



**2011 Intercollegiate Rowing Association  
National Collegiate Championships Package**

**This is the only entry package.  
It contains all the forms you will need.**

**Declaration Forms are due Friday, May 6, 2011**

**Amended Entry Deadline is Monday, May 16, 2011**

**There are no preliminary entry forms.  
Complete this Packet and enter your boats on-line at  
[www.RegattaCentral.com](http://www.RegattaCentral.com) after selection date on  
Tuesday, May 17, 2011**

# Intercollegiate Rowing Association 109<sup>th</sup> Annual National IRA Regatta Regatta Invitation and Entry

To: Athletic Directors and Rowing Coaches  
Selected NCAA/ECAC Colleges

From: Clayton W. Chapman, Regatta Director  
Thomas J. Sullivan, Assistant Regatta Director  
Dan Thompson, Chief Referee  
Gary R. Caldwell, ECAC Director of Rowing  
Michael K. Letzeisen, ECAC Director of Sport Administration

**Re: 2011 IRA REGATTA INVITATION**

The Board of Stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) invites your institution to declare its intentions to qualify and compete in the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual National IRA Regatta on the Cooper River, Camden County, NJ on Thursday, Friday and Saturday June 2, 3, and 4, 2011.

This mailing provides all the essential information and material you'll need to gain entry into this year's Regatta. We urge you to review the entire packet carefully, and complete the appropriate forms in accordance with the specified deadline dates.

We urge you also to review the policies that are applicable to this Regatta, as outlined in the attached material. In particular, please note that the IRA Regatta, by long-standing tradition that dates back to 1895, is an invitational regatta. **As such, the IRA Board of Stewards has always reserved the right to accept or reject an entry in accordance with its Regatta policy.** Please also note that, in view of the prominence and popularity of the IRA Regatta, the Stewards have imposed a limit on the number of entries that will be accepted in any one event.

This year, there have been some minor changes to the qualification process for the championships, which are reflected in these documents. An updated set of entry qualifications has been included in this packet for your convenience.

As always, we look forward to receipt of your acceptance of this invitation and to greeting you and your crews at this year's IRA Regatta in early June on the Cooper River.

**Please note as you make travel plans that we have been advised that the regatta site will not be open for IRA trailers until after 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. The course will open for practice at 12:00 PM that afternoon.**

cc: IRA Board of Stewards

**Institutional Declaration and Certification Form**  
**INTERCOLLEGIATE ROWING ASSOCIATION 2011 Regatta**

**Boating entries must be made at [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com) after the selection date of Tuesday, May 17, 2011. This form MUST BE SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS OR DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR AND RETURNED TO THE ECAC BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE**

**ENTRY AND ENTRY FEE DEADLINE:                      Friday, May 6, 2011**

\_\_\_\_\_ (College/University) is declaring its intentions to enter the following events if accepted in the 109<sup>th</sup> IRA Regatta on June 2, 3, and 4, 2011 on Cooper River, Camden County, NJ

- Varsity Challenge Cup - Men's National Collegiate Championship Eights
- Kennedy Challenge Bowl - Men's Second Varsity Eights
- Steward's Cup - Men Freshman/Novice Eights
- Women's Lightweight National Collegiate Championship - Varsity Eights
- Men's Lightweight National Collegiate Championship - Varsity Eights
- Men's "OPEN" 4-oared w/cox
- Men's Varsity 4-oared w/cox
- Women's Lightweight 4-oared w/cox (Exhibition)
- Men's Lightweight 4-oared w/cox (Exhibition)

In consideration of the acceptance of our entries for the 109<sup>th</sup> National Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta in Camden County, NJ on June 2, 3, and 4, 2011, we hereby waive any and all claims to damages that we might have against the Intercollegiate Rowing Association, The Eastern College Athletic Conference, and all participating or affiliated sponsors, representatives or agents, as a result of any and all injuries incurred by the members of our crews in connection with participation in the Regatta.

