



Head of the Cuyahoga - 2024

Need to reach your rower in an **emergency**? Call or text

Date: September 21, 2024

Weather: High 78° ☀️

- It looks like it's going to be warm and sunny. Make sure you and your rower have plenty of sunscreen and a water bottle to stay hydrated. Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Arrival Time: 6:15 am

Location: Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse [1003 British Street, Cleveland, OH 44113](#)

- [Tent](#)

Drive:

- From hotel: 20 -35 minutes depending on traffic and drawbridge.
- Rowers need to be at the trailer no later than 6:15 am
- Rower drop off instructions (*see map below*):
 - From Columbus Road, turn onto French. At stop sign, turn left onto Merwin, then make a left on British, then left on Fall Street (you'll go in a circle). Drop off will be on either side of Fall Street leaving the center lane open for traffic flow.
 - There will be volunteer attendants directing traffic and providing instructions.
- **Students may not drive themselves to out of town regattas**, and must drive with their parents/guardians or self-arrange carpool with another family.

Parking

- This is the best lot if you can get a spot. \$10 cash - [1651 Columbus Road, Cleveland, OH 44113](#). See Map # 8

Departure

- Around 5:00 pm

[Google Photo Album](#)

- Share all your photos and videos from the regatta here

[Volunteer Sign Up Genius](#)

- Forgot when you signed up to help? Look here.

Race Information

- [Results](#)
- [Lineups](#)

- [Video of course from the Coxswain's view](#)
- [Regatta Website](#)
- [Regatta Central Website](#)

Important Addresses:

- Hotels
 - Residence Inn Independence
 - [5101 W Creek Rd. Independence, OH 44131](#)
 - 216-674-2002
 - Courtyard Cleveland Independence
 - [5051 West Creek Road, Independence, OH 44131](#)
 - 216-901-9988
- Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse:
 - [1003 British Street, Cleveland, OH 44113](#) See Map #2
- Regatta Parking Lot:
 - [1651 Columbus Road, Cleveland, OH 44113](#), \$10/vehicle; .5 miles from regatta)

Spectator Info

- This is a typical fall race, which is a 5k time trial (staggered start).
 - As a reminder, parents are not permitted in the team areas (near the trailer, at the dock, by the boats or in the student section of the tents).
- The following are recommended viewing areas:
 - **Rivergate & Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse** – If you want the full regatta experience this is the place to be. Music & announcements will occur throughout the day. See crews launch, cross the finish line, & recover all from one location.
 - **Hart Crane Park & Columbus Rd Bridge** – Hart Crane Park is immediately beside Rivergate. The Columbus Rd Bridge is a great vantage point to watch crews as they power to the finish. The sharp curve in this area should also make this an interesting viewing spot.
 - **Regatta Parking Lot at 1717 Columbus Rd** – There is a long piece of riverfront property for viewing in this area. It is a short walk from here to the boathouse.
 - **Carter Rd Bridge & Riverview Parking off of Canal Rd, just past Sherwin Williams** (*This is Coach Brian's personal favorite spot*) – The Carter Rd Bridge gives you a chance to watch crews for a long period of time. You can watch from either side of the bridge. This is a short walk from the Columbus Rd parking lot. There is also another parking lot on Canal Rd, which offers good viewing.

A Google Map of the area around the Ox Bow Bend in Cleveland, Ohio. A blue line traces a route starting from the intersection of Center St and Leonard St, heading south on Leonard St, then east on Simms St, south on British St, and finally east on French St to the Ox Bow Bend. Various landmarks are labeled, including the Detroit Superior Bridge, Cuyahoga River, and several businesses like Catanese Classics and Geist. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates 100 feet.



- Parking Volunteer Locations:**
- 1. Trailer Parking
 - 2. Fall St. Gate
 - 3. French & Fall Corner
 - 4. French & Merwin Corner
 - 5. Merwin & British Corner
 - 6. Merwin & Columbus Corner
 - 7. Metroparks Gate
 - 8. Columbus Rd Parking Lot

- Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse**
Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta
- Race Central
 - Registration/Check in
 - Volunteer/Referee Check In
 - Boat Rentals
- Main Entrance**
- Trailers / Boat drop off
- No Trailer Parking / No Trailer Entrance**
- First Aid Medical Station** **Event Announcer** **Boiler Restrooms** **Water Station**
- Food Vendors** **Event Vendors** **Awards & Medals** **Beer Garden**

HOTC Race Course Views

The **Head of the Cuyahoga** race course follows the twists and turns of the Cuyahoga River for 4.8 kilometers.

It is easily accessible for viewing via **off-road bike/walking paths** through the Flats and into Tremont.

There are paths over both Columbus and Carter Road bridges and a shortcut from Columbus Road to the I90 Bend/Tremont via the Centennial Link Trail.



HOTC Viewing Spots

● Map Locations

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| 1 - Cleveland Rowing Foundation
(Athlete Village, Recovery Docks) | 6 - Carter Road Bridge |
| 2 - Merwin's Wharf
(Finish Line, Launch Docks) | 7 - Collision Bend/Eagle St. Bridge |
| 3 - Hart Crane Park | 8 - I90 Bend |
| 4 - Columbus Road Bridge | 9 - Sokolowski's Overlook |
| 5 - The Foundry | 10 - Mounds Overlook/Turning Basin
(Alignment Area) |

■ Centennial Link Trail

Distances

- Finish to Start via Centennial Link - **2 mi**
- Finish to Start via Carter and Collision Bend - **3 mi**
- Columbus Road Bridge to Carter Road Bridge - **0.6 mi**
- Columbus Road Bridge to I90 Bend via Centennial Link - **0.5 mi**
- I90 Bend to Sokolowski's Overlook - **0.3 mi (uphill)**



Map in coordination
with Bike Cleveland
bikecleveland.org



Packing list for Rowers - label EVERYTHING

- Uniform (shorts & crew t-shirt for novices)
- 7/8" wrench (for rigging boats)
- Water bottle
- Hot beverage cup
- 3+ pairs of socks
- Sweatshirt, in addition to what you wear
- Sweatpants, in addition to what you wear

- Hat
- Sandals/Crocs/Slides
- 1-2 extra pairs of underwear
- 1-2 Towels
- Blanket
- Raincoat or poncho
- Additional dry clothing if weather is especially bad
- Sunscreen
- Wallet
- Deck of Cards/Board Games
- Headlamp/flashlight
- Chair

Packing list for Parents

- Dress in layers
- Raincoat/poncho
- Chair
- Hot beverage cup for coffee from the team tent
- Binoculars
- Sunscreen
- Camera
- Phone battery
- Hat
- Waterproof shoes/rainboots
- Heated socks
- Blanket
- Toilet paper
- Raincoat
- Umbrella
- Food
- Water bottle
- Bike
- Dog (check to make sure the site allows them first)
- Cash for parking

Other info:

Looking for a fun way to preview the course and spend time with family on Friday before the regatta? Check out [Canalway Partners](#) Family Game Night/Towpath Stroll starting at Sokolowski's Overlook, 1203 University Rd, Cleveland, OH 44113 from 5-8PM on Friday, Sept 15, 2023. Event is free!