



**Thursday, November 5, 2009**

**To: Varsity Coaches and Administrators of Heavyweight Men's and Lightweight Men's and Women's Intercollegiate Rowing Programs, and Coaches and Administrators from participating colleges and universities at recent Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Championships**

**From: Clayton Chapman, IRA Regatta Director  
Gary Caldwell, ECAC Director of Rowing**

**Re: Initial Notice, 2010 Intercollegiate Rowing Championships**

1. Institutions of teams seeking to participate in the IRA Regatta, beginning in 2009, must first be granted affiliate membership in the IRA on an annual basis (See details under Section I-A and Section IV-A that follows).
2. Teams that are seeking to participate in the IRA Championships, beginning in 2009, must first have been accorded varsity status at their institution (See details under Section I-B that follows).

To that end please find information regarding the 2010 Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championships:

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Please be advised that the regatta site in Camden will not be open for IRA trailers until after 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, and the course will not be open for practice until 2:30 PM that afternoon.

## **I. Eligibility of Colleges and Universities and their respective teams to be members of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA):**

A. A four-year college or university accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency, and that is located in the United States, its territories or possessions, is eligible to become an affiliate member of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) if it sponsors at least one IRA eligible team as described in Section B below.

B. Heavyweight Men's and Lightweight Men's and Lightweight Women's teams seeking participation in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Championships must meet the following conditions to be recognized as eligible teams:

- (1) The team officially shall have been accorded varsity status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics;
- (2) The team(s) is(are) administered by the department of intercollegiate athletics;
- (3) The eligibility of student-athletes participating on the team(s) shall be reviewed and certified by a staff member designated by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy;
- (4) Staff member(s) responsible for the certification shall be the same staff member(s) that are responsible for certifying eligibility for the institution's other intercollegiate varsity programs.

## **II. 2010 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta Championships Events and Awards**

1. IRA Men's National Championship Varsity Heavyweight Eight (Varsity Challenge Cup)
2. IRA Men's National Championship Lightweight Eight (The 1922 Cup)
3. IRA Women's National Championship Lightweight Eight (The Camden County Cup)
4. IRA Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Eight (Kennedy Challenge Cup)
5. IRA Men's Freshman Eight (The Stewards Cup)
6. IRA Men's Open Four (IRA Open Fours Trophy)
7. IRA Men's Varsity Four (Eric W. Will Trophy)
8. IRA Women's Lightweight Four (Exhibition Event)
9. IRA National Champion Team Trophy (Jim Ten Eyck Memorial Trophy)
10. IRA most improved team trophy (Clayton Chapman Award)

In addition, the ECAC will administer the 2010 Alumni/Masters' Exhibition Eights Race (Francis Shields Bowl)

## **III. 2010 IRA Championships Dates, Hosts, and Site**

The 108<sup>th</sup> Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships Regatta will be held on the Cooper River, Camden County, New Jersey Thursday, June 3, Friday, June 4, and Saturday, June 5, 2010. The Championships will be co-hosted by the ECAC, Cooper River Rowing Association, and the Camden County Parks Department

#### **IV: 2010 IRA Dues, Benefits and Entry Fees, notice of Annual Coaches meeting**

A. IRA affiliate membership dues are \$500.00 for the year concluding with the 2010 IRA Championships. Dues may be paid through the [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com) website. (Please note that schools with multiple eligible programs (Men's Heavyweight, and/or Men's or Women's Lightweights only need to register as an affiliate **once**). The affiliate window will open on November 6, 2009 and payment is due no later than December 8, 2009.

B. Payment of Dues **guarantees** each IRA Eligible College or University one entry (at no additional fee) in the 2010 IRA Men's Varsity Four (Eric W. Will Trophy) and/or Women's Lightweight Four event.

C. Payment of Dues **also** guarantees each member college or university the opportunity to qualify crews for events numbered 1-6 above in section II.

