

Kennebecasis Rowing Club High School Rowing Championships Information for Volunteers

Race Day:

Coaches and Volunteers Meeting at 6:00am

First Call for races 6:30am

First Race 7:00 am

Last race 2:00 pm

Awards

Summer Registration

Positions

- Start Line
- Umpire Boat 1 *
- Umpire Boat 2 *
- Chief Umpire
- Safety Zodiac *
- Finish Boat *
- Finish Line
- Control Commission
- Dock Master
- Volunteer Tent

* Any boat driver must have his/her Pleasure Craft Operators Card

Job Descriptions

Umpires

- Umpire boats will be manned by a driver and an umpire
- The driver must have his/her boater's card
- There will only be a max of four boats racing at a time, therefore each umpire will be responsible for 1 or 2 racing shells per race
- After the race begins, each umpire boat will follow the crews down the race course until they reach the finish line
- The job of the umpire boat is to make sure that the boats do not converge and crash, or veer too far off course
- The umpire, seated in the front of the boat, will have a flag that he/she will use to point at and redirect boats that are in danger of collision
- The umpire is also responsible for making sure, in the event of a crash, that all participants are safe and assist in a rescue effort if necessary.
- If need be, the race will be stopped to allow for rescue
- In the event of a large collision or mass rescue, the Zodiac will be deployed from its resting point.

- If one boat is clearly responsible for the crash, they will be disqualified from the race
- After the boats have reached the finish line, the umpires will return to the start and await the next race
- Umpires will communicate with the Chief Umpire to ensure that every race is fair and that the Rules of Racing have been upheld

Chief Umpire

- The Chief Umpire will assist the Regatta Chair in making sure the event complies with RCA safety standards and follows the RCA rules of racing whenever possible.
- The Chief Umpire should have strong knowledge of the club's safety policies as well as the RCA rules of racing.
- The Chief Umpire will be consulted on matters of unfair racing and will disqualify crews for any conduct that violates the rules of racing
- The Chief Umpire will assist Control, Start and Finish in verifying the race results.

Start Line

- The starter will be anchored at the start line for the duration of the race day
- The starter should call crews into the start area at least five minutes before the race.
- The RCA rules of racing are to be applied to the start procedure
- The starter is responsible for aligning the crews that arrive at the start line
- The starter will relay start information to Control, Finish and the Chief Umpire

Finish Line

- Finish line persons will be set up on the Renforth Wharf
- The finish line will be the (imaginary) line from the wharf to the Finish Buoy on the water
- With the use of binoculars if needed, the finish line will be responsible for determining the order in which the racing shells cross the line
- A spread sheet to record the finishes of each race will be provided
- Finish line will also need to relay the results to the dock marshal and assistant

Control Commission

- Control and assistant will be responsible for ensuring that boats are launched at least 10 minutes before their race
- First call will be made at 30 mins to race
- Second call at 20 mins to race
- Last call at 10 mins to race

- Crews late to the start line may be DQ'd (unless the schedule falls behind)
- As a crew comes down to the dock, control will insure that there is no apparent damage to boat, participants are in the proper category, and that the crew has the proper bow number firmly affixed to the marker holder
- Control will also act as a second source for results (finish line will relay results)

Dock Master

- The dock master will be responsible for making sure all boats dock and launch safely and efficiently
- The dock master will assist crews in navigating safely away from the dock as well as coming into the dock
- The dock master should also be prepared to assist in a rescue or emergency situation if one should arise
- In the event of an emergency, the dock master is to clear all athletes off of and away from the dock as well as ensure a clear path is made to and from the dock for emergency personnel

Safety Zodiac

- The Safety Zodiac will be anchored at the 250m mark.
- The Zodiac is the primary water rescue vehicle on the race course
- The Zodiac operator and assistant should have at least basic First Aid Training
- In the event of a collision, boat swamping, athlete being ejected from a boat, or any other emergency situation, the Zodiac is the primary vehicle in which the athlete(s) will be brought to shore. Umpire boats will assist if necessary.
- First Aid responders will be onsite to relieve the Zodiac operator when it arrives on shore

Volunteer Tent

- Make sure there is ample water and snacks for volunteers
- Assist Regatta Chair in making sure all volunteers are where they need to be
- The volunteer tent will also serve as a first aid tent, and therefore should be prepared to assist the dock master in clearing a path from the dock to the tent
- The Volunteer Tent will also be responsible for the BBQ at the end of the race day