

Parent Info for Regattas:

Please pay attention. As you walk around a regatta, remember that the people carrying the boat really have the right of way - boats weigh a lot, and they can't dodge you! So please be aware, and be prepared to hop out of the way and/or duck.

Dress Appropriately. Dress in layers, remembering that the wind can be very cutting by the water, and it does rain at times. It can also be muddy, so be thoughtful with your shoes. A hat or cap of some sort for sun/rain is important.

The sun can also come out quickly, and then it gets hot. Sunglasses are very important, and the glare off of the water can sometimes be difficult. Sunscreen is also a necessity. (It is hard to remember that when you are leaving at seven in the morning and it is overcast!)

What else to bring. You will want binoculars, (the best that you can afford) - you won't be able to tell which boat is which otherwise. Another essential supply is a reliable camera (see below.)

Camp chairs are helpful, and you may even bring a sleeping bag for a really cold, windy day. You could just "have it with you" and offer it to your rower, because they will most likely have refused to bring it with them when you suggested it at home.

Bring whatever you will be comfortable with. Some parents bring their bikes and ride the length of the course to see more of the race. Leashed dogs are almost always welcome.

Your rower should always bring extra clothing, especially socks. They should bring extra sweatpants and a sweatshirt. If you can convince them, a sleeping bag/blanket (if it is chilly.)

Pack a couple of large garbage bags if rain is in the forecast (*labeled with duct tape and their names*) so that if it rains, they can pull them out to stash their gear in, and their gear stays dry - the duct tape/name is so that it doesn't get mistaken for trash!

Your rower can bring their homework. There is a lot of downtime at the regattas, and it can be a good time to get some work done.

Taking photographs. Unless you have a fantastic telephoto lens, taking good photos on the water is challenging at best. You might enjoy candid photos while rowers are just "hanging out" and it is always interesting when the trailer is being unloaded/loading. Group shots after a race can really tell the story.

Helping your Rower get ready. Please put the races on your calendar and make sure the uniform is CLEAN by Friday night. While this seems self-evident, rowers are so tired at the end of a long regatta that they can roll that uniform into a muddy ball and forget all about it. You don't want to be finding it that way at 6:00 am on Sunday morning, having sat that way for a week. It Happens! 😊

Label Everything! The uniforms are expensive and everyone has one.

ROWER DROP OFF:

When you are driving your rower to the boathouse there will be a barricade set up by the police on Kelly Drive. The barricade is set up at Reservoir Drive. The police manning the barricade will direct you up the hill to your left. Follow the road up and around. It will bring you down Fountain Green Drive and spit you back onto Kelly Drive at the other barricade. You will be on Kelly Drive heading into the City; so you will be able to drop your rower off at the boathouse with your car on the same side of the street as the boathouse.

Parking

The goals of PSRA's parking system are two-fold:

- Address the needs of the athletes, coaches, and families participating in PSRA sponsored regattas.
- Address the concerns of the Philadelphia Police Department and Fairmount Park Commission regarding legal parking and traffic jams on Kelly Drive.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING INFORMATION FOR 2016

1. Traffic movement is in a one way direction from the entrance to the exit beyond the grandstands. Please do not attempt to park on the drive until it is closed by police.

2. There is no in/out once past the entrance. Reduced speed is in effect on the drive once past the entrance.

5. There are remote parking lots and shuttle service. Trolley drivers are instructed to stop for drop off/pick-up whenever requested –know where your parent tent is located.

In order to continue the long-standing tradition of parent involvement in local high school regattas, the PSRA has contracted for **additional parking**, available in Fairmount Park by following the Kelly Drive detour. Monitored parking will cost \$12 per day.

PSRA has also contracted with a bus company to provide a shuttle from the parking lots to the Canoe Club and the Grand Stands. Buses are anticipated to run every 15-25 minutes (depending on traffic) from approximately 8 a.m. until sometime after the last race.

6. Golf carts are available at the entrance to transport your food, cases of water etc. to your tent if you do not have a pass. We regret that our insurance policy does not allow us to take passengers in our golf carts.

7. Please park diagonally on the river side of the drive. Do not park on the grass. Do not save parking places. Do not move cones or park in areas restricted for officials, staff or handicapped vehicles.

- Diagonal Parking is permitted on the river side of the drive only
- Do not park on the grass.
- Do not park on the opposite side of the drive.
- Do not parallel park.
- Do not leave your car parked on Kelly Drive beyond one hour after the last race.
- All of these actions will result in parking tickets or towing of your vehicle.

