

## **Philadelphia (Schuylkill River)**

### **Stotesbury Cup Regatta & Manny Flicks & Head of the Schuylkill Regatta**

**The Stotesbury Cup Regatta** ([www.boathouserow.org](http://www.boathouserow.org)) is the oldest and largest high school regatta in the world. Organized by the Schuylkill Navy of Philadelphia and hosted by the City of Philadelphia and the Fairmont Park Commission, the regatta attracts more than 5,000 athletes from 150 high schools across the country and Canada each year. The regatta is named after Edward T. Stotesbury, a wealthy banker, philanthropist and prominent citizen of Philadelphia, whose interest in scholastic rowing led him to establish The Stotesbury Cup in 1927.

The 1,500 meter race course along the Schuylkill River starts north of the historic Strawberry Mansion Bridge built in 1897 and ends just before the Columbia Railroad Bridge. Head-style time trials for all events are held on Friday. In a head-style time trial boats are sent down the river one at a time approximately 30 seconds apart. The boats with the best times go on to the semi-final races. Friday morning there will be several hundred boats lined up waiting for their turn in the time trials. It's like no other sight in scholastic crew and one not to be missed by parents. Semi-final races run on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Final races run on Saturday afternoon.

The B-CC Crew tent is set up on the east side of the Schuylkill River just north of the grandstand area near the finish line.

**The Manny Flicks** ([www.phillyflicks.com](http://www.phillyflicks.com)) are organized by the Philadelphia Scholastic Rowing Association and date back to the mid-1950s when the Catholic high school rowing teams would meet on Sundays on the Schuylkill River to compete against each other. Twenty-seven Philadelphia area teams are now members of the league. Rowing clubs from outside the league may participate through sponsorship by one of the member teams.

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**The Thomas Eakin's Head of the Schuylkill Regatta** ([www.hosr.org](http://www.hosr.org)) is a 2.5 mile head race on the Schuylkill River starting just below the Twin Bridges, crews race downstream to finish between the Girard Avenue Bridge and Boathouse Row. This two-day race is held in late October and attracts athletes of all ages from across the United States.

The B-CC Crew tent is at the boat trailer near the Three Angels.

### **Directions from Washington, DC to the Marriott Courtyard or Residence Inn Hotel in Downtown Philadelphia**

From Washington, DC:

- Take I-495 toward Silver Spring/Baltimore.
- Take I-95 North through Wilmington to Philadelphia.
- Take I-676 West toward Central Philadelphia.
- Exit at Broad Street (Route 611), stay in left lane.
- Take your first left onto Vine Street.
- Proceed on Vine Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Turn right on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Market Street.
- Turn right on Market Street to City Hall.
- Turn right on Juniper Street. Both hotels are on your right.

**Directions from the Marriott Courtyard or Residence Inn Hotel to the Regatta Site**

- Go right out of the hotel on N Juniper Street.
- Turn left on Filbert Street which becomes JFK Boulevard.
- Turn right on N 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Turn left on Benjamin Franklin Parkway.
- Bear right around the Art Museum Plaza.
- Bear right onto Kelly Drive.
- Follow signs to parking.

**Directions from Washington, DC to the Regatta Site**

The following directions are taken from the official Stotesbury Cup Regatta Web site ([www.boathouserow.org](http://www.boathouserow.org)) which also includes helpful aerial maps of the course and parking.

From Washington, DC, Baltimore, Wilmington:

- Take I-95 North through Wilmington to Philadelphia International Airport and follow signs for Phila Center City via Route I-76 or Schuylkill Expressway.

- Take exit, I-76, Schuylkill Expressway, west. This takes you across the Penrose Ave. Bridge across Schuylkill, a.k.a. Route 291.
- As soon as you come down bridge get in left lane, as you will turn left at first light onto 26th Street.
- This will take you directly onto I-76 west. Follow I-76 about 8 miles, past Boathouse Row and the race course.
- Follow I-76 West to exit 340 on the right.
- Take this exit, turn right at foot of exit and get in the left lane as you go over City Avenue Bridge across the Schuylkill River stay left and follow signs for Kelly Drive.
- The ramp will spiral downwards in a counter-clockwise direction and will merge you onto Kelly Drive, southbound. Be very careful, especially if you are pulling a boat trailer on this tight, descending curve!
- Move to right lane of Kelly Drive after merging at the bottom of the spiral.
- Stay on Kelly Drive and follow parking directions below unless you have a Regatta Parking Pass to park along Kelly Drive.

**Directions at the Regatta Site for Stotesbury Cup Regatta, Manny Flicks & Head of the Schuylkill**

- During the regattas, Kelly Drive will be closed to the general public from the Strawberry Mansion Bridge to just below the Athlete's Village. Access to this area (which has a one-way traffic pattern, southbound from the Canoe Club) is limited to those with a Regatta Parking Pass.
- For Stotesbury Cup Regatta Parking passes will be distributed to coaches in limited numbers at registration on Thursday afternoon at Lloyd Hall (1 for the smallest programs, 5 or 6 for the very large programs). Those with Regatta Parking Pass will be allowed to parking diagonally on Kelly Drive. Those without a Regatta Parking Pass will be directed to Regatta Parking on the plateau above Kelly Drive. Each school should plan to distribute their allocated parking passes to vehicles bringing food into the venue. For the Manny Flicks and the Head of the Schuylkill, the passes are mailed to the coaches.
- Entry to the venue thru the police barricades on Kelly Drive at Strawberry Mansion Bridge will be restricted to vehicles with a valid parking pass and school buses. PSRA parking passes will not be honored.

- All other parking will be on the grassy plateau above Kelly Drive. Cost will be \$8 per vehicle. The regatta will provide complimentary shuttle bus service. Four school buses will be in constant rotation.
- For those who would rather walk than wait for a shuttle bus, Ormiston Trail takes you from the parking on the plateau thru the woods down to the regatta venue. The 1/4 mile trail is in very good condition and suitable for young children and adults. Look for the balloons that mark the head of the trail at Reservoir Drive and Randolph Drive.
- Parking on the grass on either side of Kelly Drive is absolutely forbidden. Parking is only permitted on the river side of Kelly Drive; no parking is permitted on the other side of the road. Violators will be ticketed by the Philadelphia Police.
- School buses should parallel park along the river side curb beyond Columbia Bridge at the finish line.
- Cars and vans should park diagonally at the river side curb.
- Parking is permitted in the lot near the grandstands. The lot at the Canoe Club is reserved for volunteers and officials.