

USRowing SW Masters/Open Championships

Venue Information

Parking:

There is a \$3 entry fee into the park- **save your receipt!** You should be able to re-enter but if you are car topping- explain you are dropping off your boat and may need to swing around to park- the city should waive the second entry fee. There is parking along the road into the park. Carpooling is encouraged. There is also parking along the roads surrounding the park.

Driving Directions for Cars:

From the South Bay: North on 880, take Oak St. exit, right on Oak, go PAST the Main Boathouse (previous regatta location and now under renovation!). Keep going about 1/3 mile, following the lake's shore, and turn right on Grand Avenue. Go a couple blocks and take the gradual right onto Bellevue. Here you will be asked to pay \$3 to the city for entry. Parking is available once you enter. Continue until you see a blue building on your right, that's the Sailboat House.

From the North Bay: take 580 East past downtown Oakland to the Harrison St. Exit. Turn right on Harrison at the bottom of the off-ramp, go about 1/2 mile, then left on Grand (which is where you first see the lake) Go a couple blocks and take the gradual right onto Bellevue. Here you will be asked to pay \$3 to the city for entry. Parking is available once you enter. Continue until you see a blue building on your right, that's the Sailboat House.

A Map of our location at Lake Merritt can be found at:

<http://maps.yahoo.com/index.php#mvt=m&q1=568%20Bellevue%20Ave,%20Oakland%20CA%2094610&trf=0&lon=-122.255452&lat=37.807495&mag=3&env=F>

If you are car topping your boat continue to the drop off zone marked in chalk.

Directions for trailers driving to Lake Merritt can be found at:

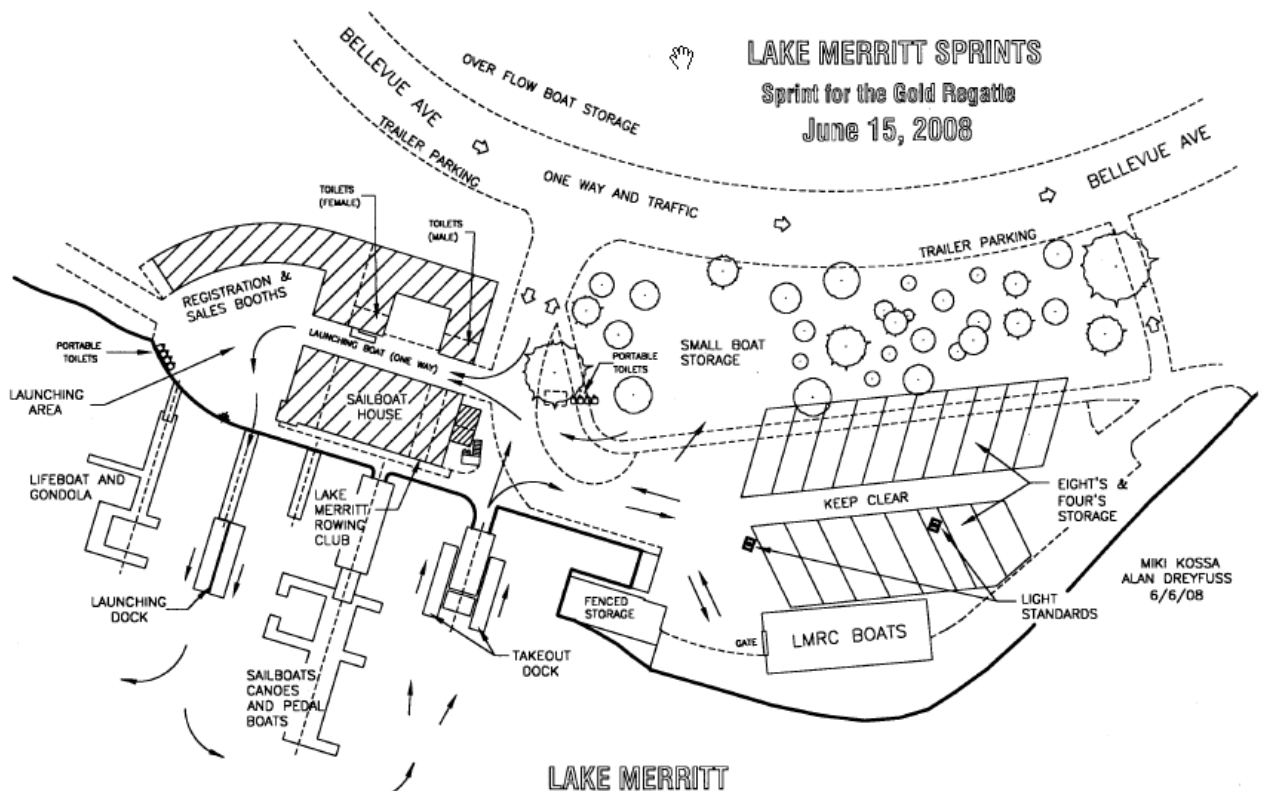
http://www.rowlakemerritt.org/events/lmsprints/2008/sprints_trailer_directions_2008.pdf

