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The official TRR Tee on sale at the regatta

Welcome to the 29th Annual

Textile River Regatta

Dear Coaches, Competitors, Vendors, Volunteers, Supporters and Friends of the TRR.

We welcome you to the 29th Annual Textile River Regatta. Good news -- we have set a record for planned attendance with 484 boats and over 2500 competitors from 72 clubs spread from Pennsylvania to Maine.

The bad news? Same as the good news - we have set a record for planned attendance - and as a result, the logistics of real estate and boat operations at the newly renovated Bellegarde Boathouse will be a big challenge this year. And while the renovation is not exactly complete, we have organized this year's regatta around that fact and this note is designed to give you information that you can use that will make your visit a pleasant one, and let you focus on the rowing.

This entire welcome message, along with some of the key maps and other documents will be available this afternoon (Thursday) in the Update section on our web site for off-line viewing.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- Continue to notify us of roster changes and scratches. E-Mail to info@merrimackrowing.org will suffice.
- Continue to pay your entrance fees on Regatta Central until Friday night
- Continue to get your waivers in order. Preferably on-line, less preferable but acceptable if you bring them on Saturday/Sunday Check-In. **Coach's sign a waiver too.**
- Coaches & Coxswain's meeting -- 7:10am on Sunday morning. Check-In is open on Saturday 4-6pm and on Sunday morning 6a - 11a. Late arrivals after 11a, go to the medals desk.

DOCKMASTER TIPS FOR TRR 2008

- Bow Markers are expensive. Please be sure to return your bow marker if it's not ripped from your vessel when you return.
- Coxswains - the Traffic Coordinator - aka "Godfather" - at the top of the main docks is your best friend. Treat him with respect and good things will happen to your crew. Always present the boat with bow pointing toward the dock and you leading it. He speaks only to the coxswain to avoid having your boat go in two different directions, and is very happy when he doesn't need to put his bullhorn in your ear.
- This is a head race in case that's not obvious. So all bow numbers are sequential from 1 through 600. If you think you might be late for launching, check the bow numbers queued ahead of you and behind you before approaching the Traffic Coordinator with a launch priority request.
- We will be pre-inspecting boats for bow balls and heel ties on Saturday evening and very early Sunday morning. If you have been pre-inspected, you will have an encrypted identifier that tells the Traffic Coordinator that your boat is ready. If you have not been pre-inspected, please be sure that your heel ties and bow balls are secure -- we will not have stretchers available if you must be pushed off queue for repairs.

PARKING / DROP-OFF / CAMPING

- See the [Boathouse Vicinity map on the web site.](#)
- NO BOATS between trailer lot and boathouse. Please camp your boats upstream of the trailer lot and downstream of the vendor area. Squeezing your single or double in between the cracks of the trailer lot and the boathouse will likely result in an unfavorable situation for your boat.
- EARLY ARRIVALS (Saturday afternoon, Sunday very early) - You will likely have your pick of the parking with your trailer starting at 4pm on Saturday afternoon. There is a Heart Walk on the boulevard that afternoon centered on the pavilion near the bath house downstream of the boathouse, so no promises until 4pm. Please keep in mind that curbside parking upstream of the trailer lot is VERY limited, and trailer parking is on a first-come first-served basis in the main trailer lot adjacent to the boathouse. There is ample additional curbside parking past the vendor area moving downstream.
- BATH HOUSE & DOWNSTREAM PARKING - At some point downstream of the boathouse, you may find yourself far enough with your trailer that it makes sense for you to walk your boats to the BATH HOUSE for launching, and this year we are making that location more enticing for you by staffing it with a Dockmaster and

whiteboard to keep you informed. The bath house is also the best choice for you if you have boats that will require hot-seating since you will have faster turnaround at this location. At this moment we're not sure, but we're hoping to also have an audio feed from the announcer's booth at the boathouse, or at least some amplified audio equipment that will help keep you better informed. Add 15 minutes to your crew travel time to account for the 1km of additional rowing to the start.

- **DROP OFF OF PEOPLE** is allowed in front of the boathouse, but think twice about loitering for more than a quick stop. Please don't toss your athletes from a moving vehicle unless absolutely necessary.
- **PARKING** for CARS and LIGHT TRUCKS is available in the lot across from the boathouse for \$5. There is additional FREE parking if you travel on the boulevard back toward the bridge -- keep going straight at the bridge intersection, and then on your right you will see a sign for TRR PARKING. This is about a 1/2 mile by hoof, so plan accordingly.
- **CAMPING** - We own the boulevard for Saturday pm through Sunday. You can camp your trailers overnight. While we are not responsible for their safety, please use caution to make sure they don't obstruct the walkway. We will have ONE security guard walking the grounds overnight. Make it obvious that you are not leaving valuables nearby.

