



# 44th Textile River Regatta

Sunday, October 1, 2023  
on the Merrimack River, Lowell, MA

A USRowing Registered Regatta brought to you by the  
The Textile River Regatta Committee and the  
Merrimack River Rowing Association  
With the support of Lowell High School Crew  
At the Bellegarde Boathouse in Lowell, Massachusetts

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Timing & Results	hereNOW www.herenow.com

With grateful thanks to the Lowell PD, Lowell FD, City of Lowell, LHS staff, the USRowing referees, DCR, Trinity EMS, our vendors, and the 125 regatta volunteers who help make this day a success.

Everything in this Event Program is also online at our website at [www.textilerverregatta.org](http://www.textilerverregatta.org). If you must print this document, consider printing only the pages you might need when you're off the grid.

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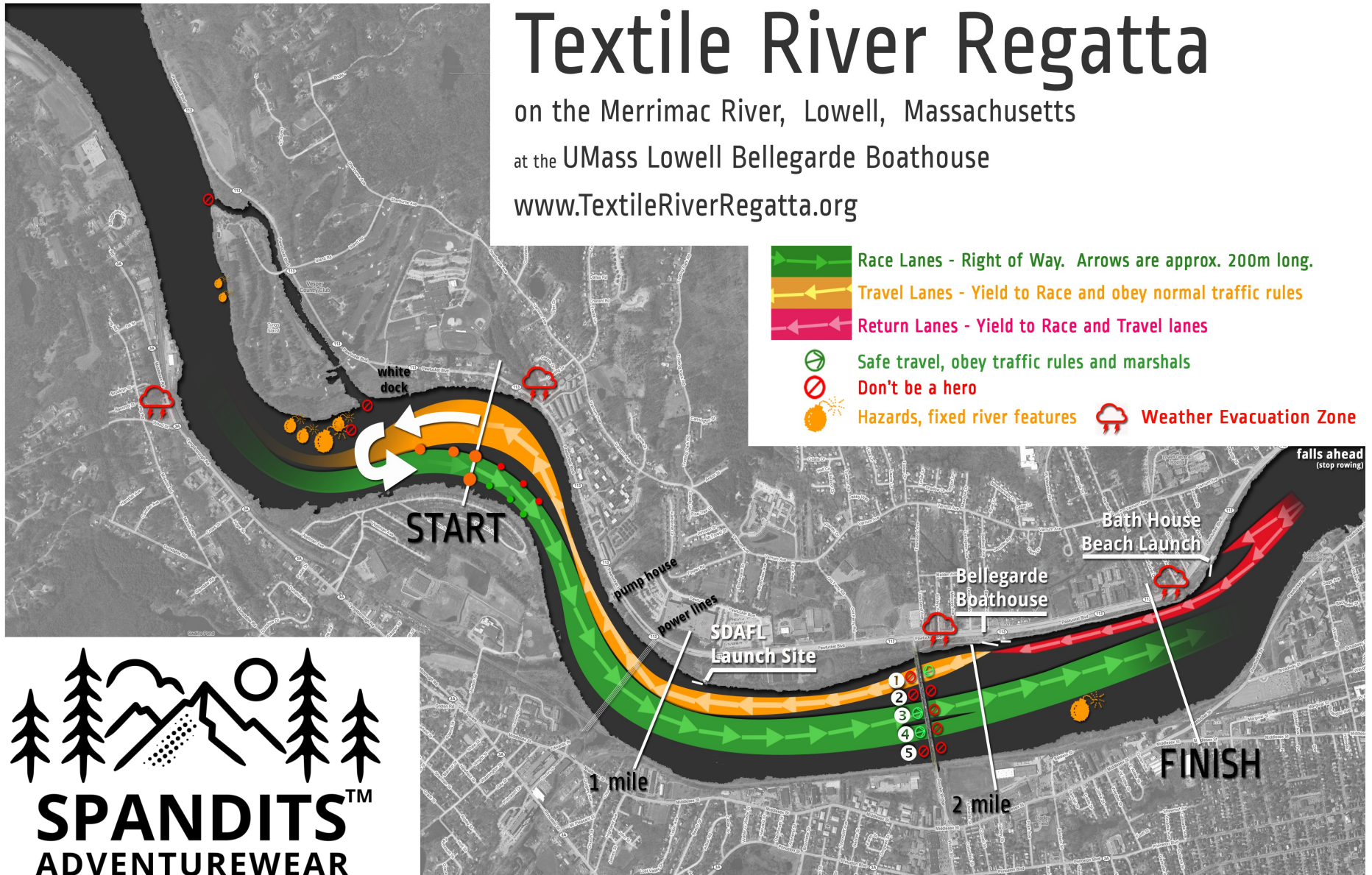
# Textile River Regatta Course Map

