



To our Housatonic River Neighbors,

On Saturday, October 9, the New Haven Rowing Club will host the Head of the Housatonic Regatta. Thanks to countless hours of volunteer time, and with the support of police, fire and emergency services professionals in Shelton, this event has grown to become a major regatta on the regional rowing calendar.

We recognize that this event creates some short-term inconveniences for you, and we sincerely thank you for your patience and forbearance. We will have volunteers on the water on October 7 and 8 to install the racecourse, so please be mindful of their presence. On October 9, the river is a no-wake zone for the safety of the racing crews from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. We will do our best to remove the racecourse buoys before nightfall.

As a Covid precaution, we have reduced the size of this year's regatta by about 25%, and this year for the first time we are not allowing any spectators to attend.

Despite these changes, it is possible there will still be a surge in traffic near Indian Well State Park on Route 110 on race day, especially as boat trailers enter the park in the morning and leave in the late afternoon. If you are on the Shelton side of the river and are making travel arrangements for October 9, please be aware that you may experience delays.

Thank you so much for letting us share this special stretch of water with these athletes. You can get more information and find links to the regatta schedule online at <https://www.newhavenrowingclub.org/head-of-the-housatonic>. More information about New Haven Rowing Club is at [www.newhavenrowingclub.org](http://www.newhavenrowingclub.org). If you have specific questions about regatta operations or any other subject, please write to [nhrcregattas@gmail.com](mailto:nhrcregattas@gmail.com). We will get back to you promptly.

Sincerely,

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Charles Gamble  
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New Haven Rowing Club