COACHES WAIVER

Why should rowers have all the waiver fun? Exactly, they shouldn't. So we're asking all coaches to sign the [Coach's Waiver](#) which basically means you are attesting to the fact that all of your rowers are who you said they were on the waiver forms. We have no way to police this issue on game day, so please feel our pain, sign the waiver, and bring it to check-in.

HOT SEAT PROTOCOL

Hot seating is a desirable way to keep your travel costs lower and run your athletes ragged. That's a win-win. Keep in mind the following ideas to minimize the number of boats you bring and maximize the miles per rower.

- **It makes a lot of sense to beach launch a boat that will be hot-seated with another crew.** The basic schedule guideline is that all said and done, a boat should figure to be on the water for about 90 minutes, 60 minutes is an absolute minimum. If you have crew or peeps that are going to hot seat, then launching from the bath house gives you a much quicker return and re-launch, as opposed to being backed up by the Return Traffic Dockmaster at the main docks. Launching boats will always have priority at the main docks, so heed this advice if you have some closely scheduled hot seats.
- If you will be returning to the main docks with a boat that is to be recycled for a hot-seat, the coxswain should notify the Miss Ginny, the Return Traffic Dockmaster who will give you priority to the docks. **DO NOT RETURN TO THE DOCKS WITHOUT THIS PERMISSION OR YOU WILL BE WAVED OFF AND MAY BE ASSESSED A BUOY VIOLATION.** See the Boathouse Vicinity map for her location at the boathouse, she will be about 50m downriver of the main docks in a staked boat near the boathouse. Woe to the coach at the dock who is not ready with his outbound crew. If you are hot-seating oars, please present your boat to the Traffic Coordinator at the main docks only when your returning boat is in view, we don't need a boat on the docks that is not ready to launch.

That's about it on the update. We look forward to receiving you at our fine new boathouse this weekend, and as always, if you have any questions or issues - e-mail us at info@textileriverregatta.org.

Textile River Regatta Co-Chairs,
Jay Feenan
Carl Popolo

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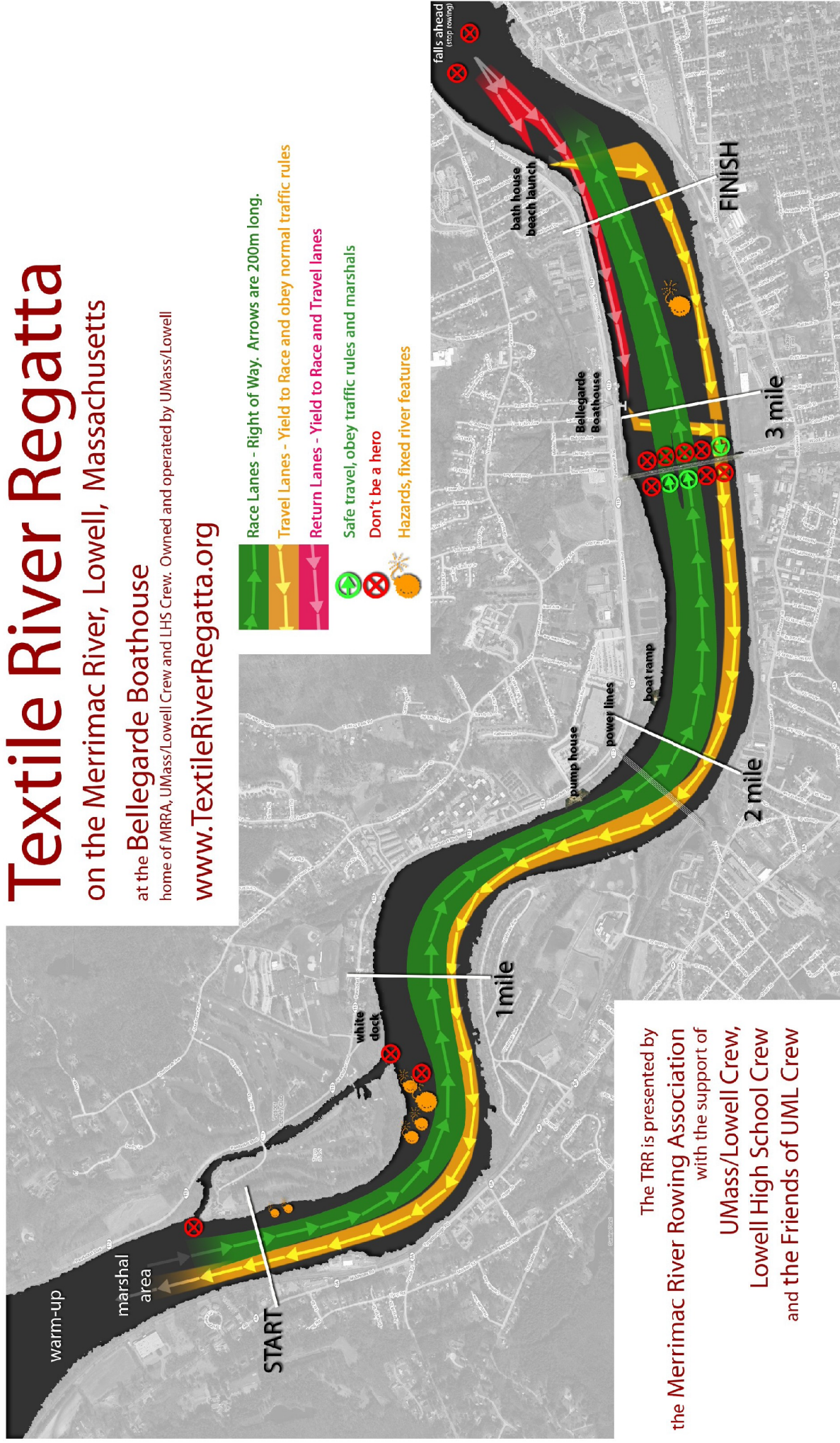
Textile River Regatta

