



THE *Royal*
ST. JOHN'S
REGATTA

2021 REGATTA CROWD CONTROL PLAN

Event: 203rd Anniversary Royal St. John's Regatta
Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (weather permitting)

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this plan is to address potential crowds gathering around Quidi Vidi Lake (the Lake) on Regatta Day, which takes place on the first Wednesday in August, weather permitting. This day is also a municipal holiday.

By establishing this plan, The Royal St. John's Regatta Committee (the Regatta Committee) has taken all steps within its control to identify and mitigate public gatherings at the 203rd Anniversary Royal St. John's Regatta (the Event).

The Chief Medical Officer of Health and other senior provincial government staff, the Mayor and senior city staff, and the Chief of Police were consulted in the development of this plan. It has been approved by the Regatta Committee Board of Directors, led by the President and Vice President/Captain of the Course.

EVENT SCENARIO

The Event will have approximately 75-100 participants at any given time, including rowers and Regatta Committee members. This group operates per the approved Return to Racing Plan and will operate inside a fenced area, which includes the dock, winners circle, boathouse and timing tower. The Event will run from approximately 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. It is weather dependent. In the event of inclement weather, the Regatta will be delayed until the next suitable day. The municipal holiday will coincide with the Regatta. The Captain of the Course has the responsibility, along with the Regatta

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Committee, to determine if the races are to go ahead. This is typically done at 5:00 AM on Wednesday morning. The decision is typically broadcast live on all local (and some national) media outlets. It is also posted online.

CROWD CONTROL OVERVIEW

On a normal year with vendors on site, the Regatta would draw a crowd of 10,000 to 40,000 people. This year's Event will not have vendors or any concessions, and the vast majority of attendees in the past came for the food and games of chance as opposed to the races. However, it can be reasonably expected that individuals will converge on Quidi Vidi Lake on Regatta Day out of general interest. In response, the following crowd control measures will be implemented for the Event and additional details of each are included below:

1. Regatta Committee COVID-19 Ambassadors
2. Scheduled Break
3. Physical Barriers and Exclusion Zones for Participants and Committee Members
4. Police Enforcement of Public Health Guidelines
5. City-led Parking Enforcement and Limited Vehicular Access
6. City-led Vendor Enforcement
7. Cohort Friendly Zones
8. Public Messaging
9. Live Broadcast of Races

DETAILS OF CROWD CONTROL MEASURES

Regatta Committee COVID-19 Ambassadors

Due to the number of potential onlookers at this Event, two (2) crowd control manager(s) – known as Regatta Committee COVID Ambassadors, will be in place for monitoring the dock and upholding public health guidelines in areas where rowers, coxswains and committee members are present. These areas are fenced and are not accessible to the public.

Physical Barriers and Exclusion Zones for Participants and Regatta Committee Members

Per the approved Return to Racing Plan, the Regatta Committee will establish and expand the secure areas (fenced areas) for participants of this Event, including rowers, coxswains and managers, as well as Regatta Committee members and staff.

Signage will be in place noting the limited access in these areas, including the rules and procedures that must be followed when a participant enters. There are specific signs in these areas that say No Public Access. These areas will also be monitored, and security will be in place to control participant access.

All participants will have a name tag or wrist band to gain access to the exclusion zones.

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Also, security will report back to the Regatta Committee COVID-19 Ambassadors regarding gatherings outside of the secure areas if they occur for appropriate action.

Scheduled Breaks

The Event schedule will include breaks during peak times, such as mid-day and late afternoon before the Championship Race, to support crowd management efforts. A minimum of 1.5 hours will be allocated for a lunch break, and another break between 4 and 6PM. Races that typically draw a crowd have also been spread out on the schedule to reduce the potential number of attendees at one time.

Crowd Enforcement

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) will provide policing services for the Event, similar to previous years. This typically includes uniformed officers on site or in the vicinity of the Event. The RNC will enforce the province's covid-19 public health guidelines and will ensure large gatherings of people do not develop in the area around the Quidi Vidi Lake. They will also support the City of St. John's with parking enforcement, etc.

Limited Parking and Road Access

The City of St. John's will implement road closures at Clancy Drive (no vehicular access), Lake Avenue (no vehicular access), Carnell Drive (no vehicular access) and Lakeview Avenue (access to the Boathouse with permit only at Forest Road).

Parking for participants of the Event (rowers, etc.) will be at the lower Dominion parking lot on Lake Avenue (access behind Dominion on Kings Bridge Road). Regatta Committee security and City of St. John's parking enforcement will be in place to manage parking at Dominion. Permits will be issued, and a list of permitted vehicles will be provided to security.

The Boulevard will remain open to traffic this year, but the three public parking areas will be closed or limited to authorized vehicles only. There is no parking or stopping on the Boulevard. If vehicular access poses any risk at this location, the Boulevard will be closed by the City of St. John's in consultation with their other enforcement partners.

Cohort Friendly Areas

In areas around Quidi Vidi Lake where physical distancing can be achieved, cohort-safe zones will be established. These zones will have cohort circles painted on the grass/ground for groups and their Steady 20 to utilize. These areas will be located at the north bank of Quidi Vidi Lake near the bandstand and

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marquee, as well as at the top of the pond near the bridge on Carnell Drive near the starting line for the races. The Regatta Committee will be responsible for constructing these zones.

Vendor Enforcement

The City of St. John's will monitor the areas around Quidi Vidi Lake during the Event to ensure vendors do not setup operation.

The Regatta Committee has met with past vendors to communicate the plan for 2021 and they have been told they are not permitted to attend the Event. They will participate in a virtual vendor fair instead.

The Regatta Committee doesn't anticipate any issues in this regard, but the City of St. John's will manage vendors if they do present themselves.

Public Messaging

The Regatta Committee will officially announce the 203rd Anniversary Royal St. John's Regatta on the week of July 12. A public announcement will be made by the President of the Regatta Committee, along with Minister Steve Crocker and Mayor Danny Breen. The messaging from all partners will focus on the public health guidelines and the need for people to stay away from the Event.

Media partners, including NTV, Rogers and VOCM have agreed to support public messaging with Public Service Announcements, etc., noting public access to the Regatta is not permitted/recommended.

The Provincial Government and CMOH will also support the dissemination of important public messaging related to this Event.

The Regatta Committee and City of St. John's will use its social media accounts to communicate public health guidelines to participants and the public before and during the Event.

Messaging will also include a note about there being no beer tent this year.

Live Broadcast of Races

The 203rd Anniversary Royal St. John's Regatta will be live broadcast. RogersTV will broadcast all races from start to finish. NTV will broadcast regular updates throughout the day and will show the championship races live beginning at 6PM. VOCM will be broadcasting live from the Event throughout the day, including the posting of updates on the internet. This cooperative effort on behalf of our partners will give potential onlookers an option to watch the races without being physically present. The Regatta Committee will encourage families and friends of participants to stay home and watch the races virtually. Live race results will be updated to the Regatta website in real-time.

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