



TEXTILE RIVER REGATTA 2021

**Merrimack River
Lowell, MA
October 3rd, 2021**

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

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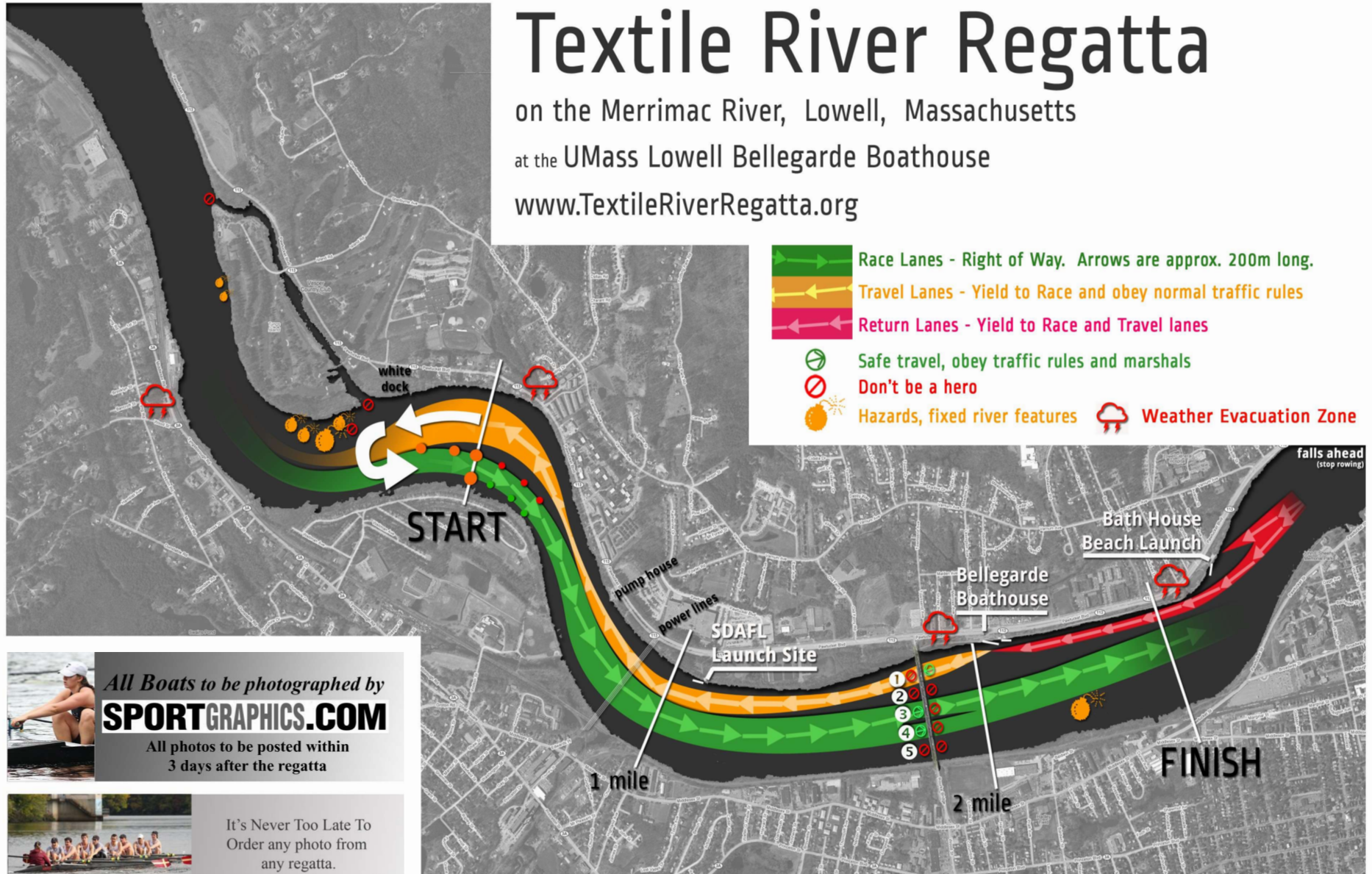
Textile River Regatta Course Map

Textile River Regatta

on the Merrimac River, Lowell, Massachusetts

at the UMass Lowell Bellegarde Boathouse

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Textile River Regatta Event Schedule