RETURN ONE COPY OF THESE FORMS VIA FAX OR EMAIL AND ONE SIGNED HARD COPY BY MAIL

TO: Gary R. Caldwell, Director of Rowing  
1311 Craigville Beach Road  
Centerville, MA 02632  
FAX: (617)-629-7612 or email: [gcaldwell@ecac.org](mailto:gcaldwell@ecac.org)

DATE                      SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS OR DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR

**ADDITIONAL EVENT:**

- Francis Shields Bowl – Men's Master's Alumni Eights

Registration for this event may be made directly on [regattacentral.com](http://regattacentral.com) by you or your alumni group. If you choose the latter method please provide us with direct contact information below

Alumni Event Contact person name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDED ENTRY FORM

COMPLETE THIS FORM **ONLY** IF YOU HAVE INTENTIONS OF SCRATCHING ONE OR MORE DECLARED ENTRIES FROM CONSIDERATION FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE 2011 IRA CHAMPIONSHIPS

**AMENDED ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, May 16, 2011 at 3:00 PM EDT (12:00 PM PDT)**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SIGNATURE OF HEAD COACH OR DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR

**INTERCOLLEGIATE ROWING ASSOCIATION**  
National Championship Regatta – June 2, 3, and 4, 2011  
Cooper River, Camden County, NJ

**PRELIMINARY REGATTA INFORMATION FORM**

**Please complete this form and return with your ENTRY DECLARATION by May 6, 2011, to:**

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ECAC, Intercollegiate Rowing Association  
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Centerville, MA 02632  
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Any last minute changes to this questionnaire should be telephoned to Michael Letzeisen at (774) 392-2483 and FAXED to (508) 771-9481, ATTN: IRA.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach/School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Phone: Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Administrator Responsible for Rowing Program:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title (AD, Other) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time of Arrival in Camden: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Location of Hotel Motel in Camden: \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM PROFILE**

Total Number in Group: \_\_\_\_\_; Coaches \_\_\_\_\_; Managers \_\_\_\_\_; Others: \_\_\_\_\_

Competitors/Spares \_\_\_\_\_; Males \_\_\_\_\_; Females \_\_\_\_\_

**2011 IRA REGATTA**

**Rowing Equipment Compliance Form**

To: **Coaches - 2011 IRA Regatta**

**IMPORTANT:** Part A must be signed by all participating coaches: Part B if applicable.

Date:

A. My boat is in compliance with US Rowing 2011 Rules of Rowing 3-109 as follows:

**Footgear Release:** Where the feet of the competitor are held in place by footgear affixed to the structure of the boat, the design of such footgear shall provide for the quick release of the competitor's feet in case of emergency, without the use of hands. Any pull strings shall not allow the heel to raise more than 3 inches (7.5 cm) above the footboard to which it is anchored.

Heavyweight: \_\_\_\_\_

Lightweight: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print/Type Name

B. My boat is in compliance with US Rowing 2011 Rules of Rowing 3-110 as follows:

**Boat Construction for Coxswains:** A boat in which the body of the coxswain is enclosed or partially enclosed within the hull of the boat shall conform to the following requirements:

a. The opening of the boat through which the coxswain enters and exits shall be at least 2.30 feet (70 cm) long when measured along the longitudinal axis of the boat. For a length of at least 1.64 feet (50 cm), the opening shall be as wide as the inner hull of the boat itself.

b. The inner surface within which the coxswain's body rests shall be smooth and free of any obstacles, devices, or other structures that would hinder quick exit.

Heavyweight: \_\_\_\_\_

Lightweight: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print/Type Name

**DUE DATE: Friday, May 6, 2011**

**RETURN WITH DECLARATION FORM**

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## **2011 IRA Championships Regatta Notice: Please find below:**

- I. Eligibility of Colleges and Universities and their respective teams to be members of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA)
- II. 2011 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta Championships Events and Awards
- III. 2011 IRA Championships Dates, Hosts, and Site
- IV. 2011 Selection Criteria for Participating Crews (Events 1-9, **per section II**)

**Please note as you make travel plans that we have been advised that the regatta site will not be open for IRA trailers until after 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. The course will open for practice at 12:00 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. 2011 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 Men's Lightweight Four (Exhibition Event)
  10. IRA National Champion Team Trophy (Jim Ten Eyck Memorial Trophy)
  11. IRA most improved team trophy (Clayton Chapman Award)
- In addition, the ECAC will administer the 2010 Alumni Exhibition Eights Race (Francis Shields Bowl)

### III. 2011 IRA Championships Dates, Hosts, and Site

The 109<sup>th</sup> Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships Regatta will be held on the Cooper River in Camden County, NJ Thursday, June 2, Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4, 2011. The Championships will be co-hosted by the ECAC, Camden County Parks, and Cooper River Rowing Association.

### IV. 2011 IRA Selection Criteria for Participating Crews (Events 1-9)

#### 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.

#### 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:**

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.
3. The event is open to any combination of Freshmen and Upperclassmen (adopted 9/10)

**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.

**IRA Men's Lightweight Four, Event #9:**

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.
3. The event is open to any combination of Freshmen and Upperclassmen (adopted 9/10)
4. EARC Schools must qualify and race an entry in event #2 to be eligible to participate in this event.