8. Handicapped parking is available near the grandstand. A handicap vehicle must also have a PSRA pass to gain entrance to the regatta. **Handicapped Parking:** Spaces are reserved for those cars with handicapped tags near the Grandstands. A handicapped vehicle must have BOTH a PSRA parking pass and a handicapped tag to enter the Drive.

9. Boat trailers do not need a pass to enter. Oversized vehicles such as buses and vans must park past the finish line/Columbia Bridge on the left side of the drive.

10. As the race day concludes, please begin the exit process. The police generally re-open the drive approximately one (1) hour after the final race. They will tow vehicles that remain parked on the drive when they re-open the drive for safety reasons.

More on Parking for New Parent:

You have a couple of choices.

At the stop light just past the boathouse - make a left onto Sedgley Drive. Make your first left onto Lemon Hill. You can parallel park on either side of the road. At the top of the hill near the building there is a path and staircase that brings you down to boathouse row. You can cross the street at the corner. From boathouse row it is about a 2 mile walk up to the Grandstands/Finish line.

The parking lot at Cosmic Cafe has a 2 hour time limit and the police monitor the lot for violators.

If you don't want to walk that far, turn around and head back down Kelly Drive. At the light/police barricade turn right onto Fountain Green Drive. As you head up the hill make your first left onto Mt. Pleasant Drive. The city charges approximately \$12 to park on that road. You can park along the road or in the open field on the left between Mount Pleasant Manor and Rockland (#18 & 19). There is a path through the woods and down the hill that takes you to Kelly drive. It can be steep. There is a rope strung between the trees to help people hike the hill. If that is too difficult or you are unsure about the hike, PSRA contracts a free Shuttle/Trolley service that does a continuous loop through the parking areas to pick up people and drop them off on the drive at the tents. Just flag them down and tell them when to stop at the tent. Just remember even though the city collects money from people to park they do NOT patrol the parked cars. Like anywhere else in the city, try not to leave anything visible in your car.

Miscellaneous Information:

The PSRA welcomes spectators to enjoy the racing and cheer on their teams. Please be respectful and considerate of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, fellow spectators and others who use the Park.

- Team tents are welcome but may not be erected until the morning of the regatta.
- Grills are allowed but must be on the grass and supervised at all times. Please do not put grills on the street or in parking lots.
- Pets must be leashed and accompanied by owners at all times.
- Please bag your trash and leaves it at the curb or near trash cans for pickup. Please separate recycle items from other trash and place in clear plastic bags provided by the PSRA. These bags will be collected also.
- No alcohol please.

- Please do not smoke near the athletes or the launching areas.
- No overnight parking is allowed in the Park. For more information on parking, click on Parking on the drop down menu.
- Sportsmanship off the water is as important as on the water. Please set a good example for our young athletes.

Parking Pass Information

PARKING PASSES: A portion of passes are allocated to regatta staff, referees, and permanent volunteers (those who agree to volunteer EVERY week).

The remaining passes have been allocated to the **PSRA permanent and associate member schools** in proportion to the size of each program. WE ARE A GUEST TEAM THIS YEAR. Parking Passes will be collected at the gate for **one-time entrance**. There is no longer in/out permission.

<http://www.phillyflicks.com/spectators/parking/>

Philly Info

Regattas:

<http://www.phillyflicks.com>

Hotels

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g60795-Philadelphia_Pennsylvania-Hotels.html

Attractions

<http://www.fodors.com/miniguides/mgresults.cfm?destination=philadelphia@119>

Transportation

<http://www.septa.org/>

Weather

<http://www.weather.com/weather/local/USPA1276>

History of Boathouse Row

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boathouse_Row

http://www.livingplaces.com/PA/Philadelphia_County/Philadelphia_City/Boathouse_Row.html



- ① Chaumonix
- ② Ridgeland
- ③ Belmont Mansion
- ④ Ohio House
- ⑤ Horticultural Center
- ⑥ Shofuso Japanese House
- ⑦ Memorial Hall
- ⑧ Cedar Grove
- ⑨ Sweetbriar
- ⑩ Leititia Street House
- ⑪ Zoo Gatehouses
- ⑫ Solitude
- ⑬ Belmont Pumping Station



- ⑭ Strawberry Mansion
- ⑮ Woodford
- ⑯ Laurel Hill
- ⑰ Ormiston Mansion
- ⑱ Rockland
- ⑲ Mount Pleasant Manor
- ⑳ The Cliffs
- ㉑ Glendinning Rock Garden
- ㉒ Hatfield House
- ㉓ Sedgley Porter's House
- ㉔ Lemon Hill
- ㉕ Fairmount Water Works