

## **Everett Rowing Travel Details:** 2017 Brentwood Regatta

Dates: April 28 – 30, 2017.

Here are the details for the 2017 Brentwood Travel Trip.

### **1: Border Crossing:**

Athletes will need Identification:

#### **16 years of age and older: (One of the below is required.)**

- Enhanced Drivers' License
- Enhanced ID Card
- Passport
- Nexus Card
- Fast Card

#### **15 years of age and younger:**

- Original or copy of birth certificate.
- We advise carrying other ID as well, such as a student photo ID card.

**NB: Athletes under the age of 18** traveling without BOTH of their parents will need to fill out our "**Border Crossing Form**". The form indicates that both parents consent to the minor's travel itinerary. The form needs to be notarized. We will work to have a notary available at the boathouse in April for those who need it.

Link to Border Crossing

Form: <http://everettrowing.com/documents/Border%20Crossing%20Form.pdf>

### **2: Transportation up to Brentwood:**

Parents carpool the athletes to Brentwood. In early April, please begin the process of arranging rides for your athlete. Here is the timeframe for completion:

**April 1:** Athletes / Parents arrange rides to and from Brentwood.

**April 15:** Approximate date of preliminary schedule release from Regatta Director.

**April 20:** Deadline for parents to submit border crossing forms and transportation arrangements to ERA:

- Transportation arrangements should be sent to: ([Brentwood@everettrowing.com](mailto:Brentwood@everettrowing.com))  
They should include the following information:
  - Driver
  - Athletes in vehicle
  - Expected time / location of departure
  - Expected Ferry to catch
- Border Crossing Forms: Placed in Secure mailbox at boathouse

**April 25:** Final racing schedule and lineups released to athletes and parents.

**April 26:** Each driver will receive an envelope with ferry fare for each athlete and Border Crossing forms for each athlete under the age of 18 who is travelling without both parents.

**April 27:** Thursday: Athletes attend school. No practice. Parents wishing to travel to

Brentwood on Thursday night are responsible for their athletes' lodging on Thursday night.

**April 28:** Friday: Athletes travel to Brentwood. See below for travel details and recommendations. Coaches / Coxswain meeting is at 12:00 noon. Racing commences at 2:00 pm.

**April 29:** Racing commences at 7:00 AM

**April 30:** Racing commences at 7:00 AM and finishes at approximately Noon.

### **When should my athlete travel?**

This depends on three factors:

1. Work schedule of driver
2. School schedule of athlete
3. Racing schedule for athlete

### **Travel Targets:**

All Coxswains (with or without Friday races) and athletes racing on Friday before 3PM should be on the 7 AM Ferry at the latest.

Athletes racing on Friday after 3PM should be on the 9 AM ferry or earlier.

Athletes not racing on Friday should be on the 11 AM ferry or earlier.

**BC Ferries:** The most common transportation to the regatta is the Tsawwassen - Swartz Bay ferry. Another option is the Tsawwassen -Duke Point (Nanaimo) ferry.

### **Crossing Times:**

- Tsawwassen - Swartz Bay: 95 minutes
- Tsawwassen -Duke Point (Nanaimo): 120 minutes.

### **Tsawwassen -Swartz Bay Departures:**

Friday, April 29 at: 7, 9, 11 AM

### **Swartz Bay – Tsawwassen Departures:**

Sunday, May 1 at 2,3,4,5,6 PM

Ferry reservations are recommended. [www.bcferrries.com](http://www.bcferrries.com). From the Seattle and Portland Area, there will be at least 900 rowers traveling to the regatta this weekend.

### **Travel time to Tsawwassen ferry terminal:**

Departing the ERA boathouse, we recommend allowing 3.5 hours before a RESERVED ferry departure time. This accounts for typical border wait times. Travel time (including the border wait) can vary between 2.5 hours and 3.5 hours.

### **Travel time on Vancouver Island:**

Typically, 50 - 75 minute drive from the Swartz Bay ferry terminal to campus. While they have made improvements to "Malahat Drive" over the past few years, there is a possibility of delay along the route due to construction, congestion or car collision.

Driving Directions from the Swartz Bay terminal to Brentwood College School can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/q4hgkbu>

### **3: Parent Lodging:**

**Wessex Inn at Cowichan Bay:** 1846 Cowichan Bay Rd, Duncan, BC V0R 1N1, Canada [+1 250-748-4214](tel:+12507484214)

There is a Parent Rate for these rooms at Wessex Inn. Please ask for the "Everett Rowing Parent Block". As of printing, this hotel may be full.

Please see [www.everettrowing.com/travel](http://www.everettrowing.com/travel) for some other options for parent hotels.

**Deer Lodge Motel:** Full. Not accepting new reservations.

There are multiple hotels in the greater area, but not many immediately around Brentwood College School. Some folks stay in Duncan (15 minutes) and other nearby communities.

### **5: Athlete Lodging:**

Athletes will stay on campus in the "squash courts." These costs are part of our spring season fees. The Parent Booster Club provides food for the entire weekend.

### **6: Helpful hints for Brentwood Regatta:**

1. It is truly a spectacle: Please consider attending the regatta. It is a lot of fun! It is one of the largest regattas on the West Coast. Our parent group helps support the athletes in many ways, including cooking over 800 meals throughout the course of the weekend.
2. Regatta link: <http://regatta.brentwood.bc.ca/>
3. Athletes should not bring valuable items to the regatta, for risk of loss or theft.
4. Athletes should have their name written in indelible ink in ALL of their gear.
5. Athletes will need to provide their own bedding. Camping mattresses, cots and sleeping bags are typical. As conditions are cramped, we ask that athletes do not bring oversized blow-up beds.
6. Athletes will abide by the Code of Conduct at all times. They will be briefed prior to departure. Consequences for violation can include being asked to leave the regatta under supervision of parents.
7. Weather: Athletes should be prepared to deal with all types of weather. Typical regatta conditions can include temperature swings from 30 to 70 degrees, sun, wind and rain.
8. Athletes will be dismissed once the Everett Trailer is completely loaded and the athlete lodging is completely cleaned out. This is typically between 2 and 3 PM on Sunday afternoon.
9. There will be a parent social on Saturday evening.