL BANK ST.) to ensure they pass by the screening/registration desk

The link to the self-screening tool, is: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/customer>

The link to the Contract Tracing Check-in form is: <https://forms.office.com/r/MxkvJX5Fux>

- Only persons associated with the regatta (volunteers, coaches, umpires, athletes, and facilities staff) will be able to access the trailer park and boat launch area.
- Attendees should keep their personal items separate from others and prevent cross-contamination. Ziploc bags or other sealable containers are recommended for personal items that would touch someone's mouth/face, like a water bottle.
- Coaches, athletes, volunteers, and staff associated with the OUA Championships **only** (i.e., who are not racing or otherwise participating with the Development Regatta) should not arrive to the regatta site earlier than 1:30PM on Friday, Oct 29th for the 3PM varsity practice window.
- Coaches, athletes, volunteers, etc. are all asked to wear a mask except when rowing.

- Athletes and coaches using the docks are asked to not leave personal items (shoes, etc.) out. Either take it with you in the boat, or have the person launching the crew take it with them.
- Attendees are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and supplies to clean their equipment between uses.
- Please approach the dock staying on the north and west sides (Colborne St) of the approach and leave the dock from the east and south side (Canal Bank St).
- The medical facilities will be in bay 3 of the SNRC boathouse with the door open but screening partitions in place for privacy. Only medical staff and athletes being treated permitted inside unless a care giver is required by the circumstances. There will be additional medical staff at the finish tower in the event of an on-water emergency.
- If you, or anyone associated with you, should develop COVID 19 symptoms while at the regatta, immediately contact the COVID Officer then proceed to the isolation area located in the medical building unless possible to leave directly from the site.
- Anyone providing care for the isolating individual can access PPE at the control commission.
- Anyone who travelled with the person reporting COVID symptoms should leave at the same time.
- Individual who reports COVID symptoms, shall complete the self-assessment either while waiting to be picked up from the regatta site or as soon as they get home. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>
- The individual shall follow the steps outlined after that assessment. If the individual is unable to complete this self-assessment, the individual who is caring for that person will support the completion of the forms.
- Medals will be brought to your trailer site by the Regatta Chair. Only first place medals will be awarded.