



# Straits of Mare Island Rowing Association 13th Annual

## **Skipper Whipper**

**Saturday, April 13, 2019**

Vallejo, California 94590

### **SCHEDULE:**

- 6:00 AM** Course lay-out
- 7:30 AM** Coxswains and Officials Meeting
- 7:45-8:00 AM** Boats move to the start area
- 8:15 AM Women Start**
- After Women Mixed Start**
- After Mixed Men Start**
- After Men Masters Start**
- 12:30PM** Lunch/Awards

**NOTE: ALL COXSWAINS ARE REQUIRED** to attend this meeting which will start promptly at 7:30 AM. Gather near the race loading dock as indicated on page 3 map. No substitutes allowed at the meeting in the interest of safety and to avoid potential disqualifications due to confusion. The final set of the course will be discussed.

### **ENTRY FEE:**

**\$225.00** per team

Fee includes awards through 3<sup>rd</sup> place and buffet lunch.  
No host bar available on premises.

Please make check payable to:

**SOMIRA (Straits of Mare Island Rowing Association)**

### **SOMIRA CONTACTS:**

**Vicki Brown**

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For overall race information, awards, food, beverages, guest berthing, etc.

**Marty Hazeltine**

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For race course information, BAWRA contact, boat tows, tide and water conditions etc.

## DIVISIONS:

- WOMEN
- MIXED
- MEN
- MASTERS – The uniform category adopted by BAWRA for Masters Division: The combined ages of the eight rowers on the day of the event must equal or exceed 480. The ages of the Coxswain and bow hook are not included. The rowers are any mix of men and women. It is the Coxswain responsibility to verify rower age, entry qualification.

## AWARDS:

- Mementos for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in all Divisions
- Perpetual Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in all Divisions

## LUNCH & BEVERAGES:

- Buffet Style lunch at Zio Fraedo's.
- Meal tickets are included in the race fee.
- Additional Lunch tickets will be available for guests at \$18.00 per ticket.
- PLEASE – NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ON WHEELHOUSE PROPERTY.**

## THE COURSE:

The course is shaped like the letter "M"; head start on a line running in front of the Ferry building. The race will start at the Southwest side of the Straits, traveling Northwest to the first buoy marker; starboard turn traveling Southeast to the second buoy marker; port turn traveling Northwest again to the third buoy marker; starboard turn traveling Southeast to the finish line.

**NOTE:** For all turns, the boat must round the turn buoys. Touching any buoy with a boat or oar is a disqualification. Teams will be started at two minute intervals. There is an excellent view of the last leg from the Vallejo sea wall.



While the start and finish lines are set, turning points will be finalized on race day to accommodate water and wind conditions, and they will be discussed at the cox'n meeting. Order of start will be based on last year's Skipper Whipper rankings to reduce the need for overtaking. Division order will likely be women, mixed, men, masters.

## Race Course:

- Course approximate 1.5 miles or 15-25 minutes to complete
- Turns: Two (2) Starboard and One (1) Port Turn
- Start: Head
- Buoys Marked: Yes
- Race Type: Timed
- Water Condition: Estuary

## Masters Course:

- ✚ Course approximate 2/3 mile total
- ✚ Turns: One Port Turn



## GUEST LAUNCH, DOCKING & BERTHING:



- ✚ Guest Docking (Location: DOCK J) will be provided two weeks prior to the race and one week after, March 30-April 20.
- ✚ Boats arriving in advance and on race day will launch from the public launch at 1 Curtola Parkway, Vallejo CA 94590
- ✚ Note: The race day loading dock can accommodate only 2 boats at a time and cannot be used for general berthing on race day. Instead you will have to go to the Guest Docking location.

**MIMINUM RACING WEIGHT:** 2,000 POUNDS

## INSURANCE:

### BAWRA Insurance/Waiver

All participants – each person in a whaleboat during a race – must be covered through BAWRA insurance and must have a signed the BAWRA Insurance Waiver, and paid their fee. **IT IS EACH BOAT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE MET THIS REQUIREMENT.** Refer to your club's insurance liaison if you are not sure about an individual's membership. All Race Officials and other volunteers must sign the BAWRA waiver as well. Coxswains, coaches and officials especially should review the BAWRA coverage and consider additional liability insurance for themselves if appropriate. Contact the BAWRA Insurance Liaison with any questions. **Everyone in a whaleboat must sign a waiver!**

## **SAFETY and other REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

Please see page 5 for Equipment requirements and recommendations. All boats/cox'ns are responsible for providing their own VHF radios for maintaining contact with the Starter and the Chief Race Official. Hands-free mikes are highly recommended, although they are not required.

## **PARKING & RESTROOM LOCATIONS:**

**Boat Launch:** Vallejo Boat Ramp  
1 Curtola Pkwy  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
(707) 642-7521

All boats are launched from the public launch located here. There is a large parking lot where tow vehicles and trailers are parked at no cost.

**Race:** [Vallejo Baylink Ferry](#) (← click on link)  
289 Mare Island Way  
Vallejo, CA 04590  
(707) 643-3779

Use this Ferry address for mapping the driving directions. You will need to park in the large lots across the street from the ferry terminal (with the exception of the lot directly across from it) or at curbside. There is currently a charge to park there. Also, do not park in the lot immediately adjacent to the terminal for over 3 hours.

**Post Race Party:** [Zio Fraedo's of Vallejo](#) (← click on link)  
23 Harbor Way  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
(707) 642-8984

Parking is available in the larger Boat Works lot, Zio Fraedo's lot, and also in dirt areas.

**Restrooms:** Bathrooms are located in all three areas, Boat Launch, Vallejo Ferry Terminal and inside the Zio Fraedo's Restaurant.

## **BAWRA RULES & REGULATIONS:**

- BAWRA Rules of Racing will govern. Please see BAWRA Yahoo Group website for copy. (<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/BAWRA/> ) Any variances to the rules will be discussed at the cox'n meeting.

## **SAFETY DOCUMENT:**

- To be distributed in advance or at the race. Note that there will be a first aid station located near the race loading dock.

## Attachment I: BAWRA Safety Equipment and Towing Requirements

Equipment	Recommended for anytime on the water	Required for racing/towing
A wearable PFD (Personal Flotation Device) for each individual on board per US Coast Guard specifications ( <b>Type I, II, III or Type V PFD</b> )	Required by law	Required by law
One throwable flotation device per US Coast Guard specifications ( <b>Type IV PFD</b> ).	Required by law	Required by law
Distress signaling devices in times of reduced visibility (day and night – whistle, horn, light, flare, etc.)	Required by law	Required by law
First aid kit	X	X
Emergency space blankets	X	
Instant ice packs	X	
Electric lantern (for night time emergency)	X	
Sound producing device (marine horn, whistle, etc.)	X	X
Towline & bridle	X	X
Hand pump	X	
VHF radio	X	X

We recommend you become familiar with California Boating Law as it applies to whaleboats:

<http://dbw.ca.gov/LawsRegs/>

Also, the State provides many publications for free. In particular, the ABC's of the California Boating Law is a useful reference: <http://dbw.ca.gov/pubs/ABC/>