Important - there are low hanging branches as you drive down Bellevue Avenue- Stay Clear!!

Plan to unload your trailer onto racks in the Sailboat Parking lot or along the grassy area as directed by Parking Control, and then move your trailer as instructed by the parking czar. There will be security starting at 5 PM on Saturday, July 11th. Parking along the street has been reserved for trailers. If you are car-topping please unload your boats in the drop off zone and then repark your vehicle. **Trailers should not park in the drop off zone AT ANY TIME!** The drop off zone will be marked in chalk and is the area immediately next to the parking lot driveway.

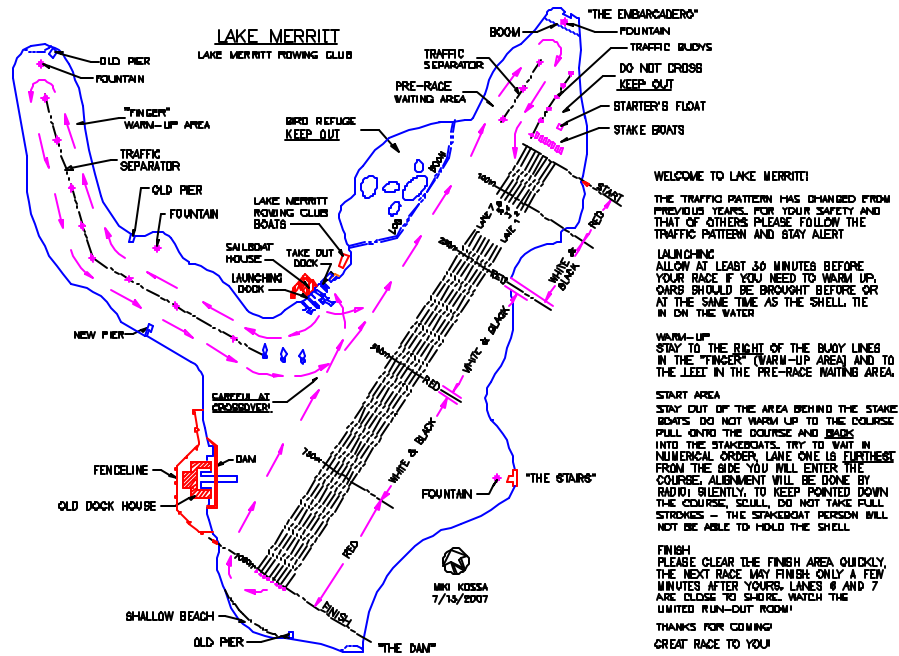
Traffic: Below are maps of land venue as well as a course map. Please review carefully and note the traffic flow on land and on the water. NOTE: the water traffic pattern has changed from previous years.

Venue Map



Course Map

TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGED !



Boat Washing: There will be buckets available to take back and use to rinse your boats. Please return the buckets as soon as you are finished for other teams to use.