

# Derby Sweeps & Sculls Fact Sheet

**Saturday, June 7, 2008**

**BACKGROUND:** We are pleased to announce the 18th annual Derby Sweeps and Sculls regatta, which will take place on the scenic Housatonic River on the 1,000 meter course near where the Yale University crews practice and race. The race venue is Indian Well State Park in Shelton, CT (also home of the Head of the Housatonic Regatta). The Park entrance is on Route 110 about 2 miles north of Shelton. See our website: [www.newhavenrowingclub.org](http://www.newhavenrowingclub.org) for complete directions and hotel information. There is generous room for crews, ample parking, restrooms and short walks to the water.

**NUTMEG STATE GAMES:** Due to the cancellation of the Nutmeg State Games this year, we have added a number of Junior events for singles, doubles, fours, quads and eights.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Derby Sweeps & Sculls is a USRowing Registered Regatta. All participating organizations/schools/clubs should be members of the USRowing (single scullers need not be individual members of USRowing). If your organization is not a member of USRowing, please contact: Helen Dalis, USRowing Events Director, 2 Wall Street, Princeton NJ 08540 1-800-314-4769.

**COURSE:** The course will be 1000 meters long and straight, running upstream (north) and finishing at the southern end of Indian Well Park. There will be a line of buoys at each the side of the course and another line of buoys between lanes 2 and 3. Lane 1 is nearest the Shelton (Park-side) shore. If we need lane 5, it will be outside the outermost line of buoys. We will be using floating starts instead of stake boats.

**VENUE:** All contestants will launch from the Indian Well State Park off route 110 in Shelton, CT. Crews will wade their boats into the water from the park's large, sandy beach. The water will be warm at this time of year. Sanitary facilities, but no showers, are available at the park. Concessions, including food and T-shirts, will be operated by volunteer groups and/or vendors. Camping, alcohol and dogs are not allowed in the park. Trailers may be parked at the park overnight, but security is not provided.

**PARKING:** Parking at Indian Well Park was near capacity last year. In order to accommodate as many participants as possible, please carpool as much as possible. Boat trailer tow trucks may need to be detached and parked separately from the trailers, within the Park. **The State of CT will be charging parking fees again this year: \$7 for CT cars and \$10 for out-of-state cars. Trailers and buses will be free and they sometimes do not charge for cars with boats on top (at the discretion of the parking attendant). The park opens at 6am but the parking fee collection does not begin until later, so come early! There is a limited amount of free parking about a quarter mile south of the main area and we will post signs indicating its location.** Parking for trailers and cars with boats on top will be marked, with a separate area for non-boat moving vehicles.

**EVENTS:** See Schedule for applicable events. Novice rowers are in their first year of competition. Master rowers will be 27 years old or older by 12/31/08. The AA Masters category (22-26) may row only in an A category boat and only if the boat averages at least 27. Masters events will be handicapped, if necessary. Mixed events will not be handicapped unless designated as masters, although we will attempt to group non-masters entries with similar ages together when possible. All races are 1000m and run in final-only format. If there are more than 5 entries for an event, the event will be divided into multiple heats with 1st place medals for each heat. Ages for masters are based on the FISA system (age as of year-end), handicapped if necessary (USRowing handicaps).

**ENTRIES:** We will use **Regatta Central** ([www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com)) for entries. The deadline will be midnight Sunday, June 1st. **We will not be accepting paper entries.** If your waiver is on file with USRowing, you will not have to fill out another waiver. Late entries will be accepted **only** if they do not cause another heat. Late entries must be submitted at least 90 minutes before the applicable event along with a payment of a late fee of \$20. If you have questions, please contact Audrey Novak at 203-287-9134 (evenings) or via e-mail at: [nhrc\\_regattas@att.net](mailto:nhrc_regattas@att.net)

**ENTRY FEES:** Singles: \$30, Pairs/Doubles: \$40, Fours/Quads: \$60, Eights: \$80

**REGISTRATION:** Registration is the same day as the regatta and will be located at the state park. Registration opens at 7:00 am. ALL CREWS must be registered no later than 1 hour prior to the start of their race in order to participate. **There will be a Coaches and Coxswains meeting at 7am near the registration tent.**

**CHANGES:** Any changes in boatings or average ages (for masters events) must be submitted to Registration at least 90 minutes prior to the start of the applicable event. Any changes will be posted 60 minutes before the start of the event.

**COXSWAINS:** There is no weigh-in requirement for coxswains.

**SAFETY:** Each boat shall have a firmly affixed bow ball. Each set of foot gear shall have heel tie-downs that do not permit the heel to rise more than three inches to enable a quick exit in the case of a boat capsizing. In fours with lie-down coxswain enclosures, the width of the enclosure shall be sufficient to allow easy exit by the coxswain. All boats, even if they row in multiple races, will be checked prior to each race.