To our Neighbors on the Housatonic River,

On Saturday, October 6, the New Haven Rowing Club will proudly 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 East Coast rowing calendar. More than two thousand competitors from ages 14-80+ will work their way up the 2.7-mile racecourse on regatta day, getting a glimpse of this beautiful stretch of river that we get to enjoy all year.

We recognize that this event creates some short-term inconveniences for you, and we sincerely thank you for your patience and forbearance. For obvious safety reasons, the river is a no-wake zone that day, beginning at 8:00 a.m. when the first crews take to the water. The last race of the day will cross the finish line at about 3:45 p.m., and the last crews will be off the water at Indian Well State Park around 4:15 p.m. We will do our best to get the race course buoys off the river before night falls.

We work with Shelton Police and a local bus company to try and minimize the effect of the traffic surge near Indian Well State Park on race day. However, we typically experience heavy traffic on Route 110 and Indian Well Road due to the large number of vehicles trying to 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 6, please be aware that you may experience delays.

Thank you again for letting us share this special place with these athletes. You can get more information and a regatta schedule online at www.headofthehousatonic.org. More information about New Haven Rowing Club is at www.newhavenrowingclub.org. If you have specific questions about regatta operations or any other subject, please write to mailto:nhrcregattas@gmail.com. We will get back to you promptly.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hatcher
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New Haven Rowing Club