



Bedford Crew

Fall 2022



Meet The Board

PRESIDENT	Rohit Saldanha
TREASURER.....	Amanda McDonough
SECRETARY.....	Eric Drown
REGISTRATION	Karen Wilshire
EQUIPMENT	Jarrold Campbell
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MERCHANDISE	Jim Burke
HOSPITALITY.....	Pete Macdonald
FACILITIES	Kevin Fournier



Meet The Coaches

Randy Ford
Anna Petrella
Dave Olson
Jennifer Williams
Conor Burke

Jarrold Campbell
Doug Marks
Heather Marks
Jeff Upton





Meet The Captains

BOYS

JC Cloutier

Sam O'Leary

Karthik Srinivasan

GIRLS

Olivia King

Vevay Simunovic

Emily Upton





Team Overview

~100 Athletes

8 Coaches

10 Board Positions

Multiple Volunteer Positions

5 Coaching Launches

15 boat fleet

- 9 8+ (eight person boats)
 - 3 4+ (four person boats)
 - 3 1x (one person boats)
- 1 two 8+ capacity dock





Registration Checklist

Athletes must first register with BHS Athletics by completing the [preregistration form](#) on the BHS Athletics page.

Items to be completed prior to the first day of the season (August 15, 2022):

- Complete the swim test (new rowers only; details on the next page).
- Watch the [US Rowing safety video](#) (ALL rowers), on August 15 @6:00 pm in the BHS Theater.
- Complete and submit [this waiver](#) to the BHS Athletics office.
- Submit \$500 nonrefundable registration fee (payable to “Bedford Crew”) to the BHS Athletics office. This fee is used to offset our many expenses (including equipment purchases and maintenance, gas, facilities costs, coaching salaries, insurance, regatta fees, US Rowing memberships, etc). The team receives minimal funding from BHS.
- Complete the [carpool form](#) and hand it in to the captains.



New Rower Swim Test

All rowers new to the BHS crew program are required to take a swim test which will be conducted on August 15 at 7:00pm at the Bedford Bluffs. If a rower is unable to participate in the offered swim test, video proof of successful completion of the swim test must be submitted prior to August 15, the first day of the fall season. Video clips should be sent to bedfordcrewnh@gmail.com.

The swim test consists of the following required components:

- A 200 yard continuous swim (8 lengths or 4 round trips of a 25 yard pool) with no standing on the pool bottom or hanging on to the pool edge
- 10 minutes of continuously treading water
- Putting a life jacket on in the water

The swim test must be completed regardless of previous swimming experience or participation on a competitive swim team.

If you are a returning BHS rower, you do not need to take the swim test again.



Fitness Assessment

During the first week of the season, we will be conducting fitness assessments for all returning rowers. The assessment includes, but is not limited to:

- 5000 meter erg test
- Timed run (~2-3 miles)
- Additional erg pieces of varying lengths/stroke ratings



Important Dates

Monday, August 15

Fall season begins
Swim test (all new rowers)

Saturday, September 17

CRI Fall Classic (varsity only)
Boston, MA

Sunday, September 25

Sunday Night Lights Ergatta
6pm - BHS Stadium

Sunday, October 2

Textile River Regatta
Lowell, MA

Saturday, October 8

NE Junior Championship Regatta
Worcester, MA

Sunday, October 16

NH Championship Regatta
Pembroke, NH

Sunday, October 23

Head of the Charles, Boston, MA
(Limited participation, entries TBD)

Saturday, October 29

Head of the Headless, Bulldog Landing
Season cleanup and boat de-rigging
afterward (required)

Late October/early November (date TBD)

Dock removal, Bulldog Landing
~Adult volunteers needed~



Practice Schedule

Practices are held Monday – Friday after school and Saturday mornings. The following is the schedule for a typical week. Note that there will be modifications to the schedule when there are races or adverse conditions.

	Boys Team	Girls Team
Monday	3:15 – 5:45 pm water practice @ Bulldog Landing	3:00 – 5:00 pm land practice @BHS
Tuesday	3:00 – 5:00 pm land practice @BHS	3:15 – 5:45 pm water practice @ Bulldog Landing
Wednesday	3:15 – 5:45 pm water practice @ Bulldog Landing	3:15 – 5:45 pm water practice @ Bulldog Landing
Thursday	3:15 – 5:45 pm water practice @ Bulldog Landing	3:15 – 5:45 pm water practice @ Bulldog Landing
Friday	3:15 – 5:45 pm water practice @ Bulldog Landing	3:15 – 5:45 pm water practice @ Bulldog Landing
Saturday	7:00 – 9:00 am water practice @ Bulldog Landing Or a race	9:00 – 11:00 am water practice @ Bulldog Landing Or a race
Sunday	OFF or a race	OFF or a race



Practice Schedule (cont'd)

Land Practices

On weekdays when rowers are not scheduled to be on the water, rowers will be participating in our land training program at BHS. Land practices are held from 3:00 – 5:00 pm (weekdays). On land practice days, athletes should meet in Bulldog Corner after school. On occasion, a land practice may be changed to a water practice if conditions allow. Rowers should be prepared for both.

