

ANACOSTIA WATERFRONT

The Anacostia Waterfront is a wonderful regatta venue. Unlike many other regatta sites, spectators have an unobstructed view of the race course. For first-time visitors, however, logistics can be confusing.

The Anacostia Community Boathouse Association, home to five high school and collegiate teams and three community rowing and paddling clubs, is the host site for area scholastic regattas on the Anacostia River. Located adjacent to the Washington Navy Yard in SE Washington, the boathouse is the regatta headquarters and drop-off point for competitors, coaches and race-day volunteers. Spectators however should plan to watch the races from Anacostia Park on the east side of the river. The views from that side are spectacular!

Directions to the Regatta Site

From Thompson Boat Center, take Rock Creek Parkway toward the National Mall and the Monuments in Washington, D.C., then follow Independence Avenue past the Tidal Basin as it bears right toward Maine Avenue.

Interstate Directions

Bear right toward Maine Avenue and keep in left lane to take the ramp up to I-395 onto the SE/SW Freeway. Merge onto I-295 S. As soon as you pass the South Capitol Street exit, move into your far right lane. Take the next exit for 6th Street SE/Navy Yard. At the bottom of the ramp, go through the two lights. At the next light, make a right on 8th Street SE. Proceed to M Street SE and take a left. At the second light, make a right onto 11th Street SE. Proceed to stop sign at O Street. Turn left onto O Street SE. There, you should see a path leading down to the Anacostia Community Boathouse.

Surface Road Directions

Bear right toward Maine Avenue and keep in right lane to remain on Maine Avenue. Maine Avenue becomes M Street. Drive past the fish markets, and then past the Navy Yard. Make a right onto 11th Street SE. Proceed to stop sign at O Street. Turn left onto O Street SE. There, you should see a path leading down to the Anacostia Community Boathouse.

Metro Directions

Take the Red Line to Gallery Place-Chinatown. Transfer to Green Line going toward Anacostia/Branch Avenue. (Follow signs for National's Stadium). Exit at the Navy Yard (also the station for the National's). Walk east along M Street to 11th and M; then turn right onto 11th and head towards the river, until 11th St.

ends. Turn left onto O St. Anacostia Community Boathouse is down the path to the right, under the 11th Street Bridge.

Drop-Off for Competitors and Regatta Volunteers

Pull to the curb on the right near the path and drop off student athletes and/or regatta volunteers. Athletes should follow the path down to the waterfront and find your coach. Volunteers should proceed directly to the B-CC tent to drop off the food or drink or to find a regatta official for your assignment.

Parking at the Regatta Site

There is no parking at the Washington Navy Yard. Park on the side streets near the Anacostia Community Boathouse and walk across the bridge to Anacostia Park. Drive across the bridge (see instructions below) and park at the Anacostia Park.

Race-Viewing for Parents and Other Spectators: Anacostia Park

To reach Anacostia Park from the Anacostia Community Boathouse, continue on O Street. Turn left on 12th Street, SE. Turn left on M Street, SE. Turn left on 11th Street, SE and stay left to go up the ramp to the 11th Street Bridge across the Anacostia River. Merge into the second lane from the left to follow "Anacostia Park" signs. At the end of the bridge, the turn is a sharp right down the hill. At the stop sign, turn right to head north on Good Hope Road SE toward Anacostia Park. At the Anacostia Drive "T" turn right or left. Parking is along Anacostia Drive. Be aware of parking regulations along Anacostia Drive. There is no parking on the grass. Violators will be ticketed.

Returning from Anacostia Park to the Anacostia Community Boathouse

Turn around on Anacostia Drive and return to the Good Hope Road. Pass under the bridge and over the railroad tracks. At the traffic light, cross Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE to stay on Good Hope Road. (The road bears left.) At the next traffic light, turn left on to 13th Street, SE and stay left to go up the ramp onto the 11th Street Bridge. On the bridge, stay right and follow signs to the Washington Navy Yard to exit at the Navy Yard. At the bottom of the ramp, turn left on N Street, SE. At the traffic light, turn left on 11th Street, SE. Stay right and continue down the hill to turn left on O Street, SE to the Anacostia Community Boathouse.

Returning from the Anacostia Community Boathouse

Turn left on 12th Street, SE, just after passing under the bridge. Continue up 12th Street, SE to the stop sign and turn left onto M Street, SE. At the traffic

light, turn right on 11th Street, SE and continue north. Make a left turn on I Street, SE. Follow the signs to head west on the SE/SW Freeway and I-395.

Information on the Regatta Site

Be prepared! The Anacostia Park provides excellent viewing, but, there is little shelter from unpleasant weather conditions such as rain, too much sun, wind, etc. For regattas, B-CC Crew will set up its tent along the river bank, but dress accordingly. There are no concession stands in Anacostia Park. Restrooms however are available in the nearby Anacostia Pool & Recreation Center. Pets are not permitted in the park.