on the Merrimac River, Lowell, Massachusetts

at the Bellegarde Boathouse

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**Visitor and competitor parking \$5.
No trailers**

trailer parking along curb. park further downstream for beach launching.

vendor area

vendor parking along curb after boathouse gate

Instant Towing in front of boathouse
NO PARKING - EMT & PD
safety vehicles only

trailer parking along curb. park further downstream for beach launching.

1 3 5
2 4 6

Trailers can park in breakdown lane
do not block entrance/exit to lot.
Inside lot, park at angle facing exit

Bellegarde Boathouse

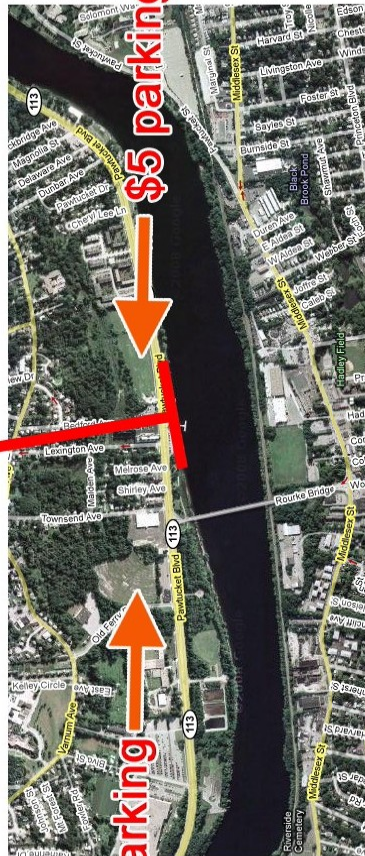
food sales

returning traffic dockmaster

boat paths to docks - keep clear

cones of dockmaster influence - heed the bullhorns

Textile River Regatta Boathouse and Vicinity



free parking

\$5 parking



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Parking at the Regatta

The eastbound side of Pawtucket Boulevard will be closed on race day. Bus and vehicle parking will be available across the street from the boathouse and in the soccer field across the street to the east of the boathouse.

Trailer parking will be available in the boathouse parking lot for a maximum of FIVE trailers or in the BREAKDOWN LANE to both the east and the west of the boathouse. There will be no trailer parking from the boathouse entrance to approximately 200 yards past the boathouse.

