



# Sarasota Invitational

February 27- March 1, 2026

Nathan  
Benderson Park  
Sarasota, FL



**BULLETIN #1**

**NATHANBENDERSONPARK.ORG**

# The Venue



## ABOUT NBP

**Nathan Benderson Park (“NBP”) is the top rowing facility in North America, identified as having all of the natural attributes that make up a premiere rowing facility. The park began hosting organized regatta competitions in 2009 and has since hosted the Olympic rowing team trials, NCAA rowing, youth regattas, team trainings, and USRowing’s Youth Nationals multiple times.**

**Athletes look forward to rowing on the park’s world-class, permanent, FISA Class A 2,000-meter sprint rowing and training course — the only such course in North America. Families and individuals can get out on the water through our rowing and paddling membership programs, find a scenic spot to enjoy an afternoon picnic, or walk, run or bike our peaceful, neatly manicured trails encircling the shimmering lake.**

## ABOUT THE REGATTA

Experience the excitement of sprint racing on one of the best rowing venues in the country! The annual Sarasota Invitational Regatta (SIR) features three days of youth and masters rowing at the venerable Nathan Benderson Park - the site of the 2018 Benderson Park - the site of the 2018 Masters World Rowing and the 2017 World Rowing Championships.



### DEADLINE & SCHEDULE

#### Early Registration

Opens January 3, 2026 @ 11:59 PM EST

Closes January 10, 2026 @ 11:59 PM EST

#### Standard Registration

Opens January 10, 2026 @ 11:59 PM EST

Closes February 15, 2026 @ 11:59 PM EST

#### Late Registration

Opens February 15, 2026 @ 11:59 PM EST

Closes February 22, 2026 @ 11:59 PM EST

#### Scratch Window\*

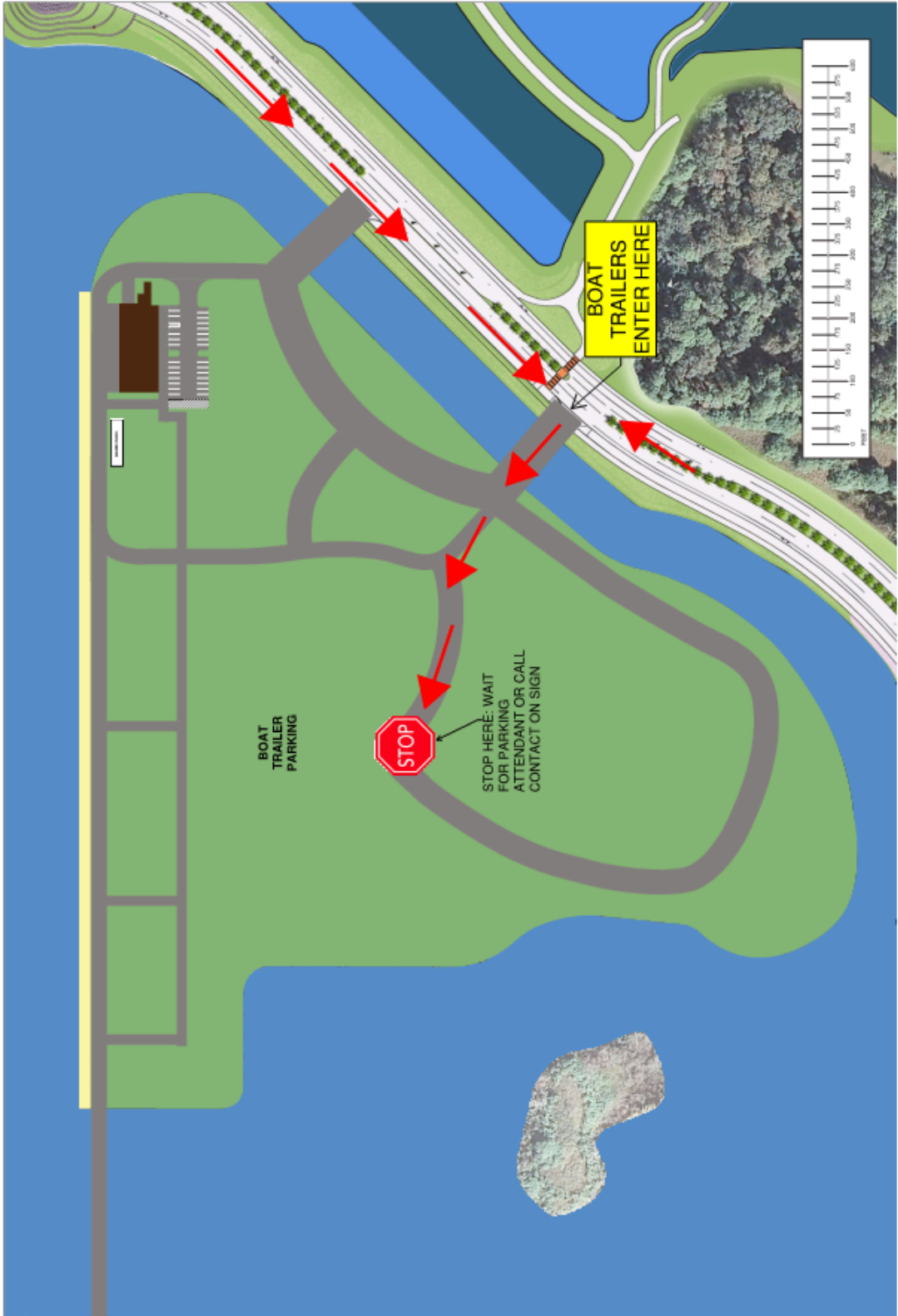
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# TRAILER ARRIVAL/PARKING

