

## 2017 USRowing NW District Championships Information

**Venue:** Vancouver Lake Park, 6801 N.W. Lower River Road, Vancouver, WA 98660

**Fees:** Regatta fees and travel costs are included in Spring Registration Fees. Please see section on USRowing membership below.

### **Racing Times** (Anticipated)

- Friday, May 19 : 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM
- Saturday, May 20: 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM
- Sunday, May 21: 7:00 AM - Noon

### **Athlete Hotel:**

**Holiday Inn Express, Vancouver, WA**  
7205 NE 41st St, Vancouver, WA 98662  
Phone: [360 253 0500](tel:3602530500)

**Parent Hotels:** Parent hotel blocks have been reserved and are listed at <http://everettrrowing.com/travel>.

### **Travel Requirements:**

Athletes should be at the Holiday Inn Express, Vancouver by 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 18th.

### **Group Travel Arrangements on Thursday, May 18:**

There will be a bus (Journey Lines) departing the Everett Rowing Boathouse at 1:00 pm. This should allow athletes to get in at least 2/3 of a school day. Athletes should be at the boathouse at 12:45 pm for an on-time departure. The bus will transport the athletes to the course, where they will rig boats in preparation for Friday racing. The bus will then transport the athletes to the Holiday Inn Express. The cost of the bus is included in the athlete's fees for Spring rowing. **The bus is one-way.** Athletes taking the bus to the regatta are responsible for their own transportation home on Sunday. A signup form will be emailed in early May. There will be a limit of 48 seats on the bus.

### **Transportation between the Course to the Hotel:**

Parents transport athletes from the hotel to the race course daily and back.

### **Athletes traveling with their parents on Thursday:**

If you anticipate arrival in Vancouver at 6 PM, or before, please head directly to the course to rig equipment. If you anticipate arriving after 7:00 PM, please head directly to the hotel.

### **Volunteers Needed at the Regatta**

Each club is required to provide volunteers on Friday morning at the regatta based on the number of athletes they bring. We are asked to provide 3 volunteers on Friday morning between 7:00AM and Noon. Volunteers may be at the finish or start line, may be driving equipment or managing trophies.

Additionally, for each hour of Volunteer Service throughout the weekend, ERA earns a dividend. This will help defray the cost of our entry fees, which will crest \$5,000 at this event. We are assessed a \$7 / athlete "Volunteer Fee", which would be good to recoup.

Volunteering at a regatta is a great way to see a new aspect of the sport, as well as help put on a tremendous event. It is a great way to meet other parents, and get more involved with ERA. Training will be provided.

Please consider signing up, especially if you plan on being in Vancouver on Friday morning. Signups are administered by the LOC (Local Organizing Committee). A weblink will go out the week prior to the regatta.

**USRowing Membership:**

All athletes need to have a current USRowing "Championship" membership to compete at this regatta. This membership costs \$45, and is covered by ERA as part of your seasonal fees. You will need to have a current USRowing Electronic Waiver signed.  
<http://www.usrowing.org/sign-a-waiver/>

**Racing Schedule:** Will be announced between May 9th and 13th. The LOC will process all the entries and then release the schedule. We will send out lineups and the schedule, which of course, will be subject to change.

**Regatta Notes:** Athletes are limited to 2 events at this regatta. This is in order to keep the size of the event manageable. The regatta has grown over the past 10 years; the limit allows us to complete the regatta in normal as well as inclement conditions.

**Championship Ramifications**

This regatta will be the final regatta of the spring season for most athletes. Varsity Boats, (Varsity 8, 4, 2-, 2x, Lightweight 8) that place in the Top 3 Crews of the NW District are invited to the National Championships. The USRowing Youth National Championships will be held in Sarasota, FL this year from June 9-11, 2017.

Club policy is that the "Boat" is qualified to attend the regatta. The Rules of Rowing state that up to 50% of the athletes in the qualifying boat may be switched prior to competition at the Championship Regatta. Athletes may be changed for a variety of reasons, including injury, illness, behavior or in the event that another athlete makes the boat go faster. If the team qualifies multiple boats with the same athletes, the coaching staff will decide which boat will represent Everett Rowing at the Championships.

**Course notes:**

**Viewing:** Most of the course is visible from the finish line. There is an avid cheering section along the last 250 meters of the race, making it fun for athletes and spectators.

**Allergies:** This course is high in irritating allergens. If parents or athletes suffer from Hay Fever, please be prepared with antidotes.

**Domestic Animals** are not permitted in the Park, per Clark County Municipal code.