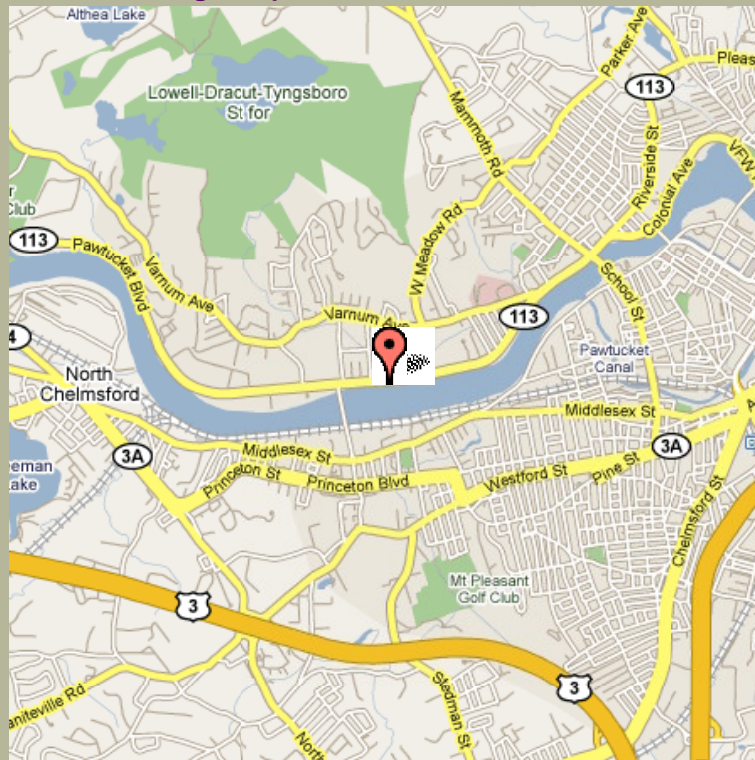
Trailers also may NOT park across the street in the parking lot or in the soccer field per the Lowell Police Department.

Check the [Finish Area Map](#) for parking locations.

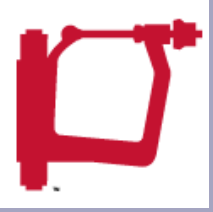
NOTE: The University Ave Bridge will be closed through December. If you aren't especially familiar with our venue, this shouldn't impact you very much. The University Ave Bridge is the first bridge about a 1/2 mile past the finish area, and you can still cross over into downtown Lowell using the Oulette Bridge or the Bridge St bridge further down the boulevard.

Directions to the Regatta

Interactive Google Map



>> [Open google maps](#)



FROM POINTS NORTH:

Follow Route 3 South into Massachusetts. Take exit 32 off of Route 3 at North Chelmsford. You will immediately be on a rotary. Well it was a rotary a few years ago. Now it's some hack of a traffic design that only a Bostonian could love. Basically, you want to straight off the exit, get to your left so that you can make a left to cross back over Rt 3 and head straight onto Drum Hill Road. Two or three orbits of this interchange should be all you need to master these directions. You're on Drum Hill Road when you see paradise - a Starbucks on the left and a Dunkin Donuts on the right among other strip mall tenants. Follow this road straight through two sets of lights. At your third set of lights bear left through the fork (green arrow for left). Follow straight through two more sets of lights (Market Basket on left and White Hen Pantry on your right). This will put you on the Rourke bridge which passes over the Merrimack river. Take a right off of the bridge. The boathouse is 200 meters down on the right.

FROM POINTS SOUTH or WEST:

Follow either I-495 North or 128 North (i.e., I-95 N). Take to Route 3 North. Take exit 32 off of Route 3 at Rt.4 in Chelmsford. Take your first right at the stop at the top of the exit. Follow that straight through two sets of lights. At your third set of lights bear left through the fork. Follow this road straight through two sets of lights. At your third set of lights bear left through the fork (green arrow for left). Follow straight through two more sets of lights (Market Basket on left and White Hen Pantry on your right). This will put you on the Rourke bridge which passes over the Merrimack river. Take a right off of the bridge. The boathouse is 200 meters down on the right.

FROM POINTS EAST:

If you coming from northeast MA, Portsmouth NH, or coming down 95 from Maine, take 95 South to 495 South. Take to Route 3 North. Take exit 32 off of Route 3 at Rt.4 in Chelmsford. Take your first right at the stop at the top of the exit. Follow that straight through two sets of lights. At your third set of lights bear left through the fork. Follow this road straight through two sets of lights. At your third set of lights bear left through the fork (green arrow for left). Follow straight through two more sets of lights (Market Basket on left and White Hen Pantry on your right). This will put you on the Rourke bridge which passes over the Merrimack river. Take a right off of the bridge. The boathouse is 200 meters down on the right.