Event	First Call	Last Call	START	Event Description	Entries	Bow Nrs		Event	First Call	Last Call	START	Event Description	Entries	Bow Nrs
1	06:45	07:00	08:00	Mens Rec 1x (HS OK)	0			27	09:00	09:15	10:22	Mens Jr 4+ "A"	18	238-254
2			08:00	Womens Rec 1x (HS OK)	0			28			10:29	Mens Jr Ltwt 1x	2	
3			08:00	Mens Masters 1x	1	1		29	09:15	09:30	10:36	Mens Jr 2x	11	261-271
4			08:00	Mens Senior Masters 1x	1	5		30	09:30	09:45	10:50	The Paul Wenger Mens Masters 4x	5	275-279
5			08:01	Mens Grand Masters 1x	12	9-20		31			10:58	Mixed Masters 8+	2	283-284
6			08:06	Mens Veterans Masters 1x	20	24-43		32	09:45	10:00	11:06	Mens Masters 4+	5	288-292
7	07:00	07:15	08:18	Mens Collegiate Novice 4+	5	47-51		33			11:10	Womens Masters 4+	9	296-304
8			08:22	Womens Collegiate Novice 4+	3	55-57		34	10:00	10:15	11:15	Mens Jr Ltwt 4+	6	308-313
9			08:27	Womens Masters 1x	0			35			11:19	Mixed Masters 2x	2	317-318
10			08:27	Womens Senior Masters 1x	3	61-63		36			11:22	Mens Jr 1x	8	322-331
11			08:27	Womens Grand Masters 1x	12	67-78		37			11:23	Womens Jr Ltwt 1x	2	335-336
12			08:28	Womens Veterans Masters 1x	0			38	10:15	10:30	11:33	Mens Jr 8+ "B"	18	340-357
13	07:15	07:30	08:31	Womens Jr 1x	9	82-90		39			11:44	Womens Jr 8+ "B"	14	361-374
14	07:30	07:45	08:52	Mens Jr 4x	5	94-99		40	10:30	10:45	11:50	Mixed Masters 4x	0	
15	07:45	08:00	09:03	Mens Jr 4+ "B"	16	103-118		41			11:50	Womens Masters 2x	12	378-389
16			09:09	Womens Jr 4+ "B"	20	122-141		42	10:45	11:00	12:03	Womens Jr Ltwt 4+	5	393-397
17	08:00	08:15	09:20	Mens Masters 8+	2	145-146		43	11:00	11:15	12:17	Mens Jr 8+ "A"	18	401-418
18			09:23	Womens Masters 8+	4	150-153		44			12:27	Mens Open 2x	7	422-428
19			09:23	Womens Masters 4x	0			45	11:15	11:30	12:31	Mens Masters 2x	6	432-437
20			09:28	Womens Jr 4x	10	157-166		46			12:35	Mens Open 1x	4	441-444
21	08:15	08:30	09:34	Womens Open 2x	3	170-172		47			12:36	Mens Open Ltwt 1x	0	
22			09:34	Womens Jr 2x	10	176-183		48			12:44	Womens Jr 8+ "A"	15	448-462
23			09:35	Womens Jr Ltwt 2x	3	187-190		49	11:30	11:45	12:50	Womens Open 1x	2	466-467
BREAK (20')								50			12:50	Womens Open Ltwt 1x	0	
24	08:30	08:45	09:55	Mens Open 4+	7	194-200		51	11:45	12:00	13:10	The Jim Polcari Mens Open 8+	4	471-474
25	08:45	09:00	10:02	Womens Open 4+	10	204-213		52	12:00	12:15	13:15	Womens Open 8+	3	478-480
26			10:09	Womens Jr 4+ "A"	18	217-234								

regatta rules

RULES: The rules for the Textile River Regatta are shown here as a convenience. TRR reserves the right to modify the rules to align with other governing bodies, in which case the rule changes are posted to the TRR website within 24 hours of the event.

COURSE: The Textile River Regatta is rowed over a 5800m course beginning at Tyng Island and finishing along the Heritage State Park walkway, south of the Bellegarde boathouse. The course is clearly marked along its length with buoys. While racing, RED buoys are on PORT and GREEN buoys are on STARBOARD. In the travel lane, give wide berth to RED course buoys on port and stay close to land.

