



CREW - Frequently Asked Questions

Can my son participate in the Fall or Spring season only? YES, although Crew is a two season sport with regattas in both the Fall and Spring and optional Winter weight/ERG training, we realize that athletes may want to participate in other sports offered at Fairfield Prep throughout the year.

Is there a fee for this sport? YES, Fairfield Prep pays for certain expenses such as coaching and much of the bus service to and from practices. However, given the capital expenses this is a sport that is mostly funded by the parents of rowers. The parent advisory board does its best to develop a budget for that season and simply divides that amount by the number of rowers to determine the user fee.

Does my son have to attend all practices and regattas? Coaches expect all participants to attend scheduled practices and races. If an absence is unavoidable, it must be communicated to the Coach with as much prior notice as possible. (FALL: September, October, November SPRING: March, April, May)

What is the season practice schedule? Practices are held five days a week Monday-Friday after school from 2:45pm to 5:30pm at Beacon Point Marina in Shelton. Regattas take place on either Saturday and/or Sunday in addition to practice throughout the season.

Do I need to transport my son to/from practices and regattas? Fairfield Prep Crew has traditionally provided roundtrip transportation to/from crew practice from Fairfield Prep to Beacon Point Marina in Shelton, CT (722 River Road) using a Town of Fairfield school bus. The bus stop location is on the side of the Fairfield Prep Brissett Athletic Center. The bus departs Prep promptly at 2:45pm and returns leaving Beacon Point roughly at 5:30pm making a stop on the return first at the Fairfield train station North bound side then making the second and last stop back at the Brissett Athletic Center.

Upper classmen that have a valid driver's license are allowed to transport themselves to and from practice. **For safety reasons and an agreement with the management of Beacon Point Marina, all drivers (students and parents) must park their vehicles at the top of the hill and walk down to the boat house.**

For regattas it is the parents' responsibility to get the athlete to/from all regattas at the designated report time. The athlete must stay at the regatta site until he has been officially dismissed by the coach. Some regattas may require overnight stays in cities as far as Saratoga NY, Philadelphia PA or Boston MA.

What is a regatta day schedule? Generally speaking, regattas are all day events and rowers are expected to arrive 2 hours before their race time to unload the boat trailer and stay to reload it once the team's last event has finished. Prep Crew has a central tent usually set up along the race course where the athletes and parents gather. Parents help with the coordination of cooking and serving food for the day whether it be breakfast and/or lunch or dinner.

Do I need to bring food for a regatta? YES, the Hospitality Committee uses the team roster and will rotate each regatta what each family needs to provide for food. **It is very important that your specified food item be sent along with your son for the report time of the regatta.**

Do I need to purchase a uniform? YES, uniform orders will take place in the first couple of weeks of each season.

Where can I get more information on Prep Crew? Prep Crew has a Handbook which provides more detail. In addition, Crew has a page on the Fairfield Prep Website under "Athletics" which is updated on a regular basis for regatta schedules, waivers, directions, etc.