Local Accommodations in and around Lowell, MA

Consider staying locally! Enjoy Massachusetts fall foliage and a good night's rest before your race!

- (2008 info) **Marriott International properties** - book before Sep-29 and mention the TRR:
 - **Tewksbury TownPlace Suites** - Studio Suites - **\$74**, 1-800-257-3000. [Link](#).
 - **Andover Courtyard** - King \$104 Double **\$114**, 1-800-321-2211. [Link](#).
 - **Andover Springhill Suites** - King \$104 Double **\$114**, 1-888-287-9400. [Link](#).
- (2007 info) **Fairfield Inn** - Conveniently located right off of I-495 and 3 miles from I-93. 133 nicely appointed rooms. Start your day with our complimentary deluxe continental breakfast. Free local phone calls, free parking and free high-speed Internet. Call and ask for TRR rate of **\$79/night** (plus applicable taxes) Phone (978) 640-0700
- (2007 info) Lodging is available right across the river in North Chelmsford, MA at the **Hawthorn Suites**. TRR Rate of ~~\$94~~ **\$89/nite** (plus applicable taxes) includes a hot breakfast. Hawthorne Suites offers all-suite rooms with full kitchen, queen bed and double sleeper sofa. To get this rate, mention that you are visiting for the Textile River Regatta. Phone (978) 256-5151.

Other area hotels:

Lowell, MA

[Doubletree Hotel](#)
[Courtyard by Marriott](#)

Chelmsford, MA

[Radisson Chelmsford](#)
[Hawthorn Suites Chelmsford](#)

Tewksbury, MA

[Fairfield Inn](#)

Westford, MA

[Westford Regency](#)

Places to Eat around the regatta

[Trip Advisor](#) recommends some restaurants that the locals agree with. [Restaurants.com](#) has a more comprehensive list, but we haven't eaten at most of these places, so you're on your own. For feeding large groups, we recommend The Mill City Brewery.

In close proximity to each other in downtown Lowell, you'll find several good restaurants and bars. Smaller crowds can fit nicely at the Café Paradiso (Italian) downtown. Mambo Grill for Mexican, Green Bamboo for cheap Chinese eats are also both recommended. Bad Dawgs for hotdogs. La Boniche is a finer restaurant, but only if your coach or parent is picking up the tab.

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HS: Per new NCAA rules, womens events marked with (HS) are the only events allowed for secondary schools.

** Events marked with ** denote an event where if sufficient secondary schools register, a separate youth category will be organized in this timeframe, running after the other boats in the same event.

