



SPRING 2025 INTEREST MEETING

2/12/2025



Agenda

- Coaches & Leadership for Spring
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Key Dates
- Regatta Schedule
- Spring Fees
- EVSRA and Spring Break Training Camp
- Additional Items
- Boathouse Updates
- Questions



Coaches, Captains and Boosters

Coaches

- **Head** - Rich Schafer
- **Assistant** - Jessica Sigalis
- **Assistant** - Scott Walker
- **Assistant** - Michael Chaisone
- **Assistant** – Matt Reger

Captains

- Sophia Vasquez
- Abir Goyal
- Nevie Billis
- Brendan Callaghan

Boosters Leadership

- ❑ **President** – Chris Callaghan
- ❑ **Operations** – Erik Ingle
- ❑ **Treasurer** – Anna Kimmel
- ❑ **Communications** – Michael Chupeco
- ❑ **Fundraising** – Laurissa Skinner
- ❑ **VASRA / LOC** – Stephanie Callaghan
- ❑ **Spirit Wear** – Kim Sheehan
- ❑ **Food** – Kim Sheehan
- ❑ **Volunteer Coordinator** – Laura Ingle
- ❑ **Travel Coordinator – OPEN**
- ❑ **Banquet Chair** – Arlie Yruma



Volunteer Opportunities

- VASRA Volunteer Positions (for regattas on the Occoquan)
 - The team is required to fill 6 roles for every VASRA regatta.
 - Boat drivers, concessions, dock assistants,...
 - It's like a swim meet. It takes a lot of people to run a regatta.
- Briar Woods Crew Club Volunteers – (Shadow now for next year)
 - As our athletes graduate, their parents move on as well.
 - Please look for roles that you can help out with.
 - Our current volunteers will be happy to work with you this season.



Key Dates for Spring

- Feb 25-27 – Tryouts
- Feb 28 – Team announced after school
- March 3 – Orientation (1st Practice at School) (4:30pm-6:30pm, M-F)
- March 4 – Parents' Meeting
- March 8 – Boathouse Move-in
- March 11 – Swim Test
- March 12 – Open-House at the Boathouse (**1st Practice at Beaverdam Reservoir!**)
- March 22-May 25 – Regattas
- April 14-18 – Spring Break Camp
- May 22 – Team Banquet
- May 31 – Fun Row

**Additional fees*



Tryouts

- Anticipated size of team: 55 total (rowers and coxswains)
- Three different “pieces” on the ergometer (rowing machine)
 - ✓ February 25: 2000 meters
 - ✓ February 26: 500 meters and 1 minute
 - ✓ February 27: makeup day
- Team announced after school on February 28



NO PRIOR ROWING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Unlike other Sports

Over 90% of Crew Athletes begin in High School



Regatta Schedule

- March 22 – EVSRA, Elizabeth City, NC (travel regatta*)
- March 29 – Walter Mess, Occoquan
- April 5 – Darrell Winslow Regatta, Occoquan
- April 12 – Ted Phoenix, Occoquan
- April 26 – Al Urquia Regatta, Occoquan
- May 3 – VSRC Day 1 (Lower Boats), Occoquan
- May 10 – VSRC Day 2 (Upper Boats), Occoquan
- May 16-18 – Stotesbury Cup, Philadelphia (travel regatta*)
- May 23-25 - SRAA Nationals, New Jersey (travel regatta*)

** Additional fees collected for travel regattas*



Spring Fees

- Crew is 100% self funded - the team gets ZERO funds from county/state.
 - Annual fees are based on projected team size, coach salaries, equipment needs, and other factors. The goal is to keep fees as low as possible while meeting current and future obligations.
- Spring 2025 Team Fee: **\$1550 - paid via check/cash by 3/4/25**
 - New Team Uni: Included in the Team Fee.
- All payments are **non-refundable**, regardless of circumstance.
- Additional Costs:
 - EVSRA: TBD
 - Spring Training: TBD
 - Stotesbury Cup: TBD (2 night stay in Philadelphia area)



