

## Stanton Invitational

Dear LBRA Parents and Rowers,

Our next regatta is scheduled for this Saturday, March 6th, in Jacksonville. Rowers will be expected at the race site **no later than 6:30 am**. Since we are traveling to Jacksonville there is an expected travel time of 2 1/2 hours, so if you are driving up on Saturday morning plan on leaving Orlando **no later than 3:45 am**. It is very important that your rower be on time for each regatta since there is a lot of prep time that goes into getting ready for the race. **Rowers are expected to be ON time and are required to stay for the entire regatta. Once they are dismissed by the coaches they are permitted to leave.**

**If you chose to drive up on Friday evening there are a few hotels listed on our website [lakebrantleycrew.org](http://lakebrantleycrew.org) for accommodations. However...the rowers will be practicing as usual of Friday.**

### 1. Where to go? Directions? What time should I leave?

Parents will be responsible for transportation to this regatta. Driving time is approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes. However...add a few extra minutes just for good measure.

For those of you who have never attended the Stanton Invitational, you have the option of viewing the race from a bridge or shore. From either spot you will have a great view of the race.

DIRECTIONS:

**From I-95 Northbound** take I-295 north (to Orange Park), cross the St. Johns River, to Roosevelt Blvd./US 17 North. Follow US 17 North approximately five miles to Timuquana Road. Turn left on Timuquana Road. Follow Timuquana Road approximately ¼ of a mile to Ortega Farms Road (immediately after you cross the Ortega River – there will be a light at the bottom of the bridge). Turn left on Ortega Farms Road. St. Peters Church (the regatta site) will be directly on your left.

There is a parking fee of \$5 and someone from Stanton Rowing will direct you on where to park.

### 2. What should the rowers bring/wear?

Rowers will need to bring all of their rowing attire (red unisuits, team polo or t-shirt). Off the water the rowers should wear their Blue LBRA Polo (if you do not have the polo, then wear your blue patriot team t-shirt) and khaki pants (shorts or long). If you do not have khaki then substitute with jeans. This is for both the men's and women's teams.

**Remind rowers that this will be a 'WET' launch for the boats to it would be great to have extra socks, or maybe even waterproof footwear (to help protect their feet).**

Rowers can also bring pillows and blankets sweat shirts or jacket for under the tent. Parents, please note that some rowers may have down times and are encouraged to bring homework and/or study during this time. **Remember it is going to be very CHILLY on Saturday so please come prepared for a cold day.**

### 3 Parents: what to bring?

Parents should bring lawn chairs, a cooler with drinks/food OR Stanton Rowing will have a concession stand to purchase food and drinks. Remember, it is going to be a long COLD day so come prepared. Please encourage your rowers to keep hydrated.

Bring a sweat shirt or jacket, umbrella, since the weather is unpredictable. Also on the list...sunscreen, insect repellent, hand sanitizer, binoculars, etc. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Let's all be ready to cheer our athletes to victory. **GO BRANTLEY!**

There are No ATM machines at the race site so please bring cash for any purchases that you may make (food, t-shirt,).

#### 4. **LBRA HOSPITALITY**

Food at LBRA Hospitality will be provided at no cost to rowers **ONLY** and will provide breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages. Parents: please do not send extra food or snacks for your athlete, unless they have specific and documented food allergies. The coaches have advised Hospitality on the types of food/beverages they would prefer the athletes consume. All other family members must bring their own food and drinks for the day or you may elect to purchase food from Host concessions on site.

If you have any further questions or need clarification please let me know. It is best to have a contact phone number in case you need extra directions. Please feel free to call me at 407-493-1440 and I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

See you at the race on Saturday.....**GO BRANTLEY!**

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