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TO: Members of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA)
Head Coaches of Varsity Heavyweight Men's Rowing Programs
Varsity Coaches of Lightweight Men's and Women's Rowing Programs
IRA Board of Stewards

FROM: Gary Caldwell
IRA Commissioner

RE: Notice of 2013 IRA Championships (Revised and Updated February 18, 2013)

On behalf of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA), I am pleased to provide this official notice of the 2013 IRA Championships Regatta.

Dates and Location

The 111th IRA Championships Regatta will be held at Lake Natoma, California from **Friday, May 31, 2013 through Sunday, June 2, 2013**. The Championships will be co-hosted by the Sacramento State University Aquatic Center and the Sacramento Sports Commission.

The 2013 IRA Regatta will include the following championship events:

Event

Men's National Championship Varsity Heavyweight Eight
Men's National Championship Lightweight Eight
Women's National Championship Lightweight Eight
Men's 2nd Varsity Eight
Men's Freshman Eight
Men's Open Four
Men's Varsity Four
Women's Lightweight Four
Men's Lightweight Four
Alumni/Master's Exhibition Eights Race

Award

Varsity Challenge Cup
The 1922 Cup
The Camden County Cup
Kennedy Challenge Cup
The Stewards Cup
IRA Open Fours Trophy
Eric W. Will Trophy
(Exhibition Event)
(Exhibition Event)
Francis Shields Bowl

In addition to the Awards for the events noted above, the IRA also will present the following team awards at the 2013 IRA Regatta:

IRA National Champion Team Trophy
IRA Most Improved Team Trophy

Jim Ten Eyck Memorial Trophy
Clayton Chapman Award

Some Important Reminders

1. Eligibility for the 2013 Regatta: All institutions, teams and student-athletes seeking to participate in the 2013 IRA Regatta must satisfy the eligibility requirements set forth in the IRA Constitution, IRA Eligibility Regulations, and Operating Bylaws. These eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. The team officially shall have been accorded varsity status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics;
 - b. The team is administered by the department of intercollegiate athletics;
 - c. The eligibility of student-athletes participating on the team shall be reviewed and certified by a staff member designated by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy; and
 - d. The staff members responsible for the certification shall be the same staff members that are responsible for certifying eligibility for the institution's other intercollegiate varsity programs.
2. Annual Dues: Institutions seeking to participate in the 2013 IRA Regatta must be current dues-paying members of the IRA. The annual dues statement will be emailed within the next few weeks, and the deadline for payment (via Regattacentral.com) is **October 31, 2012**.
3. Qualification/Selection for the 2013 Regatta: All teams participating in the 2013 IRA Regatta will be selected by the appropriate selection committee and in accordance with established selection criteria described in Attachment A.
4. Jim Ten Eyck Memorial Trophy: The Ten Eyck Trophy team championship will be awarded based on points earned by teams competing in the Men's Heavyweight Varsity Eight, Men's Heavyweight Second Varsity Eight and Men's Heavyweight Freshman Eight. Points will be allocated for each event in accordance with the chart on Attachment B.
5. Travel Rosters: The size of the student-athlete travel squad for the 2013 IRA Regatta shall be limited to the numbers specified in Attachment C.
6. Opening Times for Trailer Parking and Practice: The regatta site at Lake Natoma will not be open for trailer parking until 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. The course will not be open for practice until 12:00 noon on the same day.

We look forward to seeing your crews at the 2013 IRA Regatta. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me (gary.caldwell@tufts.edu).