

Driving Directions to the Regattas

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St. Andrew's School

St. Andrew's, in Middletown, Delaware, is a picturesque place to spend an afternoon, sitting on the bank of Noxontown Pond watching a regatta. Some parts of The Dead Poets Society were filmed at the school, which you'll see on the other side of the pond.

Directions: From Alexandria, get to US route 50 east, toward Annapolis. Cross the Chesapeake on the Bay Bridge and follow Route 301 North for an hour to Middletown, DE. Not long after you cross the state line into Delaware you will come to Middletown. A half-mile past the 301 Truck Stop (on the left) you will come to a WaWa gas station/convenience store on the right. Exit to the right on 299 east, which will take you right through town. At the fourth light, take a right onto Silver Lake Road (you will pass a small shopping strip on your left and on the right will be a sign for St. Andrews School). Follow the road to a stop sign across from the entrance to the school. Do not enter the school grounds, but turn left. Cross the bridge over Noxontown Pond (you will see the race course on your right) and turn into the second entrance to the fenced field on your right. Follow the dirt road along the pond. Keep an eye out for the TC Crew boosters blue and white striped tent and park where you can.

Travel Time: approx. 2 hours & 15 minutes

Georgetown

The Georgetown waterfront is the home of nearly 20 schools and colleges, centered on Thompson Boat Center.

Directions: Thompson's is located a short walk from the Kennedy Center and Watergate. The parking lot is at the end of Virginia Avenue, across the Rock Creek Parkway, but for most regattas it will be reserved for boat trailers. To drive there, travel Virginia Avenue to the end at Rock Creek Parkway. Park anywhere you can find a spot in the Watergate neighborhood or in Georgetown under the Whitehurst Freeway across from the Washington Harbour center. There is a short road that leads from there to Thompson's boathouse. Spectators can view from the boathouse or the esplanade and park just west of the boathouse.

Occoquan

Sandy Run Park, on the Occoquan Reservoir in Fairfax, is home to most of the crews in Northern Virginia, and the site of the NCASRA championship events. Sandy Run is a pretty area with good facilities, run by the Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority. But the finish line is quite a distance from the

parking areas, and you need to be prepared for a lengthy hike once you get there.

Directions: Take I-395 South to I-95. Continue south about 15 miles. Just after crossing the Occoquan River take Exit 160 (Route 123 North - Occoquan/Lakeridge) and proceed on Rt 123 approximately 3 miles to Hampton Road. Turn left at the light onto Hampton Road and go approximately 1 mile to Van Thompson Road and turn left. Follow Van Thompson to parking lots.

Travel time: approx. 25 minutes (See note above)

Philadelphia

You're on your way to the best venue on the TC Crew schedule. It is the home of the Schuylkill Navy and picturesque Boathouse Row. If you know how to get to Philly you can skip some of the next stuff and just take your usual route.

Directions: Take the Baltimore-Washington Parkway north from Washington. Once you get into Baltimore, take the exit for I-95 north. Go through the Ft. McHenry Tunnel, and head north to Philadelphia on I-95.

It will take about 90 minutes to get to the Maryland House rest area from Alexandria. Keep heading north until you see a sign for I-95 to Wilmington and Philadelphia, staying in the left lanes as the highway splits. (If you go to the right you'll end up at the Delaware Memorial Bridge, which is all right if a weekend in the Garden State is what you want.) Still on I-95, in the neighborhood of the Philadelphia International Airport follow signs for I-76 West. Watch for a left hand turn at a light on to I-76 West. Eventually you'll be on an expressway along the Schuylkill River. Take the Girard Avenue/Zoo exit. At the end of the exit turn right onto Girard Avenue and cross the bridge over the river.

At the end of the bridge, take a right turn onto Sedgely and drive down through the park. You'll come a statue on a traffic island. Bear right onto Kelly Drive and you'll move past the boathouses of Philadelphia's famous Boathouse Row. Follow the drive along the river and you'll eventually be directed by Philadelphia police to detour to the right and up to where parking is provided. There will be a charge for parking. The police or attendants can direct you to the path to the regatta site, which is a bit of a walk. Look for the red TC Crew trailer parked next to our tent, which is usually situated in the treeless area roughly half-way along the course.

For more information on these sites, updates to the directions, and tips to help you enjoy the regattas, go to the Web site at www.tcwcrew.org and click "On the Water."