

What Parents Can Expect

Crew is an incredibly rewarding experience for both you and your child; both physically and mentally. It is a very challenging sport and demands support by both the teammates and the families.

If this is your first experience with the sport, it's natural to feel overwhelmed with the unfamiliar terms and the obligations. It is very different from any other sport.

Please become familiar with the handbook and do not hesitate to ask questions from the more experienced parents. They are always willing to explain.

Do plan on attending regattas. The crew depends on the parental support; not just for cheering on the river bank, but also helping the athletes with other things they may need.

Do plan on spending an extended period of time. The river will become like a second home.

Working the tent: This entails helping set up the tents, clean up, and organizing the tent for at least one regatta during the season.

Be prepared for anything and everything. The weather can change suddenly and you can count on using all-purpose clothing at any given time.

SOCIALIZE at the tent; siblings and friends are all welcome to join the tent festivities. The food is free, and the races are exciting.

3 essential items to be comfortable: a folding chair, an umbrella, and binoculars.

Other items that help:

Blanket

Jacket and gloves (the early mornings can be very chilly)

Lightweight clothing (for the days that aren't as chilly)

And Sunscreen, Sunscreen, Sunscreen... we cannot stress the importance enough!!!