



2024 VASRA Regatta Season Volunteer Instructions

Thank you very much for volunteering to support the 2024 VASRA Regatta Season. Find this year's Volunteer DIBS signup here: [2024 VASRA Regatta Season Support \(warhawkcrew.org\)](https://warhawkcrew.org/2024-VASRA-Regatta-Season-Support).

Please note, our school will be penalized (fined, not allowed to participate in future regattas) if you don't complete your volunteer assignment. Thank you in advance for finding a substitute for yourself if you are unable to attend. Please ensure you let the volunteer chair, Patrick Burke at Volunteers@warhawkcrew.org know if this happens so he can update the primary VASRA Coordinator of any changes.

A few general and specific reminders/tips:

ARRIVAL:

Volunteers should show up ~**1 hour before** the job starts (**the job start time is the time you should be in position and starting the job**). This is to allow enough time to park, walk to the check-in tent/table, and get to your job location (especially if you need to hike to the grandstands). The exception is for early jobs (e.g., helper set-up, etc.) those who are reporting for early morning assignments (5 – 6:30am) where logistics to arrive (parking, signing in, etc.) won't be an issue.

Depending on the time of your volunteer slot, parking can be time-consuming (there may be traffic getting into the parking areas) and the delays with signing in at the VASRA tent and making it to your volunteer location. The various volunteer jobs can be far apart, so do leave enough time. You must be at your volunteer position at the indicated shift start time shown in DIBS signup.

SIGN IN:

Volunteers for all VASRA regatta jobs **MUST** sign in at the VASRA volunteer desk near headquarters one hour before the shift start time (see map below for volunteer sign-in location). Again, an exception to early sign-in applies if the job begins at 6:30 a.m. or earlier. Make your way to the sign-in at the building past Regatta headquarters (¾ down the hill opposite the boathouses), on the right-hand side of the road, you will find the volunteer coordinator tent. There are large signs identifying the location. All volunteers are expected to sign the attendance sheet and insurance waiver. You will then be instructed as to where to report. No one needs to sign out. Your shift is over when the next shift shows up. **NOTE: It is possible that you may be reassigned to another job or times may shift.**

DRESS:

Most of the volunteer jobs are located outside. Anticipate inclement weather and wear layered clothing (the temperature can change as much as 20 degrees) and a hat. Gloves are also recommended. Please wear an outer layer of waterproof clothing if rain is in the forecast. Even the jobs in the HQ building and/or the Finish Line Building – duties may expose you to the cold



weather. Additional items may be listed for specific jobs (see resources below).

You may wear school colors **except for red** at certain VASRA jobs. If you have a Job that is on or near the water (including the Start Platform and the Finish Line), you are asked **NOT** to wear red. Red is used by the referees to indicate danger or that a race has stopped - wearing red on or near the water may confuse the athletes and cause them to stop rowing.

BRING:

- CASH is KING and bring small bills (Parking, Shuttle, food, etc.)
- Snacks / Drinks - you will likely not be able to be relieved to pick-up anything during your volunteer session
- A chair and book are recommended for the Cross-over Marshal position

PARKING:

Volunteers receive **free parking (Lot B)** directly in the park however, it is an honor system so be prepared, the parking lot may be filled prior to your arrival (**see map below**). Tell the parking attendant you are volunteering for VASRA and they should let you through.

Note: Parking is prohibited outside the yellow gates in the vicinity of the park entrance, as well as in front of or on private property.

OTHER:

- Do not bring your children or pets with you as you will not be able to watch them while you're doing your job.
- Do not bring an extra person with you – each job/slot is for 1 individual
- Jobs cannot be split between individuals
- Every parent who is volunteering should see their child race. VASRA understands that you are there to watch your child row; you may ask to be temporarily released from your duties to watch your child race. Please work with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) lead at your position (the Volunteer Coordinator if you don't know who that is). They will arrange for shuttles, lunches, etc. to transport you to the grandstands to see the race.

*****Please return to finish your shift*****

RESOURCES:

- VASRA Volunteer Descriptions: [VASRA - Volunteer Positions](#)
- Volunteer Information Map - See attached

