

April 30, 2016

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

RE: 29th ANNUAL MATHEWS REGATTA – SPONSORED BY WINTECH RACING

On behalf of the Mathews High School Crew team we would like to invite you to the **29th Annual Mathews Regatta on Saturday, May 7, 2015**. For the enjoyment of all, we like to take this opportunity to give you some important information.

- We hope for a beautiful day on the river. Bring chairs, sunscreen, etc. according to the weather.
- Racing will start at 0820 am.
- We will have breakfast and lunch (**FRESH** Local Crab Cakes & other delicacies) available at the Regatta site (See Regatta Menu) and think you will find local hand made delights more nourishing and tasty than Hardies/McD's or other fast food!
- WinTech Racing Shells will be on site- Be sure to check out their line of Boats & Singles!!
- There will be regatta Tees, a Rowing & crew items vendor and other vendors on site.
- Please do not drive down to the Wharf to drop a rower off. Only team busses/vans and vehicles towing crew trailers will be allowed drop offs.
- 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!). Please do not ask attendants to go down to the Wharf to park or drop people/rowers or supplies/gear off, you will be refused. PLEASE don't abuse the poor volunteer parking attendant. 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. Handicapped Parking is available on site with proper permit.
- The free shuttle bus will run every 10-15minutes for the 0.5-mile ride. Its also an easy, LEVEL walk.
- 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 10X10 tent **please** ask your coach to pass this info on to our regatta chairman by e-mail, so we can plan a location for your tent. No tent can be erected without getting permission from the grounds crew Sat AM. We will have an assigned spot for each requested tent.
- 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. We found that the 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.**