



Walter Mess Regatta

10450 Van Thompson Road Fairfax Station, VA 22039

April 1, 2023

The coaches will send out more information and details once the lineup is finalized on Thursday, but in the meantime we wanted to get you some general information about what to expect the day of the regatta.

This information will also be posted on our team website <http://www.riversiderowing.org>

Please read through all the information below.

Transportation

- This year the team will have a bus to transport Riverside students to Sandy Run on Saturday morning. The bus will be leaving Riverside High School at 6:15 AM. Athletes are welcome to ride the bus to the regatta in the morning or parents may drop off athletes at Sandy Run in the designated drop off area located in a coned off section in Lot D. **NO BUS SERVICE** will be provided to return at the end of the day so please plan accordingly and carpool however possible.
- Coach will provide the final schedule on Thursday, but it is expected that all athletes should arrive at Sandy Run between 7:15 AM and 7:30AM on Saturday morning and stay until the team's last race of the day (an estimated departure of 4pm from Sandy Run). At the end of the day, the team should meet back at Algonkian to unload the boats before heading home.
- Sandy Run Park is located at 10450 Van Thompson Road Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Parking

- **No spectator parking is available at Sandy Run**, however the designated drop off zone for parents driving their athletes to the event will be in the coned off in Lot D. After dropping off, you will need to drive to **South County High School (8501 Silverbrook Rd, Lorton, VA 22079)** to park and take the shuttle bus back to Sandy Run Park to view the races. Allow about 40 minutes to arrive at Sandy Run.
- Shuttle bus cost is \$15 (cash only) round trip. Athletes in uniform ride the bus for **FREE**.
- Athletes who wish to drive themselves should park in the Loisvale lot just past lot D.
- More parking details provided on the [VASRA website](#) .

Volunteering

- VASRA Volunteer Reminders:
 - Show up about 1 hour ahead of time. This allows for you to get to your spot. Riverside Rowing is FINED \$50 if you are a no show.
 - Confirm your understanding of your job responsibilities. Ask Eva, Melissa or Sonia if you have ANY questions.
 - VASRA sign up - [2023 Regatta Volunteers](#)
- Please sign up to support the team's [hospitality tent](#) on regatta day with donations of some essential healthy foods/snacks for the athletes. Please note that we'd need any items dropped off on Friday before the regatta per the instructions on the sign up sheet.

Reminders

- Be sure you and your athlete are dressed appropriately for the weather!
- Bring your cowbells, horns, chairs and cash for concessions. We have a very active cheering section at the finish line so don't be shy!
- Please note that cellular service at Sandy Run is spotty.
- For real-time results of Saturdays regatta you can check [the team website](#).

Row'side!