## Textile River Regatta

on the Merrimac River, Lowell, Massachusetts

at the UMass Lowell Bellegarde Boathouse

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# Textile River Regatta Event Schedule

EID	First Call	Final Call	START	Event	#Entries	Bows
01	06:30	07:00	08:00	Mens Rec 1x (HS OK)	4	1-4
02			08:00	Womens Rec 1x (HS OK)	1	8
03			08:04	Mens Masters 1x	3	12-14
04			08:04	Mens Senior Masters 1x	0	
05			08:04	Mens Grand Masters 1x	3	18-20
06			08:04	Mens Veterans Masters 1x	9	24-32
07	07:00	07:30	08:16	Mens Collegiate Novice 4+	2	36-37
08			08:16	Womens Collegiate Novice 4+	1	41
09			08:22	Womens Masters 1x	2	45-46
10			08:22	Womens Senior Masters 1x	0	
11			08:22	Womens Grand Masters 1x	5	50-54
12			08:22	Womens Veterans Masters 1x	7	58-64
13			08:22	Womens Jr 1x	7	68-73
14			08:22	Womens Jr 1x U17	6	77-82
15	07:30	08:00	08:56	Mens Jr 4+ "B"	21	86-106
16			08:56	Womens Jr 4+ "B"	23	110-132
17	08:00	08:30	09:16	Mens Jr 4x	8	136-143
18			09:16	Mens Jr 4x+	9	147-155
19			09:36	Mens Masters 8+	5	159-163
20			09:36	Womens Masters 8+	9	167-175
21			09:44	Womens Jr 4x+	8	179-186
22	08:30	09:00	09:56	Mens Jr Novice 4+	14	190-203
23			09:56	Womens Jr Novice 4+	13	207-219
24	09:00	09:30	10:22	Mens Open 4+	5	223-227
25			10:28	Womens Masters 4x	7	231-237
26			10:34	Womens Jr 4x	6	241-246
27			10:42	Womens Open 2x	2	250-251
28			10:42	Womens Jr 2x	14	255-268
29			10:42	Womens Jr 2x U17	5	272-276
30			10:42	Womens Jr Ltwt 2x	4	280-283
31			10:42	Womens Jr Novice 2x	8	287-294

