



SAN DIEGO CREW CLASSIC® - crewclassic.org

First Time Competitors

April 5-7, 2024
Mission Bay, San Diego

WELCOME

The San Diego Crew Classic is the premier springtime rowing regatta in the United States and one of the largest rowing events in the world. Each spring thousands of rowing athletes from all over the world come together on the shores of Mission Bay to celebrate the start of spring racing season. The Crew Classic has been providing early spring racing opportunities for rowing athletes for over fifty years, and is proud to be one of the only regattas in the country to offer 2k racing for youth, collegiate, masters and para athletes all at the same event. Racing at the Crew Classic is an aspirational bucket-list regatta experience for every rowing athlete and their supporters—thank you for joining us! We look forward to welcoming you to America's Finest City.

TRAVEL

San Diego International Airport (SAN) is the best option for flying into San Diego. The airport is located in downtown San Diego, and is just a short drive from the Crew Classic venue. Crew Classic attendees could also fly into Los Angeles (LAX) and drive down to San Diego. Traffic can be variable between San Diego and LA but is typically between two and three hours of driving.

ACCOMMODATION

San Diego has a wealth of accommodation options, many of which are close to the Crew Classic venue. The Crew Classic takes place at [Crown Point Park](#) on the western shore of Fiesta Bay. The venue is located in the Pacific Beach neighborhood of San Diego. When looking for places to stay, you may want to consider Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, La Jolla, Bay Park, Old Town and Hotel Circle as the neighborhoods closest to the venue.



The San Diego Crew Classic has partnered with [HBC Event Services](#) to provide attendees with discounted hotel rates during the regatta. Reservations made with HBC also come with a travel protection plan to offer you a full or partial refund for covered reasons, such as regatta cancellation.

To access partner hotels with discounted event rates, please scan the QR code.

For teams receiving a stipend from the Crew Classic, receipt of funds is contingent upon staying at one of the regatta partner hotels. If you need assistance with your accommodation or choosing a hotel, please contact the Crew Classic office.

GETTING TO THE VENUE

Driving

GPS Address: [1369 Corona Oriente Rd., San Diego, CA 92109](#)

If you choose to drive to the venue, there are two parking lots at Crown Point Park available for spectator parking (Red and Green Lots) and one that is reserved for competitors with regatta-issued parking passes (Yellow Lot). Competitors not receiving a yellow lot pass may utilize the free parking in the Red and Green lots, which is first come, first served. There is additional parking located at [North Ski Beach on Vacation Isle](#), which is a 20 minute walk to the gate, or you may use the free shuttle service.

Note about team vans: in the past, large van rentals have sold out in San Diego on regatta weekend. We recommend securing your team vehicle rentals as early as possible.

Rideshare

Uber and Lyft drivers may access the parking lots for passenger pick up and drop off, but may experience some delays and crowds in and around the lots. Please note that cell service may not be as reliable during peak hours of the regatta with heavy crowds in the area. Walking up to Crown Point Drive to meet your rideshare driver sometimes helps avoid confusion with pickup.

Cycling

For teams hoping to cycle to and from the venue, bike rentals are widely available in Pacific Beach, however the Crew Classic is a foot traffic only venue. No bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades or skates are allowed on site. Bikes may be locked to the exterior of the fence. All other wheeled items must be left at home or in your vehicle.

Public Transportation

[The San Diego MTS bus service](#) runs routes through Pacific Beach that can get you within walking distance from the venue. Service is more limited on weekends. If you prefer to use public transportation you may want to consider limiting your accommodation choices to Old Town (near the Old Town transit center), Mission Beach or Pacific Beach neighborhoods to make access to bus routes easier. From Old Town use the number 9 bus route; from Mission Beach or Pacific Beach use the number 8 bus route.

ADMISSION PASSES & VIP

Competitors will receive wristbands that will serve as their admission passes to the regatta for the entirety of the event. Wristbands need to be left on in order to have access to yellow lot parking and venue gates. If wristbands are lost or damaged they must be replaced at the main gate.