D. In addition to affiliate membership dues as enumerated (in section IV.A) above, colleges or universities qualifying crews for the 2010 national championships events (Events 1-3 above) will be assessed a single institutional entry fee of \$1,500.00. There will be no charge for additional qualifying crews in events numbered 4 - 8.

E. The entry fees for the Alumni/Masters' Eight (Francis Shields Bowl) will be assessed by the ECAC directly to the participating masters' crews.

#### **V. 2010 IRA Selection Criteria for Participating Crews (Events 1-7)**

##### **IRA Men's National Championship Varsity Heavyweight Eight, Event #1 (Limited to 18 Entries)**

- If the number of entries in the IRA Men's National Championship Varsity Heavyweight Eight is less than or equal to 18, allocated entries will be awarded and at large entries may be awarded up to a limit of 18 total.
- If there are more than 18 entries, allocation of entries will be made according to the following:

<u>Regional Qualifying Regatta</u>	<u>Qualifying Entry Allocations</u>
EARC Sprints Championships	First nine finishers
PAC 10 Championships	First three finishers
WIRA Championships	First two finishers
SIRA Regatta	First place finisher
Dad Vails Regatta	First place finisher
ECAC National Invitational Championships	First place finisher
At-Large <sup>†</sup>	Remaining available allocations

- <sup>†</sup> Any entry participating in a qualifying regatta but not qualifying at that regatta, will be considered an At-Large entry. Any unused regional allocations will revert to the At-Large pool.
- <sup>†</sup> If a crew qualifies at more than one regatta, the second of those qualifying spots will become an at-large bid determined by the Selection Committee.

## **V. (continued) 2010 IRA Selection Criteria for Participating Crews (Events 1-7)**

### **IRA Men's Heavyweight 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Eight, Event #4 (Limited to 18 Entries)**

### **IRA Men's Heavyweight Freshman Eight, Event #5 (Limited to 18 Entries):**

- Acceptance of a Men's Heavyweight 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Eight entry and/or a Men's Heavyweight Freshman Eight entry is contingent upon acceptance of that school's Men's Heavyweight Varsity Eight

### **IRA Open Fours, Event #6:**

1. Teams qualifying a varsity and a freshman eight will be permitted to enter the Open Fours race. At least one rower in this event must be a member of the freshman squad and at least one rower must be an upperclassmen. The coxswain may be a member of either the varsity or freshman squad.
2. The event is limited to a maximum of 18 crews.

### **IRA Men's National Championship Lightweight Eight, Event #2:**

The Lightweight Men's Selection Committee will select a maximum of 12 Varsity Crews using the following criteria:

1. Maximum of seven (7) varsity lightweight crews from the EARC Regatta.
2. Top two (2) varsity lightweight crews from the Dad Vail Regatta.
3. Top (1) varsity lightweight crew from the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships.
4. Two (2) non-EARC at-large bids.
5. Unaccepted bids will not be re-allocated to additional crews.

### **IRA Women's National Championship Lightweight Eight, Event #3:**

The Lightweight Women's Selection Committee will select a maximum of 12 Varsity Eights using the following criteria:

1. Top three (3) varsity lightweight crews from the EAWRC Regatta.
2. Top two (2) varsity lightweight crews from the Dad Vail Regatta.
3. Winning lightweight crews from the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships, SIRA Championships, and the WIRA Championships. (Total of three (3)).
4. Four (4) at-large bids.
5. Unaccepted bids will not be re-allocated to additional crews.

### **IRA Varsity Four with Coxswain, Event #7, IRA Women's Lightweight Four, Event #8:**

1. This event is open to any IRA affiliate college or university.
2. There is a limit of one entry per eligible IRA affiliate college or university.