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32	09:30	10:00	11:06	Mens Jr 4+ "A"	24	298-321
33			11:14	Mens Jr 1x	5	325-329
34			11:14	Mens Jr Ltwt 1x	3	333-335
35			11:14	Womens Jr Ltwt 1x	1	339-341
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36	10:30	11:00	12:14	Womens Jr 4+ "A"	23	345-368
37	11:00	11:30	12:28	Mens Jr 2x	6	372-377
38			12:28	Mens Jr 2x U17	7	381-387
39			12:28	Mens Jr Novice 2x	6	391-396
40			12:38	The Paul Wenger Mens Masters 4x	4	400-403
41			12:42	Mixed Masters 8+	2	407-408
42	11:30	12:00	12:46	Mens Masters 4+	6	412-417
43			12:54	Womens Open 4+	8	421-428
44			12:54	Womens Masters 4+	4	432-435
45			13:02	Mens Jr Ltwt 4+	7	439-445
46			13:08	Mixed Masters 2x	1	449
47			13:12	Mens Jr 1x U17	8	453-460
48			13:12	Womens Open 1x	4	464-467
49			13:12	Womens Open Ltwt 1x	1	471
50			13:12	Mens Open Ltwt 1x	0	
51			13:12	Mens Open 1x	0	
52	12:00	12:30	13:36	Mens Jr 8+ "B"	21	475-495
53			13:36	Mens Jr Novice 8+	15	499-513
54	12:30	13:00	13:56	Womens Jr 8+ "B"	14	517-530
55			13:56	Womens Jr Novice 8+	12	534-545
56			14:14	Mixed Masters 4x	4	549-552
57	13:00	13:30	14:20	Womens Masters 2x	11	556-566
58			14:26	Womens Jr Ltwt 4+	5	570-574
59	13:30	14:00	14:46	Mens Jr 8+ "A"	19	578-596
60			14:56	Mens Open 2x	3	600-602
61			14:56	Mens Masters 2x	4	606-609
62			15:10	Womens Jr 8+ "A"	13	613-625
63	14:00	14:30	15:24	The Jim Polcari Mens Open 8+	5	629-633
64			15:24	Womens Open 8+	4	637-640
65			15:30	KCL Mixed Open 4+	3	644-646

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## Regatta Links

[Directions](#) — Directions to the Regatta

[Maps](#)— Course Map, Detail of Start Area with novice notes, Launch Locations, Venue Map and Traffic Patterns.

[Parking](#) — On Sunday, you can park for free, or \$20 in the main lot across the street from the boathouse. Parking on Saturday is free along the boulevard unless marked otherwise by the City or private lots.

[Trailers](#)—A special section just for Trailers.

[Event Schedule](#)—Note for friends and family: You really cannot get to the start line of the course. Your best viewing experience is the stretch between the boathouse and the finish line, and the boat you are cheering for is likely to appear there anywhere from 12 to 25 minutes after the Start Time shown in the schedule.

[Rules and Classifications](#) — Just like it says.

[Team Tents](#) — Where is your team's tent location? There are four main areas labeled A, B, C and D. Click on the link to find your team's name in one of those sections. If your team isn't shown then you didn't reserve a space and your team might be anywhere along the 1km venue so you'll need to ask around.

[Results](#) — Results are posted on the website almost as soon as they are made official.



## About the TRR

The Merrimac River (historical spelling) has floated boats since the Pawtucket Indians paddled canoes and made their summer camps along these banks before the Pilgrims landed. The rocks just below the Textile River Regatta starting line are part of a dam used by the Pawtucket Indians for fishing. During the 1800 and 1900's the river was alive with dories and was an important route for moving goods to and from Newburyport and also directly to and from Boston via a canal network that made its way south through a course now overgrown with residential areas. The Merrimac and its system of locks and canals also fueled the industrial revolution in these parts, transforming the Merrimac River region into the country's center of textile production in the early to mid 1800's.

Scull and sweep oared rowers have raced on the Merrimac River since the 1960's. Following the revival of the University of Lowell rowing program in 1978, the first Textile River Regatta was held on the Merrimac River in 1980 with crews entered from Boston University, Assumption College, the Pawtucket Rowing Association (which became the MRRA) and others, headquartered at the boathouse which was then downstream of the finish line.

The first race was seen as an opportunity for local rowers to race close to home and showcase the river as a great place to row in harmony with natural wonders so abundant along the river; it also included free hotdogs for the rowers. While the old boathouse is now a bathhouse and the launching area now a beach, and while the free hotdog policy may have given way to concessions which benefit non-profit causes, the river remains one of the greatest places to row and watch a race.

Conservation efforts brought the river up to Class B swimming river status years ago and with this we have seen an increase in the numbers of egrets, great herons, and other birds and wildlife along the banks, with even an occasional early morning sculler accompanied by a deer, beavers or moose swimming off the port bow.

We thank you for attending the Textile River Regatta.

The Textile River Regatta Committee

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