



Information For Visiting Teams

Location

The Glastonbury Boathouse entrance is located at 252 Welles St, Glastonbury, CT 06033

The Glastonbury Boathouse

The Glastonbury Boathouse has been the beautiful home of Glastonbury Crew since its construction in 2015. During races, the boathouse is still open to the public as it is a park offering playgrounds, soccer fields and a public boat launch. Please be mindful of this and respect the town's requests of visiting teams. Food tents are allowed on the grass between the pavilion and the boathouse only. Additionally, one row of parking and the public boat launch must remain open and accessible to the public.

Spectating

On race day, rowing families have full access to the boathouse park to watch the event. We are fortunate to have concrete grandstands that provide a straight on view of the 2000m course and a great view of the finish line. Spectators must leave space for shells to come to and from the dock without hindering their traffic. The driveway on the south side of the building is also off-limit to spectators as this area is a main traffic point. The town has worked at improving the view from the wooden walkway to improve the visibility of the river which also provides a great location to watch racing.

Spectator Parking

Unfortunately, we do not have any parking near the boathouse for this race. Spectators will be directed to park at Glastonbury High School at 330 Hubbard St, Glastonbury, CT. There will be a shuttle bus provided to bring people back and forth to the high school. If food or athletes need to be dropped off, that can be done at the boathouse and then the car should be parked at the high school. Buses for athletes should drop off at the boathouse and then can park at the baseball field parking lot at 300 Welles St, Glastonbury, CT.

Rower Drop-Off

If rowers are being dropped off at the boathouse, please do not pull into the driveway. Athletes can be dropped off at the end of the driveway to the boathouse and will walk into the park. Athletes can also be dropped off at the soccer/baseball fields in the parking lot just north of the boathouse and can access the boathouse from there.

Trailer Unloading & Loading

Trailers should be parked on a diagonal following the parking lines as best as possible. We have room for 4-5 trailers, so please leave space for other teams. Additionally, the parking lane farthest from the boathouse must remain open and unobstructed for use by the general public. If necessary, one trailer can be parked on the other side of the boathouse to allow for more room.

Launching and Returning

All crews should launch with their bows pointed north. Your crews will have to bunch in the bow and stern of the boat (4 in each) to walk the boat sideways down the dock ramps. Please be careful as the ramps can become slick with dew in the morning and with water from returning shells. When launching, crews will be directed whether to walk their boat down the ramp or to launch straight in front of the ramps. When returning, crews should move all the way to bow when instructed to do so by the dock masters.

Restrooms

There are 2 public restrooms on the east side of the boathouse by the flag poles. There are also 2 port-a-potties by the bay doors on the south side of the boathouse.

Race Course

Our race course at the Head of the Horseman is approximately 2000m and is downstream with the current. Crews will launch from the boathouse and continue upriver on the right hand side of the river. There is one bridge they will pass through. When traveling upriver to the starting line, crews will pass through the second to right hand arch way. No crews should travel between the shore and a bridge pillar. We ask crews to avoid stopping as much as possible. The starting line is just south of the Putnam/Route 3 bridge. Crews should continue rowing through the bridge approximately 250m where a marshall will collect them. Crews are welcome to follow a counter-clockwise warmup pattern while maintaining sight of the marshalls and still being able to hear them. Once all crews in a race are present, the marshalls will align crews in starting order. They will then be directed to row back through the bridge and should pick up to full race speed to cross the starting line. After crews finish, please continue rowing at a reduced speed through the finish line and down and around the

final orange buoy on the course. Crews should then spin and head back to the dock, staying well clear of the bulkhead and shore. The dockmasters will call crews in one by one to ensure that launching crews and crews that are hot seating get priority.