


Hampton Home Regatta (Pirate Team Racing)

 **March 29th & 30th**

Schedule of Events:

- **7:30 AM** – Coach meets with the race officer (who will bring his boat).
 - **7:45 AM** – Race committee briefing.
 - **9:00 AM** – Competitor report time.
 - **9:15 AM** – Competitors’ meeting.
 - **9:25 AM** – Coach heads onto the water to set the course.
 - Once the course is set, the coach will notify competitors to launch their boats.
 - **10:00 AM** – First race begins.
 - No official lunch break – race rotations will provide time for competitors to rest.
 - Races will continue until **5:00 PM**, if necessary.
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Event Overview

Hampton University is hosting a **college sailing regatta** on the weekend of **March 29th and 30th**. The **Marine Science Building and Sailing Dock at Hampton University** will serve as the central meeting point for competitors at the start and end of the day.

The **races will take place in front of Strawberry Banks**, where spectators can watch the action and briefly interact with athletes between rotations.

Spectator Information:

- The best **viewing area** is at **Strawberry Banks**.

- **Parking:** The closest spots to Strawberry Banks are reserved for spectators. Competitor and team parking will be farther away.
 -  **Tip: Binoculars** are recommended to better see the races from shore.
 - **(Directions to Strawberry Banks needed)**
 - **Race rotations** will be posted on the event **website** (coordinate with the coach for the exact website and navigation details).
 - **Boat Identification:**
 - Each boat will have a **sail number** and a **team color**.
 - Example: Boats **1-2-3** will have **red sails**, boats **4-5-6** will have **green sails**, etc.
 - The **rotation website** will display the **race number, school name, and the sail color** assigned to each team.
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How the Regatta Works

- The **regatta** is the event, consisting of multiple **team races** between different universities.
- Each **race** is a **3 vs. 3 format** (e.g., **3 HU boats vs. 3 ODU boats**).
- The goal is to have the **lowest combined score** at the end of the race.
 - Example: If **HU finishes 1st, 3rd, and 4th**, while **ODU finishes 2nd, 5th, and 6th**, HU wins the race.
- A total of **8 teams** will compete against each other.
- The regatta will follow a **round-robin format**, meaning each university will race against every other university at least once.

Race Procedure:

1. Before each race, **committee boats** will signal competitors with warning sounds.
2. The race begins with a **three-minute starting sequence**, during which teams strategize to gain the best starting position.
3. Once the race starts, teams navigate the **designated course**.
4. Finishing positions determine the winner of each race.
5. After each race, boats will return to **Strawberry Banks** for **athlete rotations**, allowing fresh competitors to take over.
6. The university with the **most race wins** by the end of the event **wins the regatta**.
7. **After the final race, all boats will sail back to the Hampton University dock, and the athletes will go home.**

