

Spring is the main race season for most of our programs. Last year just as we were gearing up for regattas, the COVID-19 pandemic brought things to a screeching halt. Almost a year later, we are still cautiously planning for the regattas that we are scheduled to host on Mercer Lake this spring.

With the current status of restrictions in New Jersey, we could only host a junior event with no teams from outside of New Jersey. The National Team and Collegiate teams have a different set of restrictions and we could host an interstate competition in these categories. As competitions move outside, the levels of COVID cases continue to drop and more people are vaccinated, we anticipate that these restrictions will change and we can expand our events in a responsible safe manner.

Regardless of changes in the COVID-related restrictions, the one thing that we can say is that regattas this spring will have a very different look from past years and hopefully future years. We anticipate that the size of regattas will be reduced and spectators will be minimal if allowed at all. Despite these changes, we are working toward providing opportunities to see racing on Mercer Lake this spring.

The major events that are being planned are:

April 12-16 USA Olympic Rowing Team Trials (proceed but with a closed bubble)

April 17-18 Mercer Lake Sprints (March 26 final decision on this event)

May 1 MAPL League Championships

May 8-9 USRowing's Mid-Atlantic Regional Youth Championship (March 8 decision)

May 28-30 Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Collegiate Championship