

# Head of the Weir River Race

Hull Lifesaving Museum's 34th Annual Head of the Weir River Race is a celebration of the estuary at the height of its fall beauty coupled with a varied array of the region's open water rowers.



## Race Date, Time, and Location

The Head of the Weir will take place on **Saturday, October 26, 2019**. The race will start between 10:45 am at the **Hull Public Works Building, 9 Nantasket Ave.** and end at the **Windmill Point Boathouse, 185 Main St., Hull**.

## Race Description

As many as 60 boats jockey for position racing out the narrow estuary and onto open water, traveling from West Corner (on the Hingham/Hull/Cohasset line), past Bumpkin Island, across Hull Bay, to the museum's Windmill Point Boathouse at Hull Gut. A highly-contested 5 ½ miler, the Weir draws coxed youth and adult rowers in gigs, single and double livery and workboats, currachs, and ocean shells, as well as experienced kayakers. In the "head of the river" format, boats kick-off the starting line at closely-timed intervals, and times are collated at the finish to determine the race winners. The Weir is an exceptionally exciting race and a great spectator event, featuring over 150 of the region's finest rowers from all over New England and New York.

## Rules & Regulations

- All boats must carry PFD's, bailers, and whistles.
- All race participants must WEAR a PFD during the entire time on the water.
- The HLM race committee reserves the right to cancel the race or to keep individual boats from setting forth due to weather conditions, rower skill level or boat seaworthiness.
- Non-racing and non-support vessels are requested to be clear of the race course or remain on the beach for the entirety of the race.
- This is an advanced race for experienced rowers.
- Coxed boats are required to have experienced coxswains and demonstrated competency.
- First time youth rowers are required to participate in a coxed boat with at least one experienced adult.

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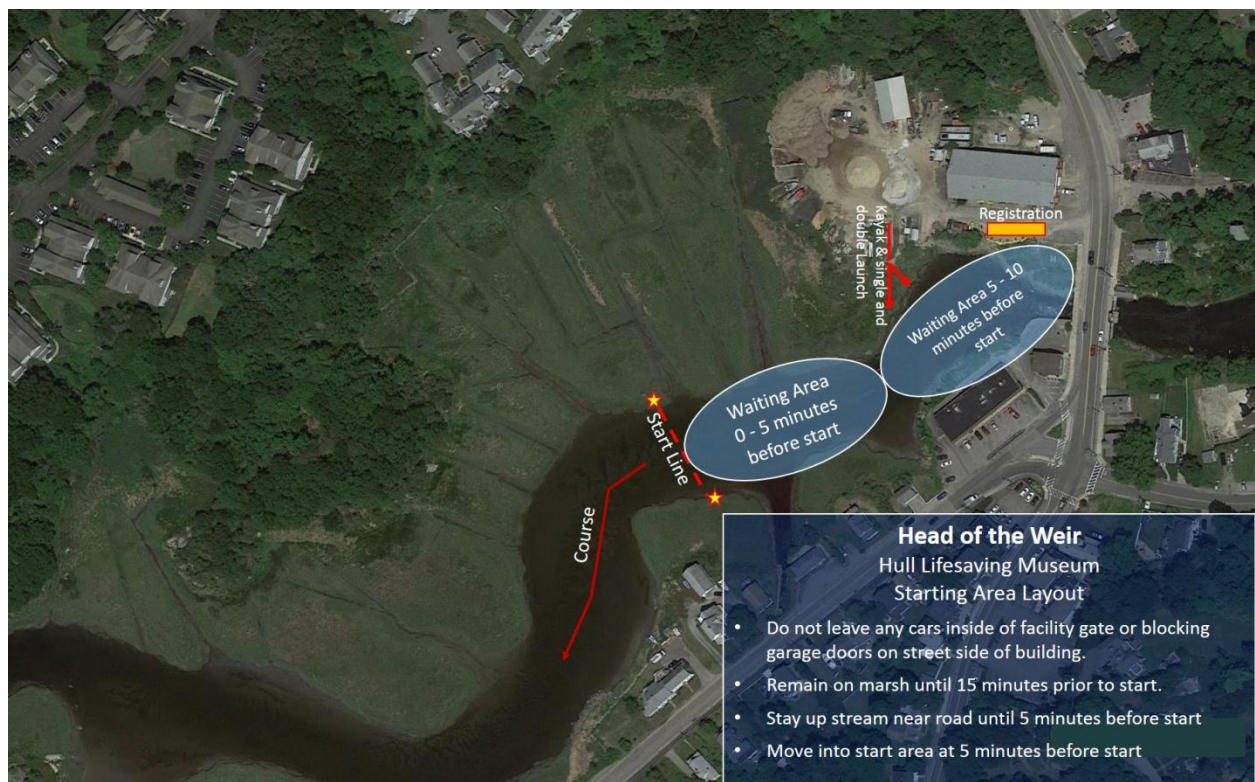
## Parking & Launching

- Put-in for trailered boats is at Steamboat Wharf, 48 George Washington Blvd., in Hull next to Jake's Restaurant, one mile from the starting line.
- Follow directions of on-site race officials for launching and parking.
- Cars & trailers may be parked across the street from the wharf at the DCR lot, between the Carousel and Skate Rink.
- Please be respectful of the businesses at the wharf such as Jake's and Point Allerton Canvas, etc., and do not obstruct customer parking.
- **FINISH LINE !!!** The finish line is located between the southwest corner of the Pemberton Pier ferry dock and a buoy with a flag on it located to the west of the Pemberton Pier ferry dock, directly offshore from the boathouse pier. It will be well marked and we'll remind everyone at the coxswains' meeting.
- Coxed boats should email or phone us at 781-925-5433 in advance to let us know you're coming so we can plan accordingly.
- If you wish, registration forms can be completed prior to the race date then brought to the Registration Desk on Saturday when you sign in.

