

BALTIMORE INVITATIONAL REGATTA

The Baltimore Invitational Regatta will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009. The course will be a 1500-meter course starting at the Baltimore Rowing Club located at Middle Branch Park. The starting point will be the "Glass Beach" on the west side of the bay with the finish line approximately 400 meters beyond the Hanover St. Bridge. Historically, conditions have seen temperatures in the high 50's to low 60's with a light breeze (5- 10 mph) out of the south/southwest.

Parking:

The boathouse parking lot is small and will fill quickly. No parking is allowed on the grass or along Waterview Avenue. If you park there you can expect to get a ticket or get towed. Overflow parking can be found at the public boat launching area on the east side of Hanover St (through the lights at the intersection of Waterview and Route 2).

Spectator Viewing:

The best view for launching and recovery of shells is the dock area and the long fishing pier that extends out approximately 100 meters east of the launch area. The middle 500 meters of the race can be viewed along the shoreline roughly parallel to the course north of the boathouse but before the bridge. The Hanover St. Bridge offers an excellent view of the race from two vantage points. The first would be on the south side of the bridge. This offers a view of the first 1100 meters of the race and allows you to watch the boats travel under the bridge arches. The north side of the bridge allows spectators to view shells coming out of the arches and the last 400 meters of the race as well as shells returning to the dock. Please be aware that the bridge does have heavy traffic and crossing should be done with great caution. The sidewalks on the bridge are rather wide and if you can handle the noise of an occasional tractor-trailer going by you should be okay. The finish area is north of the bridge near Harbor Hospital.

Concessions:

It has been noted that one drawback to the location is a lack of places to get food for athletes or a concession stand. We would advise teams to make sure that athletes bring water bottles and food as well. Grilling is permissible.

Restroom Facilities:

Portable bathrooms for athletes and spectators to use will be situated west of the boathouse.

Directions to the Baltimore Rowing Club:

The Baltimore Rowing Club is at 3301 Waterview Ave, Baltimore, MD 21230.

- **Coming from Baltimore City:** Take Light St south from the Inner Harbor, turn right on any cross street (Cross, West, Ostend) two blocks to Hanover St, follow Hanover St south over the Veterans Memorial Bridge (Hanover St. Bridge), first right after the bridge is Waterview Ave, we're the only building on the right.
- **Coming from South of Baltimore:** From I-95 North, take the Hanover St (Route 2 South) exit (first exit after the I-395 Downtown exit) onto Hanover St. Follow Hanover St south over the Veterans Memorial Bridge, first right after the bridge is Waterview Ave, we're the only building on the right.
- **Coming from North of Baltimore:** From I-95 South, take the right hand lane through the tunnel. Take the Fort McHenry exit (first exit after the tunnel) and follow McComas St to the intersection with Hanover St. Turn left onto Hanover St, follow Hanover St south over the Veterans Memorial Bridge, first right after the bridge is Waterview Ave, we're the only building on the right.