

The 2011 Rumson Boat Race: "The Governor's Cup" September 24th, Victory Park and Lafayette Streets

Background

The Governor's Cup is a collegiate rowing regatta scheduled the morning of September 24th, 2011. Participating crews include Army, Drexel, Rutgers, and Villanova. Crews will launch and recover from the Rumson Crew location located between Victory Park and Barnacle Bill's restaurant on the Navesink River. The race course is approximately one mile long and the primary course is located north of the channel on the Middletown side of the Navesink River. Secondary courses to accommodate wind and tide conditions will be considered. If so, a chartlet showing the courses will be sent as part of this packet. A Marine Event Application has been previously forwarded to the USCG on Staten Island.

Safety and Communications

Crews will launch in single file from the Rumson crew launching facility adjacent to Victory Park in Rumson, NJ. Crews will proceed west toward Red Bank following a course running on the south side of the channel. Safety/ chase boats will monitor their progress and keep the crews out of the channel. Approximately 1.5 miles west of Victory Park, crews will enter the marshalling area above the starting line which will be in the vicinity of John Bon Jovi's house on the Middletown side of the river. A marshal in a safety launch will align the crews for the start. We anticipate six races; each race will last approximately 6 minutes with 10 minutes between races. There will be six safety/chase boats along the course each equipped with 2-way radios and red/yellow flashing lights, life jackets and other required safety equipment. Immediately after each race, crews will proceed in a southeasterly direction to the launch dock adjacent to Victory Park for extraction.

Crews and coaches will receive a safety briefing prior to going on the water. Crews will be instructed to stay with their boats in the event they swamp during the race, and await immediate extraction by the safety boats/chase boats. This is standard operating procedure as endorsed by the United States Rowing Association. Rumson EMS will be on station at Victory Park in Rumson. Riverview Hospital in Red Bank NJ is located on the Navesink within minutes of Rumson NJ. Prior to the races the regatta director with the advice of the college coaches will make a determination as to the safety of the course.

Twelve 2 way radios will be provided by A&R communications of Eatontown, NJ 732-542-8695.

Contacts/Coaches/Safety Launches

Dan Edwards 732-275-4465 Regatta Director - Coach Launch #1 25' wake less pontoon
John Hird 732-890-6701 Director Rumson Recreation Coach Launch #2 wake less pontoon
John Lembeck 732-546-1152 Chairman Rumson Recreation 26" Edgewater center console
Captain James Nickels or representative 732-263-5686 Urban Coastal Institute Monmouth University 26' research vessel
David Lembeck Volunteer 908-670-3549 12' Boston Whaler
Bill Bergen 732-859-0991 Sandy Hook Yachts 21' or 28' Edgewater center console
Mark Malone Navesink River Rowing 16' wake less launch (phone to be provided)
Les Hathaway (phone to be provided) 28' MBC regatta launch

Local Enforcement

Rumson Police will be at the launch location adjacent Victory Park (732) 842-0500 contact Sgt Bob Boyer. Two NJ State Police Patrols from the Marine Services Bureau will be provided for the race. Contact A/Sgt Patrick McCall (973-578-8189). Rumson EMS will be on station at the launch location.

The help of the USCG Auxiliary is requested. During the 2010 race, two vessels and three PWCs were provided.

Entry Requirement

This is a collegiate invitational regatta. Invitees are Army, Drexel, Rutgers and Villanova. There are no other requirements.

Preferred Method of Contact

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