

MATHEWS HIGH SCHOOL REGATTA

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The regatta site is a little chunk of land that sticks out in the middle of the river. Because of the location, weather can be very unpredictable and can change drastically very quickly. Regatta day can be sunny, windy, and/or rainy, sometimes all three within hours of each other. The site is typically colder than one might expect. Bring / wear layers of clothing and bring rain wear. Consider bringing a blanket.
- There is no shade. Bring sunscreen and a hat if it going to be sunny.
- No seating is available. Bring chairs if you want to sit down.
- There is a really long, narrow pier that you can walk out on to watch the races. It's the closest view you will ever have of your kid racing. Viewing rails along the wharf are excellent locations for taking pictures.
- **NO DOGS!!** They don't use the porta potty like we do and it is hard enough already to carry shells without having to dodge little unpleasant piles.
- Due to safety and smoke concerns, cooking on grills of any kind is not permitted at the regatta site. Thanks for your cooperation!
- Bathrooms are temporary port-a-potties. While they do a decent job of trying to keep them stocked with paper and hand sanitizer, they don't always succeed. Come prepared by bringing your own supplies.
- The parking area is not paved. If it has rained at all in the previous week, the parking area will be MUDDY! Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet or muddy; hiking boots are recommended. Do not wear sandals or flip flops to Matthews.

FOOD

- Breakfast and lunch will be sold at the regatta site by Mathews HS and by local volunteer organizations. The profits help fund scholarships for our high school students, help support the Wharf and rowing programs and also provide help for the needy during the year.
- Variety of food items for sale is limited some years. Be forewarned!

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PARKING

- The **only parking available** is in the paid parking lot which is 0.5 miles from the regatta site. The parking fee is \$5.00 per car. This is the only entrance fee you will pay and this is one of the few ways our team has to make money to help defray the cost of hosting the regatta.
- There is a shuttle bus between the parking lot and regatta site which runs every 10-15 minutes for the 0.5-mile ride. Large bulky items (such as large coolers) are allowed, but can be inconvenient due to limited space on buses.
- As an alternative to taking the shuttle bus, spectators can walk the 0.5 miles.
- Don't even THINK ABOUT trying to drive down to the wharf to drop stuff or sneak a parking place. The site is small and it gets VERY crowded with trailers and rowers and spectators. The road is narrow and with the shuttle buses going down, turning around is a challenge.
- The sheriff's office will be contacted for any cars that are parked on dirt lanes or along the road and will be towed to another location in the county.