CP Event	RC Event	FIRST CALL	FINAL CALL	Big Event Add'l Offset	2008 PHT EVENT NUMBER	2008 PROPOSED OFFSET	START TIME	ETA Return to docks	Description	Boat Class	Sex	Wgt	Age	#boats	cume #boats	#athl	cume #athl	Dock Throughput Athletes/Hour
1	1	7:30 a	7:45 a	0:00	1		8:30 a	9:15 a	M Masters 1x	1	M		Master	7	7	7	7	
2	2	7:30 a	7:45 a	0:00	2		8:30 a	9:15 a	M Senior Master 1x	1	M		Master	10	17	10	17	
3	3	7:30 a	7:45 a	0:00	3		8:30 a	9:15 a	M Grand Master 1x	1	M		Master	14	31	14	31	
4	4	7:30 a	7:45 a	0:00	4		8:30 a	9:15 a	M Veteran 1x	1	M		Master	4	35	4	35	
5	5	7:45 a	8:00 a	0:00	5	00:15	8:45 a	9:30 a	W Master 1x	1	W		Master	7	42	7	42	
6	6	7:45 a	8:00 a	0:00	6		8:45 a	9:30 a	W Senior Master 1x	1	W		Master	0	42	0	42	
7	7	7:45 a	8:00 a	0:00	7		8:45 a	9:30 a	W Grand Master 1x	1	W		Master	1	43	1	43	
8	8	7:45 a	8:00 a	0:00	8		8:45 a	9:30 a	W Veterans 1x	1	W		Master	1	44	1	44	
9	9	8:00 a	8:15 a	0:00	9	00:15	9:00 a	9:45 a	W 4x	4x	W		O	11	55	55	99	99
10	10	8:15 a	8:30 a	0:00	10	00:15	9:15 a	10:00 a	M Novice 4+	4	M		Nov	9	64	45	144	
11	11	8:30 a	9:00 a	0:15	11	00:30	9:45 a	10:30 a	M Junior 4+	4	M		Jr	38	102	190	334	
14	14	9:00 a	9:15 a	0:00	12	00:15	10:00 a	10:45 a	W Open 2x	2x	W		O	4	106	8	342	243
15	15	9:00 a	9:15 a	0:00	13		10:00 a	10:45 a	W Master 2x	2x	W		Master	4	110	8	350	
16	16	9:00 a	9:15 a	0:00	14		10:00 a	10:45 a	W Club 2x **	2x	W		Club	7	117	14	364	
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20	20	9:15 a	9:30 a	0:00	18		10:15 a	11:00 a	M Novice 1x	1	M		Nov	2	137	2	384	
12	12	9:30 a	9:45 a	0:00	19	00:15	10:30 a	11:15 a	W Novice 4+	4	W		Nov	8	145	40	424	
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23	23	10:00 a	10:15 a	0:00	23		11:00 a	11:45 a	W Club 1x **	1	W		Club	5	191	5	622	
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31	31	11:00 a	11:15 a	0:00	31	00:15	12:00 p	12:45 p	M Masters 4+	4	M		Master	7	254	35	993	378
32	32	11:00 a	11:15 a	0:00	32		12:00 p	12:45 p	W Masters 4+	4	W		Master	12	266	60	1053	
33	33	11:00 a	11:15 a	0:00	33		12:00 p	12:45 p	M Open 4+	4	M		O	20	286	100	1153	
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36	36	12:00 p	12:30 p	0:15	36	00:15	1:15 p	2:00 p	M Junior 8+	8	M		Jr	32	348	288	1711	
37	37	12:45 p	1:00 p	0:00	37	00:30	1:45 p	2:30 p	W Novice 8+	8	W		Nov	4	352	36	1747	
38	38	12:45 p	1:00 p	0:00	38		1:45 p	2:30 p	W Junior Novice 8+	8	W		Nov	17	369	153	1900	
39	39	12:45 p	1:15 p	0:15	39	00:15	2:00 p	2:45 p	W Junior 8+ (HS)	8	W		HS	36	405	324	2224	990
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43	43	1:30 p	1:45 p	0:00	44		2:30 p	3:15 p	W Junior Ltwt 8+ (HS)	8	W	Ltwt	HS	1	413	9	2271	
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52	52	2:30 p	2:45 p	0:00	52	00:15	3:30 p	4:15 p	W Open 8+	8	W		O	9	473	81	2578	
53	53	2:30 p	2:45 p	0:00	53		3:30 p	4:15 p	M Open 8+	8	M		O	9	482	81	2659	

AM Boats	61.2%
AM Athletes	46.4%
PM Boats	38.8%
PM Athletes	53.6%
Total Events	53

Boat Count (2008)	482	+37.7%
Body Count (2008)	2659	+30.9%
Boat Count (2007)		
Body Count (2007)		

Textile River Regatta Coaches Certification Form

Club/Team/Rowing Program Name: _____

1. Certification by Coach as to Team/Program USRowing Member Status

Club/Team/Program is a USRowing Member Organization? YES NO

2. Certification by Coach as to Team/Program Affiliation

Is each and every athlete, rower and coxswain entered in the Regatta event under the team/rowing program name shown above in fact a member of the aforesaid team or program (except for composite crews if any listed below)?

YES (skip section 3 and go to section 4) NO (must complete section 3)

3. Certification by Coach as to Completed Waivers (only for non-USRowing organizations)

Have all rowers from the above named organization who are competing in this regatta signed valid USRowing waivers and submitted them either through Regatta Central or in person on race day?

YES NO (rowers without valid USRowing waivers will not be allowed to row in this regatta)

4. Certification by Coach as to Equipment Safety

Is there a bowball and heel ties properly and firmly attached to each boat? YES NO

5. Certification by Coach as to Composite Crews

Club/Team/Program has composite crews entered in this regatta?

YES (indicate members of all composite crews below) NO

As the representative of the above organization, I hereby certify that the above answers are true. If my answers above prove to be incorrect, then I acknowledge that, and in addition to any legal actions that may be taken, this club/team/rowing program may be denied entry into future Festival Regattas and also into the Textile River Regatta.

Name (print) Date _____

Signature Title/Position with Program

Disclosure of Composite Crews. I certify that the following entries contain composite crews AND certify that each rower not a member of this program has submitted a signed USRowing waiver for this regatta.

Event No	Athlete Name	Affiliation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Signed and certified as to composite crews (Coach's signature) Additional names on back