Due to the uncertainties caused by the pandemic, weather and unforeseen circumstances, the schedule and calendar are subject to change on short notice.



Transportation to Water Practices at Bulldog Landing

As a courtesy, the captains will organize student-driven carpools to facilitate transportation from BHS to and from the Bulldog Landing on weekday afternoons when there is school, for those who are interested. It is customary to contribute towards the student driver's gas expenses. Occasionally, there are not enough student drivers to accommodate all rowers; parents are ultimately responsible for the transportation of their rowers to and from Bulldog Landing, our dock site.

If you would prefer to be involved in a parent carpool, that is an option. A parent carpool consists of only parent drivers. You will be assigned a parent carpool and it will be up to the parents in the group to communicate and determine a carpool schedule.

Unless otherwise notified, you will be responsible for transporting your rower to the boathouse for Saturday practices.

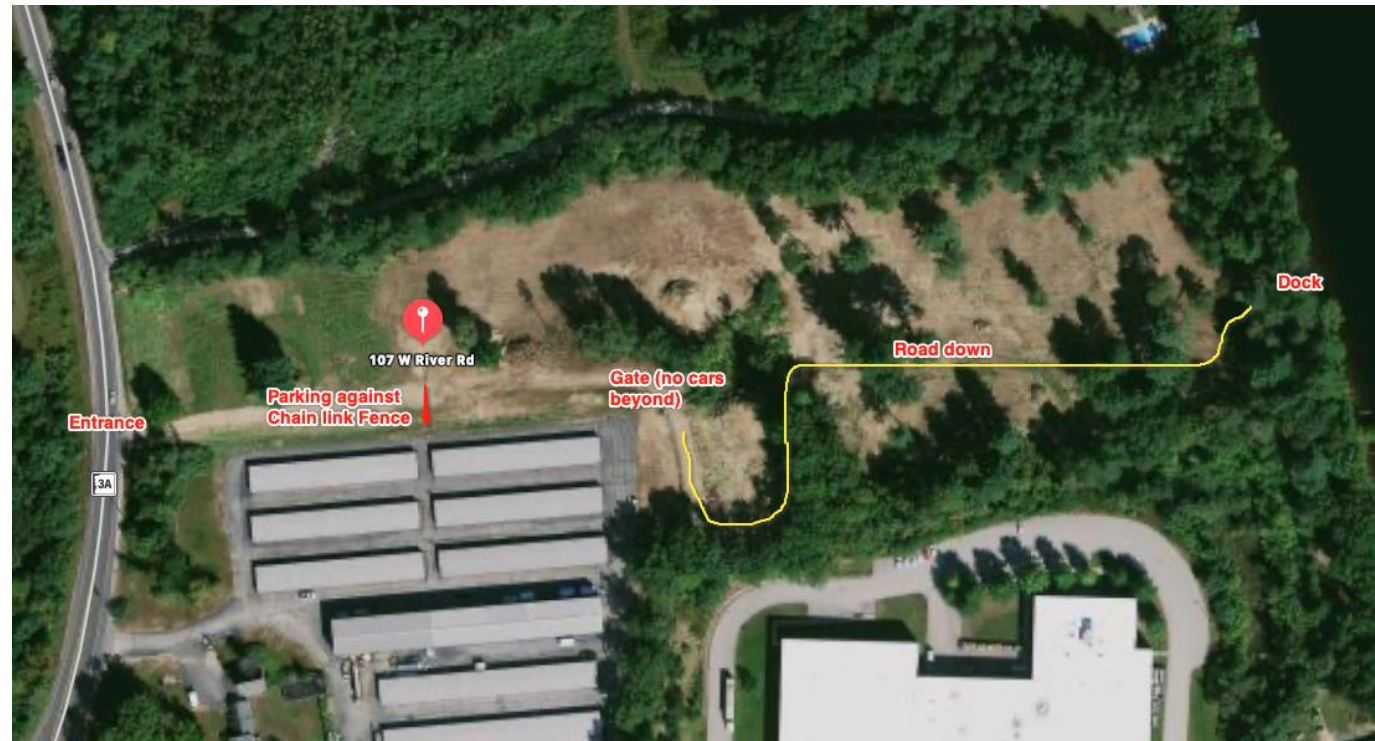
Rowers who would like to participate in a carpool must submit a [carpool form](#) to the captains on the first day of practice (August 15).



Bulldog Landing (Water Practice Location)

Directions and Parking

Address: 107 W. River Rd. (Rt. 3A) in Hooksett.
Coming North on 3A from either 93 or 293, you'll pass Hookset Self Storage on the right. Immediately after is the turn-in (dirt road) for the dock site - there are no signs marking our location. Parking is against the chain link fence immediately on your right upon turning in facing the storage buildings. Please park perpendicular to allow enough room for everyone. Only coaches are allowed to drive past the gate down the road.