## **VI. 2010 IRA Selection Committees:**

### **A. Heavyweight Men's Selection Committee:**

- 5 coaches to be selected by the varsity heavyweight coaches of IRA affiliate schools at the October coaches meeting.
  - 2 EARC (Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges) coaches
  - 1 Pac-10 (Pacific Ten Conference) coach
  - 2 at large Coaches at least one of whom is not affiliated with the EARC or Pacific Ten Conference
- 2 administrators
  - 1 administrator from an IRA affiliate school with an eligible Heavyweight Men's Team, selected by the ECAC
  - The IRA Regatta Director or his/her designee who will serve as a non voting member of the committee

### **B. Lightweight Men's Selection Committee:**

- 4 coaches to be selected by the varsity lightweight men's coaches of IRA affiliate schools at the October coaches meeting.
  - 2 EARC (Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges) coaches
  - 2 at large coaches, at least one of whom is not affiliated with the EARC
- 2 administrators
  - 1 administrator from an IRA affiliate school with an eligible Lightweight Men's Team, selected by the ECAC
  - The IRA Regatta Director or his/her designee who will serve as a non voting member of the committee

### **C. Lightweight Women's Selection Committee:**

- 4 coaches to be selected by the varsity lightweight women's coaches of IRA affiliate schools at the October coaches meeting
  - 2 EARC (Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges) coaches
  - 1 Pac-10 (Pacific Ten Conference) coach
  - 1 at large coach not affiliated with the Pac 10 or the EARC
- 2 administrators
  - 1 administrator from an IRA affiliate school with an eligible Lightweight Women's Team, selected by the ECAC.
  - The IRA Regatta Director or his/her designee who will serve as a non voting member of the committee

## VII. Ten Eyck Team Points Allocation for IRA Championships in 2010

Cumulative points earned by the heavyweight varsity, second varsity and freshman eights count toward the Ten Eyck Trophy team championship according to the following allocation:

Event/Place:	Men's Heavyweight Varsity Eight	Men's Heavyweight 2 <sup>nd</sup> Varsity Eight	Men's Heavyweight Freshman Eight
1	90	54	54
2	85	51	51
3	80	48	48
4	75	45	45
5	70	42	42
6	65	39	39
7	60	36	36
8	55	33	33
9	50	30	30
10	45	27	27
11	40	24	24
12	35	21	21
13	30	18	18
14	25	15	15
15	20	12	12
16	15	9	9
17	10	6	6
18	5	3	3

## VIII. 2010 IRA Team Travel Rosters:

Entered Crews:                      Travel Roster (Athletes)

Heavyweight Men:

1. V8, 2V8, F8, O4+, V4+            37
2. V8, 2V8, F8, O4+                32
3. V8, 2V8, F8                        32 (four spare rowers and 1 spare coxswain)
4. V8, F8, V4, O4                    28
5. V8, 2V8, V4                        26 (two spare upperclassmen rowers and one spare coxswain)
6. V8, F8                                24 (two spare upperclassmen rowers, two spare freshman rowers, one spare upperclassmen coxswain and one spare freshman coxswain)
7. V8, 2V8                              21 (two spare upperclassmen rowers and one spare coxswain)
8. V8, V4                                17 (two spare upperclassmen rowers and one spare coxswain)
9. V8                                      11 (two spare rowers and one spare coxswain)
10. V4                                    8 (two spare rowers and one spare coxswain)

Lightweight Men:

1. V8                                      12 (two spare rowers and one spare coxswain)

Lightweight Women:

1. V8                                      12 (two spare rowers and one spare coxswain)
2. V8, V4                                17 (two spare rowers and one spare coxswain)
3. V4                                      8 (two spare rowers and one spare coxswain)

**Official 2010 IRA Championships Hotels**  
**(Teams should make their travel plans directly with the hotels)**

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
PHILADELPHIA-CHERRY HILL  
2349 W. Marlton Pike  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  
Hotel Front Desk: (856) 665-6666 | Hotel Fax: (856) 662-3676  
Contact: Neil Disfriend, Director of Sales and Marketing  
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2175 Marlton Pike  
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