EVSRA Regatta (Season opener) & Spring Training

- **EVSRA Regatta – Elizabeth City, NC**
 - Travel Saturday morning (early departure) March 22nd
- **Spring Training**
 - We are looking at options to row during Spring Break



College Crew Teams

- One of our previous athletes is on scholarship at **Clemson** and another from Rock Ridge is on scholarship at **Alabama**.
- **ODU** was at the Erg Sprints on February 8th looking for recruits.
- I just spoke with coaches that told me they look for athletes (swimming, basketball, volleyball, track, ...) with **some rowing experience**.
- College coaches are recruiting. **Tell your friends.**



Join the crew and help us
bring home more trophies!



Boathouse Update

The Boathouse at Beaverdam Reservoir





Bring a lock and store your stuff during practice.

Fantastic indoor storage!



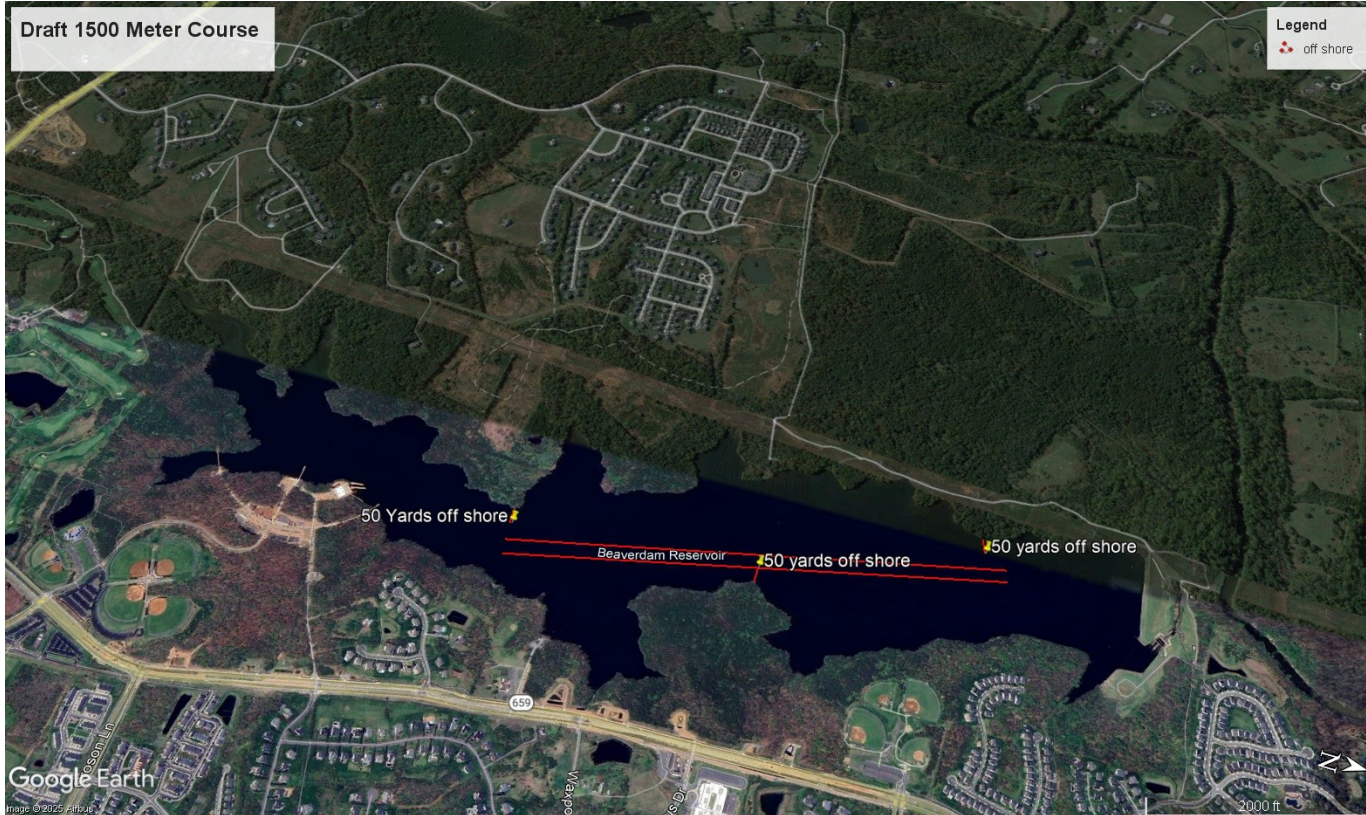


We can now launch and dock multiple boats at once.

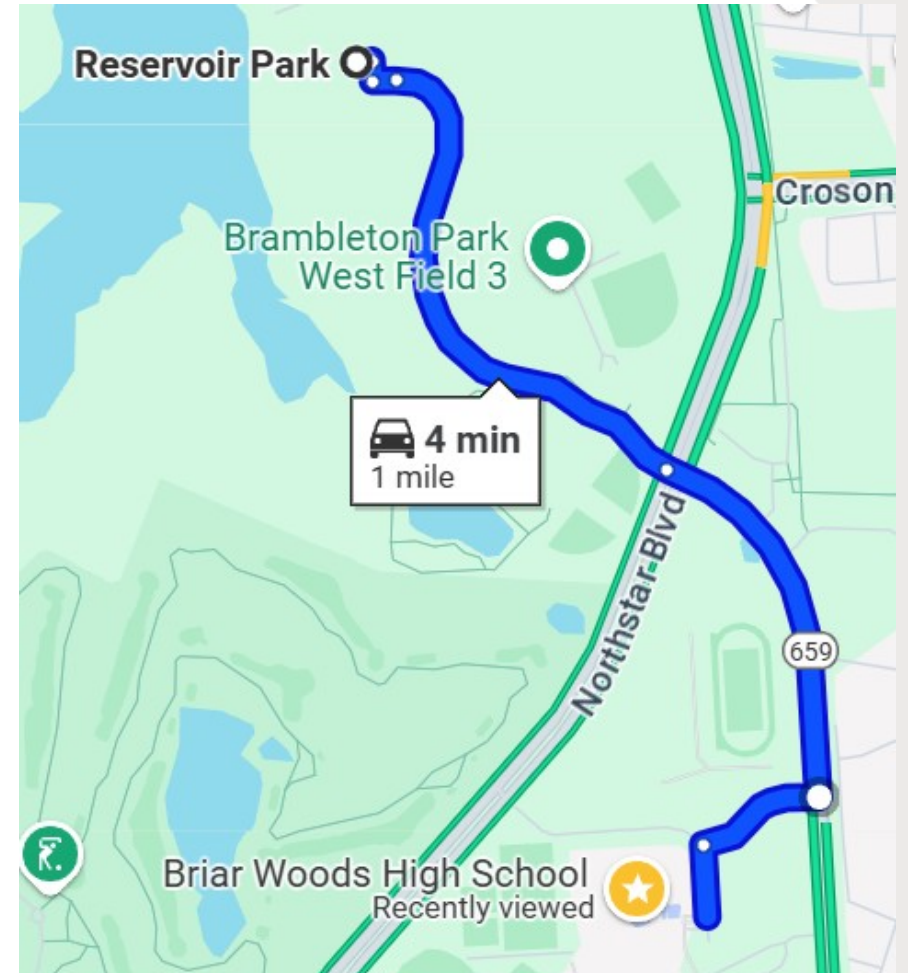
Come watch practice from the observation deck.



Beaverdam Reservoir



Only 1 mile from
Briar Woods!



Room to race 4 boats at a time.