Team trailers can begin arriving on Friday, February 27th, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Trailers planning to arrive outside the above time frame must notify the venue. Please contact Sarah Hartz 941-224-9395 or Emma Anthony 941-402-1598 to coordinate.

## Nathan Benderson Park REGATTA ISLAND OPERATIONS MAP BOAT TRAILER TRAFFIC FLOW



# DIRECTIONS & PARKING

Coming from Tampa:

- Head South on I-75
- Pass through Bradenton and into Sarasota
- Take Exit 213 – University Parkway
- Turn right (West) onto University Parkway
- Turn left on Cattlemen Road
- Drive about 1/2 mile on Cattlemen thru 3 roundabouts and the park will be on your right

Coming from Miami:

- Head North on I-75
- Take Exit 210 – Fruitville Road
- Turn left (West) onto Fruitville Road
- Turn right on Cattlemen Road
- Drive about 2 miles on Cattlemen and the park will be on your left

## SPECTATOR PARKING

Vehicle parking will be \$15.00 per day on Saturday & Sunday. Spectator parking will be located in the grass lot South of the Homewood Suites. The parking lot opens for parking 2 hrs prior to the first race.

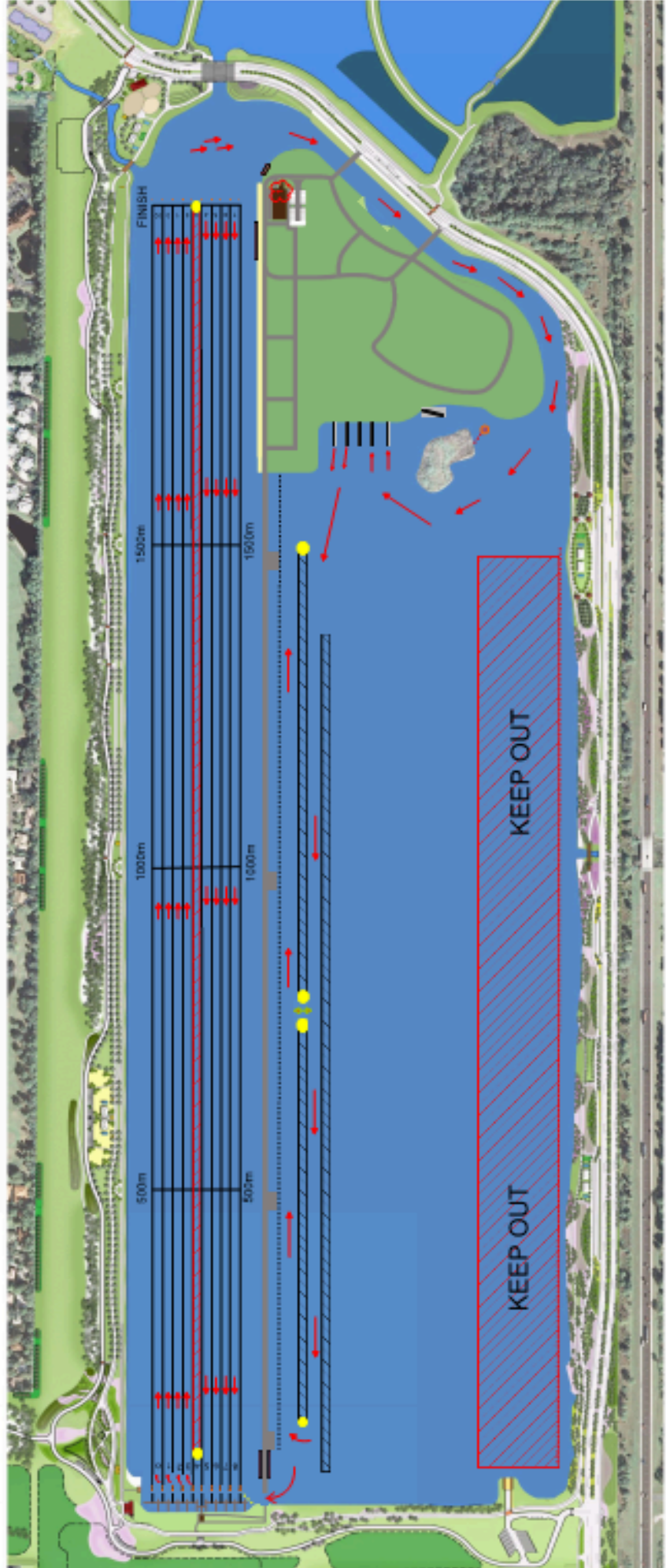


# PRACTICE DAY TRAFFIC PATTERNS



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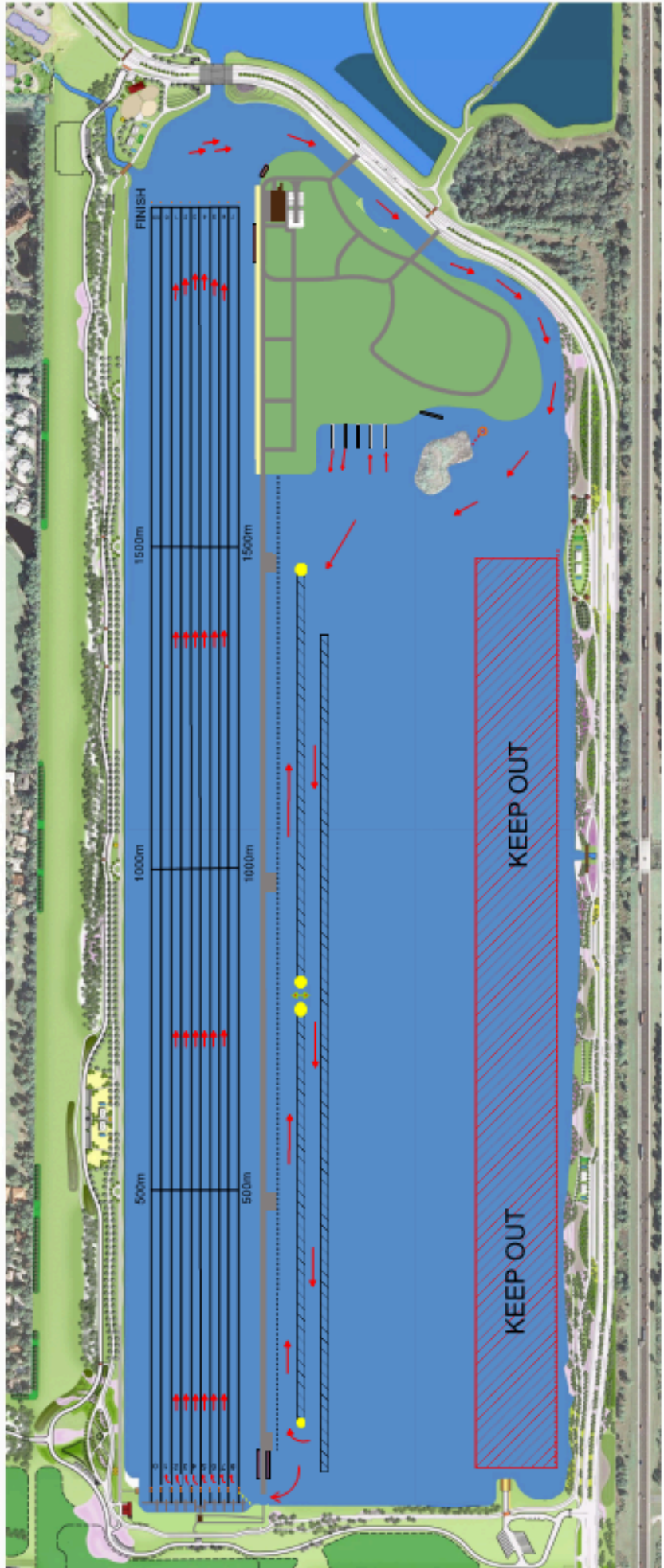


