

Harvard Henley Regatta Health and Safety Statement

Regatta name, location: Harvard Henley Regatta, Bare Hill Pond, Pond Road, Harvard, MA 01451

Date: Sunday, April 23, 2023

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Safety is a top priority for the Harvard Henley Regatta. Harvard Henley organizers have reviewed current COVID guidance and regulations from the CDC, the State of Massachusetts, the Town of Harvard, USRowing, and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA). Recognizing that this guidance is subject to change, the following best practices have been established as a baseline for the 2023 Harvard Henley:

- In accordance with CDC guidelines and Town of Harvard Board of Health regulations, masking requirements (indoor and outdoor) are rescinded. All participants and attendees are encouraged to follow any protocols for sanitizing, face coverings, and distancing that allow them to participate in the event in a way that is enjoyable, comfortable for them and maximizes their safety and the safety and health of all. Vaccinating is encouraged.
- We encourage all competitors, spectators, volunteers and race personnel to respect others and their individual choices. We ask that everyone establishes a respectful physical distance between themselves and our volunteers, race officials, participants and spectators from other schools and clubs.
- Harvard Henley is an outdoor event. The layout of the Harvard Henley affords space between team trailers and tents to the best of our ability and the constraints of the venue. We ask that participants be considerate of others as they rig their equipment and move around the venue.

If you are feeling unwell or have any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, do not come to the regatta. If you have been notified that you are to be quarantined due to potential COVID exposure, please honor that and do not attend the Harvard Henley.

Cooperation with these basic health and safety guidelines will allow us all to enjoy a full day of competitive events and welcome the support and encouragement of families and spectators.

Event Medical Plan:

Emergency and medical services for the Harvard Henley Regatta are provided by the Town of Harvard EMT Services, the Harvard Police Department, the Harvard Fire Department including a fire boat staffed marine presence and club safety volunteers on water.

Harvard Police will provide a detail presence at the regatta entry gate to regulate traffic and parking.

Two Harvard EMT paramedics will be onsite at the Harvard Town Beach, where all teams are launching from and returning to, and where all spectators will view the races. The Town EMT's will staff a First Aid

tent located on the beach for emergencies as well as for any walk-up medical situations. The EMT's will have an ambulance on site or on call.

The Harvard Fire Department will provide an all-day marine mobile team on the race course for on-water emergencies and transport to beach EMT's.

In addition, 2 safety launches, each staffed with a 2-person team, will be located on the water in the 1000m warm-up area. Likewise, 2 starter-referee launches, each with a 2-person team, will follow crews down the course, alternating between the 1000m races. These boats will provide additional safety, transport and rescue assistance and oversight. Club volunteers will also serve as Dockmasters and Finish Line referees to enforce and observe safe launching and finish operations.

All of these medical providers and staff will be in radio contact with the Regatta official and the Regatta Director.

The two local area hospitals are:

- Nashoba Valley Medical Center, 200 Groton Road, Ayer, MA 01432, (978) 784-9000, which is 6.2 miles from the venue; and
- Emerson Hospital, 133 Old Rd to 9 Acre Corner, Concord, MA 01742, (978) 369-1400, which is 14.3 miles from the venue

Medical gloves, masks and disinfectant wipes will be available in every safety and referee launch, as well as the registration tent, medical tent, hospitality tent and beach house.

All necessary disinfecting supplies will be stationed in the beach house.