LAUNCH SITE: Boats are to launch from the docks at the Bellegarde Boathouse AND the City of Lowell Beach located next to the Pavilion (downstream from the boathouse about a mile). Launching boats have priority over returning boats at the dock. All boats should launch no later than 60 minutes prior to the start of their event. A Dockmaster will be present to expedite boat traffic. ALWAYS launch and dock with the bow pointed upstream. NEW in 2009: Travel upriver on the NORTH side of the course (the boathouse side). Stay clear of the Race Lanes marked with RED buoys on your port.

BUOYS: The course is marked with RED buoys on PORT and GREEN buoys on starboard. ORANGE buoys mark hazards. Do not try to put your oars over an ORANGE buoy as it might have drifted and you could hit the hazard it is marking. Do not attempt to go between an orange buoy and the shore, even on your way up to the starting line!

START: Each entrant is responsible for arriving at the marshalling area ten minutes prior to the start of their event. Boats will be started in order by bow number at approximately ten second intervals. Late-arriving boats may lose their starting position or be excluded from the race at the discretion of the Starter. Boats must pass through the starting buoys to be officially recognized. To do your warm-ups, move past the orange buoys marking the marshalling area at the Start. Make sure you do not continue upstream out of earshot of the marshals.

FINISH: Participants not passing between the two finishing buoys with bow marker intact are subject to exclusion from the race. Once beyond the finish line, boats MUST clear the Finish line and row clear of all the orange buoys following the finish line before turning. This is so you do not block the other crews as they cross the line. Impeding boats that are still racing constitutes a major (30 second) violation. Warning: There is a set of falls approximately 1500 meters past the Finish line. You should avoid rowing over the falls if at all possible. **WE CANNOT EMPHASIZE THIS ENOUGH: CONTINUE ROWING THROUGH THE FINISH TO INSURE THAT YOU CLEAR THE FINISH AREA PROMPTLY.**

Crews late to the start may start at the discretion of the referees at the start line. If a late crew is allowed to start, a time will be recorded, however the publication of this time within the results of the original event and/or the boat's standing in the event are not guaranteed.

To return to the docks, turn to port and return to the docks in the return lane along the wall. Dock carefully with safety in mind and LISTEN for the Dockmaster's instructions.

REGISTRATION and CHECK-IN: By the time you read this, it's too late to register for the regatta. CHECK-IN IS REQUIRED AT THE REGATTA. Competitors must check-in on Saturday from 4pm to 6pm or Sunday from 6am to 1pm at the Bellegarde Boathouse. Your bow number and bib will be given to you then, along with an event program and any important race-day information. If you do not check-in during these designated times, you may not be allowed to race — Late check-in; proceed to the medal desk. Any rare exceptions are at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee, confirmed by the USRA Chief Referee. When arriving for check-in, bring your Regatta Central invoice to speed the check-in process, and if you are registered for any lightweight events, bring your crew for weigh-in.

EQUIPMENT: Bowmarkers and bibs must be picked up at the Registration desk (one per boat per race). All boats launching must have their bow markers secured. Bowmarkers will be collected at the launch site. BOWCLIPS: All boats must have a bow clip to which a bowmarker can be secured. We won't have spare bow clips at the regatta, so make sure your boat is equipped. BOW BALL: All shells MUST be equipped with a bowball. HEEL STRAPS: All boats MUST have heel straps securely in place at launch time per USRA rules. This is a cool-weather regatta and heel strap compliance is a very popular item with the referees. BIBS SHOULD BE PINNED TO BOW SEAT ROWER.

PENALTIES & PROTESTS:

1. Any boat being overtaken must grant the right-of-way to the upcoming boat. An overtaken boat should begin to yield NO LATER THAN the point at which the overtaking crew is within one boat length of their stern.
2. Boats must proceed downstream within the restraints of course buoys.
3. Boats not observing course rules and/or impeding other crews shall be penalized at the discretion of Regatta officials. Minor Violations: 10 second penalty (e.g., cutting a buoy) Major Violations: 30 second penalty (e.g., not granting right of way)
4. Protests must be reported to the Dockmaster immediately upon docking and then submitted in writing to a USRA official at the Textile River Regatta headquarters containing a concise statement describing the facts that underlie the protest (including a visual description of the incident in question, bow numbers of protesting and protested crews, and names of witnesses, if any) and the relief that the crew seeks. The protest will include the individual signature of a protesting crew member (usually the cox on a sweep boat) and will be accompanied by a check for \$25 made out to the Textile River Regatta or \$25 in cash. The written protest will be submitted to a USRA official at the regatta not more than thirty minutes after finishing that event.

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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