

Snow Row 2020

Instructions to all vessels

All coaches coxswains, and crews are responsible for reading, understanding and following the below instructions and guidelines.

Tide and Race Information:

Snow Row 2020 March 14; High tide 11:57

Registration: 9:00 – 11:00 am

Coxswain's Meeting: 11:15 am

Start Time: 12:00 noon

Safety:

- Boat Class restrictions:
 - Minimum Length 12'
 - Minimum beam 36"
 - Minimum Depth 12" (top of gunwale to bottom of keel amidships)
 - Must be able to hold oar up in the air without danger of capsize
- Equipment – Each competing vessel to have:
 - USCG approved Life Jackets which must be worn by all crews and coxswains at all times when away from the beach, including before and after the race
 - Sound signaling device
 - Bailing Bucket secured to boat with lanyard
 - Signal flag to call attention to need of assistance (provided by HLM at registration)
 - All participants will be issued a wrist band at registration to be worn during the race. The wrist band will have a phone number, (617) 827-6807, to call if for any reason the participant does not start and finish the race after registration. The phone will be monitored by the on-shore safety manager.
- Coxswain & Crew Experience:
 - The Snow Row is not a good choice for inexperienced coxswains and crews due to the cold water and often inclement weather on the day of the race. By registering and participating in the Snow Row, Coaches, Coxswains and Crews hereby attest that they have the following minimum experience:
 - Have competed in at least 1 open water rowing race of a minimum distance of 3.75 miles.
 - Have rowed on a regular basis in cold weather conditions.
- Safety Boats:
 - Safety boats will be on patrol during the race to assist any competitors as needed
 - To signal the need for assistance, raise the flag issued at registration and wave it to call attention.

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Weather:

- The race committee will monitor the weather in the days leading up to the race and issue weather updates via Facebook on the Wednesday and Friday prior to the race. A final decision on the suitability of the weather will be made on the Race day.
- The race will be postponed or cancelled if the sustained winds exceed 15 miles per hour or if frequent gusts exceed 20 miles per hour.
- The race committee reserves the right to cancel the race for any other conditions that are deemed to create an insufficient safety margin for the competitors.

USCG Rules:

- All vessels are required to follow the USCG Inland Rules of the road. Of particular importance during the race are rules:
 - “any vessel overtaking any other shall keep out of the way of the vessel being overtaken”
 - Duty to provide assistance at sea: A master or individual in charge of a vessel shall render assistance to any individual found at sea in danger of being lost, so far as the master or individual in charge can do so without serious danger to the master’s or individual’s vessel or individuals on board.
 - If a vessel in the race needs to render assistance, the race committee will adjust the finish time of the vessel to reflect the delay caused by rendering assistance. The amount of the adjustment will be at the sole discretion of the race committee.

Logistics:

- Competitors are advised to arrive early in order to get vessels onto the beach and cars and trailers parked in time for the 11:15 am Coxswains meeting.
- There will be porta potties located on the street side of the Boathouse.
- Health Issues:
 - Any competitor experiencing any health issues must contact the race committee at once so that their condition can be evaluated and action taken. Before or after the race, make a report at the registration table. During the race raise and wave the issued signal flag, call for assistance on VHF channel 14 or call the phone number on the issued wrist bands (617) 827-6807.

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