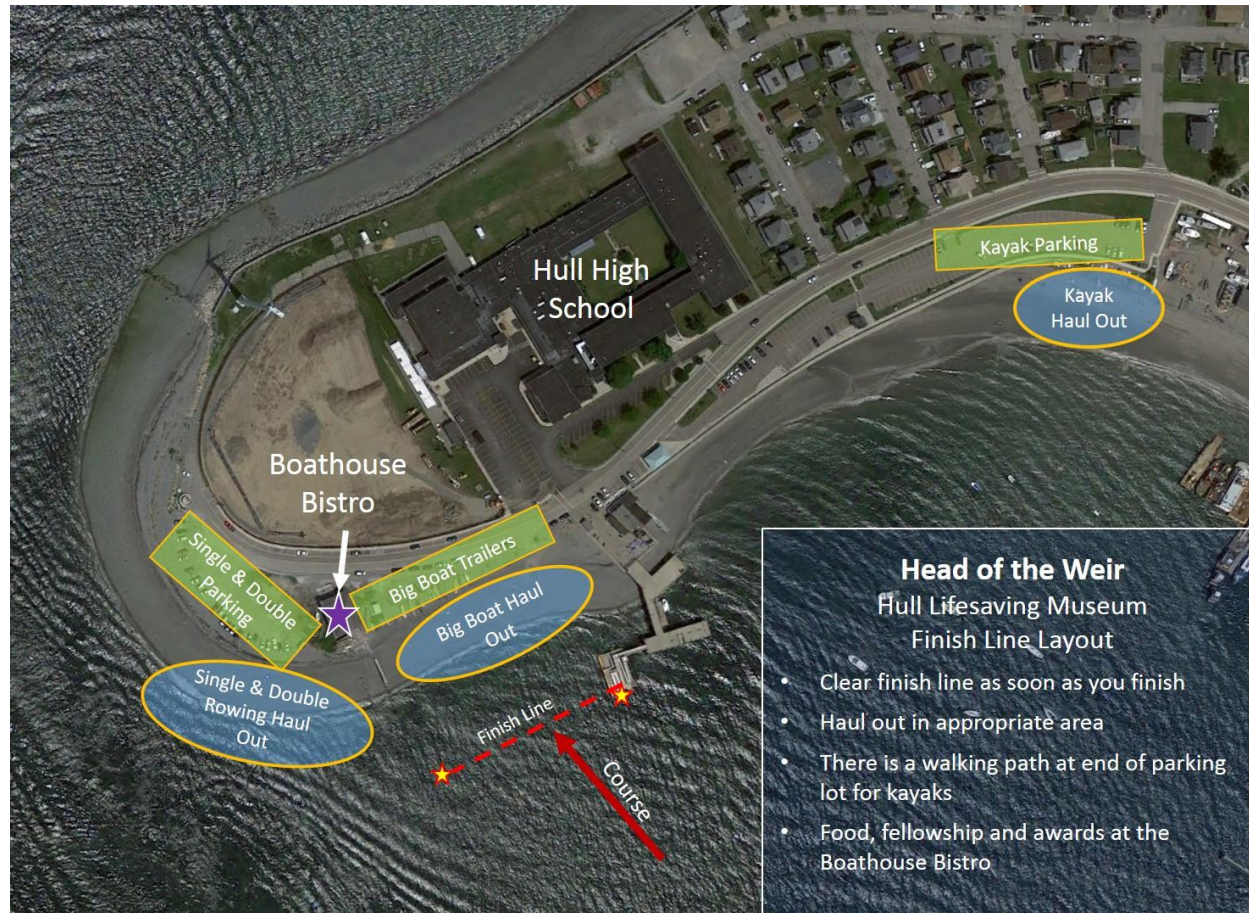
## Race Course



## Starting Line



## Finish Line



### Head of the Weir Hull Lifesaving Museum Finish Line Layout

- Clear finish line as soon as you finish
- Haul out in appropriate area
- There is a walking path at end of parking lot for kayaks
- Food, fellowship and awards at the Boathouse Bistro

## Registration & Coxswains Meeting

Registration takes place from 8:30 – 9:30 am adjacent to the Hull Public Works Building at 9 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Registration fee is \$45 per person. Coxswain's meeting will be held at 10:00 am and the first boat will leave the starting line between 10:45 and 11:00 am. *All coxed boats must [contact](#) the race organizers before the day of the race. Pre-registration is available online:*

**REGISTER NOW**

## Spectator Information - Where to Watch

Best spectator views are from the bridge on George Washington Boulevard (5-15 minutes after the start), at the tip of Hull's Sunset Point, or at the Windmill Point Boathouse finish line. Spectators should show care crossing the road on George Washington Boulevard, watching for fast moving traffic.

## Post Race Food & Beverages

Once again, we ask any and all participants with culinary talent to contribute soups, chowders, stews, and baked goods to feed the masses.

- All food is complimentary to participating rowers.
- Requested donation for spectators is \$5 per person.
- Spectators are invited to join in on food at the after-race party at the Boathouse.

## Snacks & Shopping

- Fresh baked goodies will be on sale at the boathouse as spectators await rowers crossing the finish line.
- Vintage rowing apparel from previous races will be on sale all day.
- **Pogies**, specialty winter rowing mittens with build in hand warmer pockets...Limited Supply Available.
- Spectators are invited to join in on food at the after-race party at the Boathouse with a \$5.00 donation.

