

## **GEORGETOWN WATERFRONT**

B-CC Crew, as well as many other Washington area high school and collegiate teams, row out of Thompson Boat Center. Located just off the Rock Creek Parkway at the foot of Virginia Avenue, N.W., in Georgetown, Thompson Boat Center is run by Guest Services for the U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service.

Known as The National Capital Water Sports Center when it opened in 1960, the boat house was renamed the following year Thompson Boat Center in honor of National Park Service Superintendent Harry S. Thompson. Mr. Thompson was the major proponent of the development of the site as a public water sports facility. For additional information on Thompson Boat Center as well as maps of the 1,500 meter race course, go to the Thompson Boat Center's Web site at [www.thompsonboatcenter.com](http://www.thompsonboatcenter.com).

### **Parking for the Regatta Site**

There is a metered parking lot at Thompson Boat Center off Rock Creek Parkway, but on regatta days, it is limited access. Preference is given to busses, trailers, staff and volunteers, all of whom arrive early. Rowers and spectators should plan on parking in the commercial parking lots located on and around K Street/Water Street under the Whitehurst Freeway.

### **Information on the Regatta Site**

The B-CC Crew tent is set up near the finish along the Potomac River upstream of the Washington Harbor buildings. There are no concession stands at Thompson Boat Center, but nearby Georgetown is filled with eat-in/eat-out restaurants.

### **Directions to Thompson Boat Center by Car**

On practice days, the Thompson Boat Center parking lot becomes congested after 4 pm. Parking tickets are frequently issued in the lot. Bring quarters!

#### *From Connecticut Avenue*

Follow Connecticut Avenue south to either Van Ness Street or Porter Street, NW and turn left. Drop into Rock Creek Parkway toward the Zoo. Proceed on Rock Creek Parkway until you reach Virginia Avenue, at which point turn right into Thompson Boat Center.

#### *From Massachusetts Avenue*

From Bethesda, get on Massachusetts Avenue heading south. Several blocks after the Vice President's mansion/Naval Observatory take a right on to Waterside Drive. This feeds into Rock Creek Parkway. Proceed south until you reach Virginia Avenue at which

point turn right into Thompson Boat Center.

From Wisconsin Avenue

Follow Wisconsin Avenue south to K Street, NW and turn left. There are several parking lots and metered spots on and around K Street. If you are proceeding to the Thompson Boat Center parking lot, turn left on K Street and proceed east through several stop signs, moving into the right hand lane. On the right you will see a small underpass. Follow this onto Rock Creek Parkway. Take an immediate right into Thompson Boat Center parking lot.

**Important: After 3:45 pm, Rock Creek Parkway becomes one way (outbound).**

After 3:45 PM Directions

From Massachusetts Avenue south, pass the entrance to Rock Creek Parkway and continue several more blocks to Sheridan Traffic Circle. Take your first turn off the circle (after about 1/4 of the circle) and continue one block to the light. The light is a three way fork. MERGE to the left. (DO NOT TAKE A HARD LEFT.) One block later is 23rd Street where you will turn right. After several blocks at Washington Circle, continue on 23rd Street until it ends. The Lincoln Memorial will be in front of you. Turn right. Quickly take another right on Parkway Drive, before crossing the river!!! When you get to Rock Creek Parkway, turn left and get in the farthest possible left lane!!!! Proceed past the Kennedy Center. Turn left into the Thompson Boat Center parking lot.

**Directions to Thompson Boat Center via Public Transportation**

Metro

Take the Red Line from Bethesda Metro Station to Metro Center. Transfer to Blue toward Franconia-Springfield or Orange Line toward Vienna/Fairfax-GMU. Exit at Foggy Bottom-GWU. Walk west on I Street (toward 24th Street). Turn left onto New Hampshire Avenue to Virginia Avenue. Turn right on Virginia Avenue to Thompson Boat Center, crossing Rock Creek Parkway with the light at Virginia Avenue.

Metro & Bus

*Option A – Metro & 32 or 36 Bus*

Take the Red Line from Bethesda Metro Station to Friendship Heights Station or Tenleytown Station. Exit the station and board the 32 or 36. Get off at Wisconsin Avenue and M Street and walk to Thompson Boat Center.

*Option B – Metro & DC Circulator toward Georgetown*

Take the Red Line from Bethesda Metro Station to Farragut North Station. Exit onto K Street at Connecticut Avenue and board the DC Circulator Bus toward Georgetown. Get off at Wisconsin Avenue and M Street and walk to Thompson Boat Center.