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**TO:** Members of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA)  
Head Coaches of Varsity Heavyweight Men’s Rowing Programs  
Varsity Coaches of Lightweight Men’s and Women’s Rowing Programs  
IRA Board of Stewards

**FROM:** Gary Caldwell, IRA Commissioner  
Katie Boldvich, IRA Executive Director

**RE:** Notice of 2018 IRA Championships

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On behalf of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA), we are pleased to provide this official notice of the 2018 IRA Championships Regatta.

**Dates and Location**

The 116<sup>th</sup> IRA Championships Regatta will be held at Mercer Lake, Princeton, NJ from Friday, June 1, 2018 through Sunday, June 3, 2018. The Championships will be co-hosted by the Princeton National Rowing Association (PNRA).

The 2018 IRA Regatta will include the following championship events:

**Event**

- Men’s National Championship Varsity Heavyweight Eight
- Men’s National Championship Lightweight Eight
- Women’s National Championship Lightweight Eight
- Men’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Eight
- Men’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Varsity Eight
- Men’s Varsity Four
- Women’s Lightweight Four
- Men’s Lightweight Four
- Women’s Lightweight Double Scull
- Men’s Lightweight Four w/o Coxswain

**Award**

- Varsity Challenge Cup
- The 1922 Cup
- The Camden County Trophy
- Kennedy Challenge Cup
- The Stewards Cup
- Eric W. Will Trophy
- Cooper River Cup
- S.J. Healy Cup
- IRA Stewards Award
- IRA Stewards Award

In addition to the Awards for the events noted above, the IRA also will present the following team awards at the 2018 IRA Regatta:

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| IRA National Champion Team Trophy  | James Ten Eyck Memorial Trophy |
| IRA Most Improved Team Trophy      | Clayton Chapman Award          |
| IRA Women's Lightweight Team Award | IRA Stewards Award             |
| IRA Men's Lightweight Team Award   | IRA Stewards Award             |

### **Some Important Reminders**

1. Eligibility for the 2018 Regatta: All institutions, teams and student-athletes seeking to participate in the 2018 IRA Regatta must satisfy the eligibility requirements set forth in the IRA Constitution, IRA Eligibility Regulations, and Operating Bylaws. These eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. The team officially shall have been accorded varsity status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics;
  - b. The team is administered by the department of intercollegiate athletics;
  - c. The eligibility of student-athletes participating on the team shall be reviewed and certified by a staff member designated by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy; and
  - d. The staff members responsible for the certification shall be the same staff members that are responsible for certifying eligibility for the institution's other intercollegiate varsity programs.
2. Annual Dues: Institutions seeking to participate in the 2018 IRA Regatta must be current dues-paying members of the IRA.
3. Qualification/Selection for the 2018 Regatta: All teams participating in the 2018 IRA Regatta will be selected by the appropriate selection committee and in accordance with established selection criteria described in Attachment A.
4. James Ten Eyck Memorial Trophy: The Ten Eyck Trophy team championship will be awarded based on points earned by teams competing in the Men's Heavyweight Varsity Eight, Men's Heavyweight 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Eight, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Varsity Eight.
5. IRA Stewards Lightweight Team Awards: The IRA Stewards Awards for Women and Men will be given out based on points earned by teams competing in their respective Lightweight Varsity Eight and Lightweight Varsity Four events. Points will be allocated for each event in accordance with the chart on Attachment B.
6. Travel Rosters: The size of the student-athlete travel squad for the 2018 IRA Regatta shall be limited to the numbers specified in Attachment C.
7. Opening Times for Trailer Parking and Practice: The regatta site at Mercer Lake will open for trailer parking until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. The course will open for practice 12:00 noon on the same day. The course will close at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening

8. In particular, please note that the IRA Regatta, by long-standing tradition that dates back to 1895, is an invitational regatta. **As such, the IRA Board of Stewards has always reserved the right to accept or reject an entry in accordance with its Regatta policy.** The Stewards have asked us to remind all coaches that their crews must race with a true “Spirit of Competitiveness” especially in the opening heats. Crews that do not race competitively may be sanctioned, disqualified from further competition, and their schools’ invitation to future regattas may be at risk.

We look forward to seeing your crews at the 2018 IRA Regatta. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us at ([gary.caldwell@tufts.edu](mailto:gary.caldwell@tufts.edu)) or [katie@usrowing.org](mailto:katie@usrowing.org)

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