



Parents and Athletes Guide to the Head of the Housatonic

We are excited to welcome you to the Head of the Housatonic again this year! Newcomers and Head of the Housatonic veterans should read this entire document carefully. There is a new requirement for offsite parking that you pay in advance, print your parking entry ticket and bring it with you on regatta day. Please see important details and instructions below.

We are a HUGE event, likely we are one of the largest single day regattas in the world and so we ask that you comply with any requests from volunteers working at the regatta. They are there to keep everyone safe and ensure that the day runs smoothly. Thank you so much for your help in making it a fun, safe and respectful day for everyone!

Where to watch racing

The event happens at the Indian Well State Park in Shelton, Connecticut. You must take a shuttle bus from our offsite parking location to get there; please see the instructions below on “How to get there.” No passenger vehicles are allowed to drive into the park. We do have a few tent sites available for teams to purchase, which includes one onsite parking pass for Indian Well State Park for the food vehicle. If you are interested in purchasing a tent site, please email us at nhrcregattas@gmail.com. When all tent sites have been sold, teams can set up a tent within the park on the north end above the beach.

The view from Indian Well is fantastic, allowing clear observation of the first mile of racing. There is no other publicly accessible land available to observe the racing the entire length of the racecourse. There is no parking available at either the starting line in Derby or the finish line in Oxford. Watching the race from New Haven Rowing Club in Oxford is not an option. We have a full house already with four team trailers onsite and cannot accommodate additional coaches, athletes or visitors.

How to get there

The Head of the Housatonic main regatta venue is Indian Well State Park in Shelton, CT. ALL athletes and parents traveling to the regatta in a car or van smaller than 15 passengers must park at Scinto Towers. **GPS address for navigation: 1 Corporate Drive, Shelton CT 06484**

From there you will board school buses to shuttle you to the park. Dogs are not allowed on the shuttle buses or in the park. We have police and volunteers at the entrance at Indian Well State

Park to allow entrance for boat trailers, our volunteers, and team buses. All passenger cars will be denied entrance and directed to Scinto unless you are car-topping a 1x or 2x and are registered to race in the HOH. Failure to comply with these directions will result in exclusion from competition for your entire program.

Athlete Drop Off- ONLY at Scinto

Athletes cannot be dropped off at Indian Well State Park under any circumstances. The only safe way to get your athlete to the regatta is the shuttle from Scinto Towers.

\$25 Parking fee at Scinto – **PREPAYMENT STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

NEW THIS YEAR! You can pay ahead at <https://donorbox.org/events/490287>

This is the specific link to the regatta parking payment system that provides the \$25 fee to our partners, Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven. There is **NO CELL SERVICE AT SCINTO TOWERS**, we **strongly recommend** you pay ahead of time and plan to show a receipt for a \$25 donation to the Greater New Haven Habitat for Humanity, to the volunteers on site.

After you pay for your parking, you will be emailed a receipt, **TAKE A SCREENSHOT** of the receipt and you can show the receipt to the parking volunteer from your screenshot. **DO NOT PLAN** to show the email from your phone (as there is **NO CELL SERVICE AT SCINTO TOWERS**).

DO NOT wait until the morning of October 7th or plan to purchase the ticket right before you park. Again NO CELL SERVICE. Please visit <https://donorbox.org/events/490287> before the regatta. Please be prepared as we expect over 1,000 vehicles parking at Scinto Towers.

QR Code for \$25 Parking Payment



Website to purchase the parking ticket: <https://donorbox.org/events/490287>

Once you have donated you will receive an Email Confirmation that will include a link that you can use to print your ticket!

If for some reason you are unable to prepay for parking, we will accept cash. Please have exact change ready. We nevertheless strongly encourage you to prepay to save time for yourself and others, and enable everyone to get to the regatta venue faster. Thank you.