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## DRONE POLICY

Unapproved drones are not permitted based on county event permitting and park rules in place for the duration of this Regatta. Individuals are not allowed to launch, operate, and/or land drones within the boundaries of NBP, without the prior approval of NBP.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Event Organizer will monitor weather during all practice and competition. **Being on the Water when lightning is within a 12-mile radius is not allowed.** If an evacuation is required, all spectators and athletes should seek shelter. A safe structure or location is and sturdy, full enclosed, substantial, and frequently inhabited building or fully enclosed vehicles such as a bus or car. Tents do not meet these criteria.



# See you at NBP!

[NathanBendersonPark.org](http://NathanBendersonPark.org)

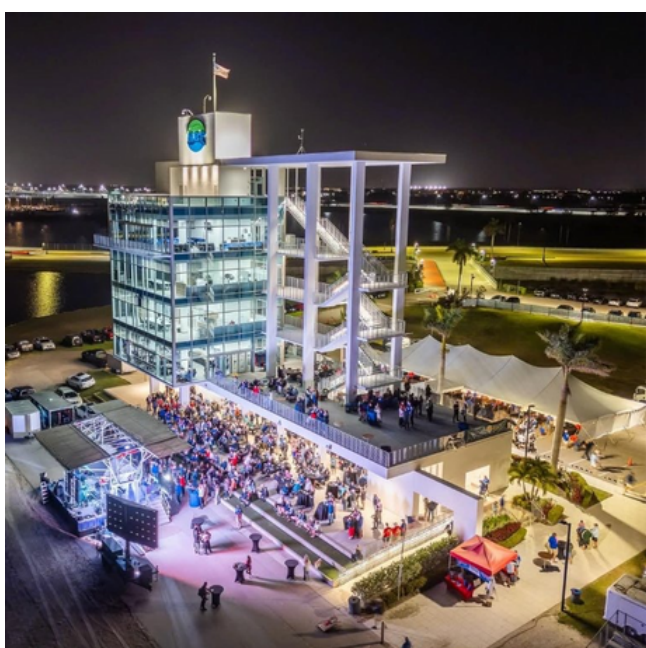
# EVENT SCHEDULE

Gates open at 6:00am- 2 hours prior to the first race

## Practice Schedule

The course will be open for practice on Friday ONLY from 12:00-5:00pm (last launch at 4:15pm).

## Race Schedule



## MEDALS & AWARDS

Medals can be picked up by a coach of the rowing crew on the ground floor of the Benderson Family Finish Tower

# FOOD VENDORS & MERCH

Bring your appetite and stop by vendor row for delicious food, drinks and apparel!

- Tiki Island concessions
- PurpleBol
- Chick Fil A
- Kona Ice
- DonutNV
- One Stop Food Truck



# VOLUNTEERS

Our NBP volunteers play a pivotal role in ensuring the success of more than 30 large-scale community events each year. Events welcome thousands of local, regional and international visitors.

Sign up now to make a difference at [www.nathanbendersonpark.org/volunteer](http://www.nathanbendersonpark.org/volunteer).

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<b>FEBRUARY 14 thru MARCH 8, 2026</b>						<b>14</b> 50% OFF 2 & 6pm
<b>15</b> 50% OFF 1 & 5pm	<b>16</b> 50% OFF 1 & 5pm	<b>17</b> No Show	<b>18</b> 1pm	<b>19</b> 1pm	<b>20</b> 2pm 7pm	<b>21</b> 2pm 6pm
<b>22</b> 1pm 5pm	<b>23</b> No Show	<b>24</b> No Show	<b>25</b> 1pm	<b>26</b> 1pm	<b>27</b> 2pm 7pm	<b>28</b> 2pm 6pm
<b>1</b> 1pm 5pm	<b>2</b> No Show	<b>3</b> No Show	<b>4</b> 1pm	<b>5</b> 1pm	<b>6</b> 2pm 7pm	<b>7</b> 2pm 6pm
<b>8</b> 1pm 5pm	<b>Ticket Prices from \$30-\$100</b>					

For tickets please visit [CircusArts.org](http://CircusArts.org)  
Discount code: NBP







# NEARBY AREA INFORMATION



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