Teams will receive one (1) wristband for staff (coaches, team leaders etc.) per entry. Please note that spare athletes may be able to access the venue free of charge if they present their student ID—children under the age of 12, students with ID and active military service members all receive free general admission.

Competitor wristbands do not grant access to VIP hospitality spaces. For additional ticketing and hospitality options, please visit crewclassic.org/tickets. Regatta tickets will go on sale in late 2023.

TEAM TENTS

The Crew Classic hosts an Alumni Row on the south end of the venue. Alumni/team tents are situated right on the beach inside the last 500m of the race course. Tents must be reserved in advance via the [Alumni Tent Registration Form](#). No private or pop-up tents are allowed anywhere on venue.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

It is possible (and quite common) for visiting crews to rent or borrow equipment when they attend the Crew Classic. Our official equipment supplier for the 2024 Crew Classic is WinTech Racing. For equipment inquiries please contact WinTech directly at: info@wintechracing.com or use their [2024 Crew Classic Boat Rental Form](#)

VOLUNTEER

The Crew Classic depends on hundreds of volunteers to make the regatta a success year after year. Competitors and their supporters are welcome to volunteer to deepen their Crew Classic experience! There are shifts available in every department of regatta operations before, during and after the event. Volunteers receive meals during their shifts, a commemorative apparel item, and General Admission to the regatta for the duration of the event. You may learn more at crewclassic.org/volunteers

FOOD

Teams are welcome to bring their own food and beverages on site as long as they do not bring alcohol or glass containers of any kind (including non-alcoholic drinks and condiments). Food trucks will be on site Friday-Sunday providing a variety of coffee, food and snack items. There are also a number of grocery stores nearby:

Trader Joes
1640 Garnet Ave.
San Diego CA 92109

Sprouts
1240 Garnet Ave.
San Diego CA 92109

Vons
1702 Garnet Ave.
San Diego CA 9210

Ralphs
4315 Mission Blvd
San Diego CA 92109

WEATHER & CONDITIONS

We suggest that competitors bring a variety of layers, including a rain layer and a UPF layer to be prepared for variable conditions during their time on Mission Bay. Average temperatures in San Diego in early April are usually in the 60s and 70s. Beach community temperatures typically trend cooler than in the city, especially in the mornings when there tends to be more cloud cover. April is usually near the end of the rainy season but patches of rain and fog are always possible in a marine environment. Wind generally picks up throughout the day and the venue can be quite breezy from midday on. Even in April the sun in Southern California can be quite intense from midday on so please plan for sun protection. Competitors should note that Crown Point Shores does not have much shade at any point in the day.

ON THE WATER

The Crew Classic is a wet launch venue. There are no docks available to launch or land your boats. Please review protocol for wet launching before you arrive if your crew is unfamiliar with this process. Competitors should plan to bring shoes that can transition from sand/water back to land during the launching and landing process. Coaches, coxswains and team leaders should note that the warm up area and race start are a significant distance from the venue. Coaches will not be able to communicate with or coach their crews after they leave the launching area. Coaches wishing to get on the water with their crews during a practice window will need to reserve a coaching launch with a local rowing program, the availability and rates for which are dictated by those programs and not by the Crew Classic. Rowers and coxswains should understand that Mission Bay is an active recreational waterway and there may be unanticipated boat traffic or activity in addition to the many buoys and channel markers located throughout the Bay. Please familiarize yourself with the appearance and location of these obstacles as well as reviewing the impact of coastal tides on steering. Mission Bay is home to many types of marine life—dolphins and seals are common in the area. Please respect these animals and enjoy them from a safe distance.

ACCESSIBILITY

If you have accessibility concerns regarding getting around the Crew Classic venue, please contact the office at (619)225-0300. Parts of the venue are uneven and may be challenging for guests and competitors with limited mobility. The Crew Classic is happy to provide assistance when possible.

QUESTIONS

Additional event details such as venue hours, practice schedule, heat sheets/draw, trailer parking and more will all be covered during our Coaches and Coxswains meeting on March 31, 2024. However, if you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Crew Classic office. We are happy to help!

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