Fall 2022 Race Schedule

All races are subject to change



Saturday, September 17

CRI Fall Classic, Boston, MA
(varsity only)

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Race Etiquette and Expectations

Regattas are all-day events usually held on weekends.

Professional presentation and the highest standards of sportsmanship are expected at all times.

Rowers waiting to race or who are finished with their races are expected to assist their teammates with race preparation, launching and landing.

Athletes are not permitted to head to hospitality until all boats and equipment are rigged (beginning of the day) or de-rigged and loaded on the trailer (end of the day) and they have been dismissed by coaches.





Equipment and Gear

Land Practice @BHS

- Masks (if required)
- **Tight fitting** shorts/tights (lycra/bike/rowing)
- LAYERS!!!
- Hats, gloves
- Yoga mat or towel
- Hand sanitizer
- Any personal weights, resistance bands etc
- Water bottle
- Running shoes

Water Practice @Bulldog Landing

- Masks (if required)
- **Tight fitting** shorts/tights (lycra/bike/rowing). Rowers need at least one pair of **black** tight-fitting shorts for races.
- Form fitting shirt, no sweatshirts with pockets in the front.
- LAYERS!!!!
- Hats, gloves
- Running shoes
- Socks
- Dry change of clothes
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Soft plastic water bottle (not metal!); use an extra sock as a sleeve around the bottle to protect the boat
- Hand sanitizer



Team Jersey

Rowers who do not own their own Bedford Crew team racing tank top will be issued a tank top at the beginning of the season. The racing tank must be returned to the coaches at the end of the season or a \$45 replacement fee will be assessed.

Optional gear purchases

Many rowers choose to purchase additional Bedford Crew rowing gear from Boathouse Sports through a team order (available during a limited window).

Additional gear can be purchased from BedfordWear
<https://www.bedfordwear.com/collections/bhs-crew-team>



Communication

Information will be sent out via email and Facebook (“Bedford Crew”). Our website (<https://www.bedfordcrew.org/>) is also a good source of information (directions, updates etc) and we encourage you to check it on a regular basis. The captains will put together Remind groups and send out information, reminders etc to the rowers through these groups. Please be sure that we have an accurate cell phone number and a non-school email address where your rower can be reached so that they are included in all communications. Questions should be directed to bedfordcrewnh@gmail.com.

Our sport is highly weather dependent and safety is our first priority. In the event that we need to cancel or change practice due to unsafe weather conditions, every effort will be made to make and communicate that decision by 1pm.

Absences should be communicated to the coaching staff through the team captains.



Attendance Policy

Rowing is a varsity sport at Bedford High School. Expectations of attendance are clearly outlined in the BHS co-curricular handbook. “All athletes are expected to attend all practices, scrimmages, and games, meets or matches.”

Due to the unique nature of our sport, the disruption caused by missing a scheduled event has a ripple effect that effectively compromises a practice and ultimately a race performance for the team and the individual athlete. The disruption is magnified if an absence occurs with little notice.

Attendance is a factor when determining boat lineups. Athletes missing practice or a race might be relegated to land practice or might sit out a race if the occasion occurs where there are more rowers than available boat seats.

Practically speaking, we know that athletes might miss practice. All that we ask is that you attempt to minimize absences. The athlete should communicate absences to the coaching staff **through the team captains** ASAP to allow for any boating changes to be made in advance to minimize disruption to the team.

****Attendance is expected at all practices and races scheduled during April Break. Please plan accordingly.***



Cell Phone Usage Policy

Cell phone usage by rowers during practice is not permitted as it is distracting, disruptive, and dangerous.

Phones must be stored in the locker room during BHS land practice days and in backpacks/carpool cars on water practice days. Phones that are discovered to be in use during practice will be confiscated and will be returned at the end of practice.

We ask for your assistance in reminding your rowers of this policy. Thank you!





~Commitment Expectations~

Involvement in the Bedford Crew program is a substantial commitment. If your rower has other obligations or health issues that will not allow them to participate 100% in crew this season, please take this into consideration before signing them up.

If your rower is unable to participate in the upcoming season, please let us know so we can update our records.

Please email bedfordcrewnh@gmail.com with any change in your rower's status.



Volunteering – We Need You!

Bedford Crew is a large program that consists of multiple moving parts. Many helping hands are needed to ensure the successful operation of the team and parent volunteers are essential.

There are numerous ways to get involved with our program. From donating food for races, staffing the hospitality tent, filling a Board member position, supervising a land practice, driving a launch, becoming a volunteer coach, assisting with seasonal dock installation and removal, fundraising, etc – there is something for everyone. If you have a special skill set that might benefit the team and want to help out, please let us know!





Information Resources

Website: <https://www.bedfordcrew.org/>

Email: bedfordcrewnh@gmail.com

Facebook: [Bedford Crew](#)

Race Information: <https://www.regattacentral.com/>

Race Results: <https://herenow.com/results/#/races>

US Rowing: <https://usrowing.org/>

