



Saturday, September 24, 2005
Peter Jay Sharp Head of the Harlem Regatta



On Saturday, September 24, the Peter Jay Sharp Head of the Harlem Regatta will take place on the Harlem River. Crews from high schools, colleges and rowing clubs from all over are invited to participate in the first fall rowing regatta on the Harlem River in almost fifty years. The entry deadline is Saturday, September 17.

There will be races in both sweeps (one oar per rower) and sculls (two oars per rower) for men and women in the following categories: Junior (18 and under at the club level, or high schools), Collegiate, Open, and Master. Crew shells will compete in races 2.5 miles in length. The starting line for those races is by Highbridge Park, just north of the Macombs Dam Bridge and the finish line is just south of the Broadway Bridge. Events for Whitehall boats and open water shells will be 1 mile in length; each starting just north of River Park Towers in the Bronx and finishing in the same place as the crew shells.

Like other fall rowing regattas, the races are run in “head” style, in which each boat is started individually and races against the clock, rather than lining entries across and starting them at once. For many of the participating schools and clubs, this will be their first competition of the fall season.

Boats will launch from two areas: the Peter Jay Sharp Boat House on the Manhattan side, and Roberto Clemente State Park on the Bronx side. Swindler Cove Park and Roberto Clemente State Park offer the two best areas from which to view the racing. Food, drink, and other facilities will be available from either park area. Highbridge Park on the Manhattan side and Bridge Park on the Bronx side offer fine vantage points as well.

The event is hosted by the New York Rowing Association (NYRA) and the Peter Jay Sharp Rowing Club. NYRA is a non-profit organization that is dedicated towards promoting rowing events and programs in New York and the surrounding areas. There are currently 19 member organizations in NYRA, 17 of which are rowing clubs, along with the New York Restoration Project (NYRP), which is responsible for building the new Peter Jay Sharp Boat House, and NYC 2012.

For more information about this regatta, please email jgingold@nyrowing.org, or call 917-865-3055. Registration for the regatta is at <http://www.roninracing.com>. For more information about the New York Rowing Association and its member clubs, please visit www.nyrowing.org.