



## REGATTA VOLUNTEER JOBS

Without parents, rowing competitions would not happen! Volunteers play an important role in ensuring that each race is safe and fair. Volunteering for a regatta job is also a great way for you to see the action as a participant in the event and not just a spectator. It provides wonderful insight into the complexity of the sport of rowing and the discipline and determination of our athletes to row as one.

**All volunteers need to meet at the flagpole in front of Thompson Boat Center one hour before the start of the regatta to review responsibilities and to meet the officials.**

Thank you for volunteering for a regatta job!

### **FINISH LINE ATTENDANTS**

Please note that most jobs are interchangeable and some are more important than others. As a result the officials may reassign you as needed to get the best racing possible.

#### **Flagholder**

Duties: Finish Line attendants stand with a large orange flag and follow the instructions of the Finish Line Judge, to indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

Dress: Anticipate inclement weather and wear layered clothing and a hat.

Please do not wear any red clothing, as it could be confused for the flag and please refrain from using a cell phone while races are under way. Concentration and attention are important.

#### **Horn Sounder and Times Recorder**

Duties: Horn Sounders sound the horn after the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats pass and record the times as reported by the following official.

Dress: Anticipate inclement weather and wear layered clothing and a hat.

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#### **Line Caller**

Duties: Line callers watch the line and shout out “One! Two! Three!” when each respective lane crosses the line.

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### **Time Recorder**

Duties: Time recorders use a stop watch to time the space between crossings. Please only volunteer for this job if you feel comfortable working splits on a stop watch.

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### **Video Camera Attendant**

Duties: Video Camera Attendant watches and guards the video camera taping the finish line.

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### **DOCKMASTER**

Duties: Dockmaster checks heel ties and bowballs. He or she assists with launch and recovery, and keeps the docks clear of unnecessary gear.

Dress: Anticipate inclement weather, the likelihood of getting wet and wear layered clothing and a hat.

### **LAUNCH DRIVERS**

The below-listed jobs are interchangeable and some will overlap. You may marshal one race, align the next, and follow the third. Know that signing up for one will mean you'll probably be doing them all. The officials are great at teaching how to drive to fulfill your duties, but **YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED A LAUNCH DRIVER TRAINING COURSE** either on line or in person to be eligible for this position on race day.

Duties: You will be assigned to drive the starting marshal (1 driver), the alignment judge (1 driver) or the referees following the race (2 drivers) or be the safety driver for set up and emergencies (1 driver).

If **driving a marshal/judge/referee**, you are to follow the instructions of that official.

If you are the **safety driver**, you will keep a keen eye on the course and attempt to keep powerboats, sailboats, kayaks, canoes, etc. out of the way of a race. Sometimes you will need to

pick up large pieces of flotsam and jetsam, which are in the way of the shells (boats). You must particularly keep a keen eye on rowers warming up upstream and for any shells that may have capsized.

Dress: Anticipate inclement weather and the likelihood of getting wet. Wear layered clothing. Consider a hat, sunscreen, and gloves.

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