

April 16, 2016 RE: MATHEWS REGATTAS

**ATTENTION COACHES, BOOSTERS AND SPECTATORS:
IMPORTANT SPECTATOR'S AND PARENT'S INFORMATION**

On behalf of the Mathews High School Crew team we would like to invite you to the **Tidewater Crews Regatta on Saturday, April 23, 2016**. For the enjoyment of all, we like to take this opportunity to give you some important information.

- We are finally building a LONG AWAITED Boathouse. Things will be cramped so we ask you to cooperate as we make way for a fantastic new venue!! To view progress twice a day, go to: <http://www.mathewslandconservancy.com/>
- We hope for a beautiful day on the river. Bring chairs, sunscreen, etc. according to the weather
- We will have breakfast and lunch available at the Regatta site and think you will find local hand made delights more nourishing and tasty than fast food!
- The **only parking available** is in the paid parking lot (With unlimited free shuttle bus). The fee is 8.00 per car (LESS THAN \$2 PER PERSON IN A FULL CAR!). This is the only entrance fee you will pay and this is one of the few ways our team has to make money to help defray the cost of hosting the regatta. Unlike most high school sports, we have no gate fee per person and our school division requires each team to have a fundraiser. Thank you for supporting ours.
- The free shuttle bus will run every 10-15minutes for the 0.5-mile ride or you can easily walk if you prefer.
- The sheriff's office will be contacted for any cars that are parked on dirt lanes or along the road and will be towed to another location in the county.
- If your team would like to put up a tent **please** ask your coach to pass this info on to our regatta chairman by e-mail. Provide the size, so we can plan a location for your tent. Tents 10 x 10 will be given priority for location. Tents that are larger will be NOT allowed. No tent can be erected without getting permission from the grounds crew Sat AM. We will have an assigned spot for each requested tent. NO tents will be permitted between spectators area and shoreline/walkways along the race course or to Docks.
- We would like to provide space for all participants & spectators to enjoy the regatta. Plans cannot be made to insure everyone's needs are met without this information. Tent congestion at the wharf last May caused issues that we plan on avoiding this year.
- PLEASE, **NO DOGS!!** They don't use the porta potty like we do and its hard enough already to carry shells without having to dodge little unpleasant piles.
- There will be food sold by us and our local volunteer organizations. The profits help fund scholarships for our high school students, help support the Wharf and rowing programs and also provide help for needy rowers during the year.
- Due to safety and smoke concerns, cooking on grills of any kind is not permitted at the regatta site. Thanks for your cooperation.
- We cannot allow any merchandise, such as clothing, to be sold by any person or group without prior permission and payment of vending fees that all other groups are required to pay. If this policy is violated, the team associated with the violation will forfeit all winnings.
- Directions to Williams Wharf: use the internet map web sites. Destination: **1070 Williams Wharf Rd., Mathews VA 23109 from your home address. If you would like to learn more about Williams Wharf, go to mathewslandconservancy.com**
- **Local Hotels Are:** Hampton Inn Gloucester, VA – 804-693-9393 or Comfort Inn Gloucester, VA 804-695-1900 (They are next to each other)