



## **Andover Crew 2015**

Hi,

First the details for this coming race weekend away from home.

**When:** Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting 12.00 pm to 4.30 pm. The first race will start at 1.45 pm and the last race will be 4.20 pm

**Who:** We will race B1 to B6. There are no girls racing this weekend.

**Where:** Salisbury School, 251 Canaan Road, Salisbury, Connecticut 06068 - [Click for directions](#) Please read carefully.

**Parking:** We will have 4 schools so we will have to park at the athletic field and walk or grab a shuttle bus to the boathouse.

**Food Table:** It will be a very long day for the athletes and the parents. We will have food tables inside the Salisbury boathouse

**Link:** - [http://andovercrew.com/nutrition/2015/4crew\\_sal15.htm](http://andovercrew.com/nutrition/2015/4crew_sal15.htm)

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### **Tentative schedule:**

12:30 coxswain tour

12:45 Team (B3,B2, B1) and lane draw

1:45 B3 -

1:50 B3

2:05 B2

2:10 B2

2:25 B1

2:30 B1

2:40 B6 (SAL B4, BCH, PA)

2:50 B5 (BRUN, BCH, PA)

3:00 B4 (BRUN, BCH, PA)

Break

3:30 B3 (2nd places from earlier dual race)

3:40 B3 (1st places from earlier dual race)

3:50 B2 (2nd places from earlier dual race)

4:00 B2 (1st places from earlier dual race)  
4:10 B1 (2nd places from earlier dual race)  
4:20 B1 (1st places from earlier dual race)

Now for the rest of the story.....

First the thanks. Thank you to the volunteers that collect and serve the Commons dinners at the Boathouse and the volunteers who provided and served the food at the races. Please check with Liesl but I think since everyone else is doing Non Sibi things this weekend we might not have a Friday dinner.

This week I also have to thank the parents who posted videos to the [facebook](#) site. We have posted pictures on the [website](#) and we have more in the pipeline.

The people at ACTs scheduled a test this past Saturday. Obviously they are not rowers. So we had to move people up to make racing boats. Our main competitors such as Big Red had the same problem. Despite this we fielded a great team of boats who had the opportunity to race on the same lake that will host the Interschols races at the end of May.

We did not enter a boys B3 because of the ACTS. We entered a B4 in a race against Brookline, St. John's and Shrewsbury. They just laid down the hammer and dominated their way to an open water win of about 9 seconds. A great start to the day

Our G3 and G4 were entered into the first girls' race against Exeter Simsbury, Shrewsbury and Boston Latin. A combined race because of the ACTs. Getting 6 boats across lined up in the wind for a floating start is always exciting. It took a little time but finally it started. Our G3 push out with a good start running beside the Exeter boat. Our G4 was on the other side of the group. True to the name of the race, Andover and Exeter were out in front fighting for the glory of first place. Our G4 fought the other G3 boats gallantly holding their own in the middle of the pack. At the finish line it was the Andover G3 by about 3 seats or 1 second ahead of Exeter and our G4 came in 4<sup>th</sup>.

The afternoon was looking better.

Our B2 was also challenged by the ACTs and our gallant rowers raced against strong opposition from St. John's, Brookline, Exeter, Simsbury and Shrewsbury. They rowed well and beat Exeter, Simsbury and Shrewsbury but went down to St. John's and Brookline.

Our girls G2 raced Simsbury, NMH, Brookline, Boston Latin and Shrewsbury. Exeter did not race a G2 due to the ACTs. Again Andover rushed down the course like a Labrador chasing a stick into the water. They won by 8 seconds.

B1 was up for the penultimate race of the day. They had Exeter on one side and Brookline on the other along with 4 other boats. It was Brookline that kept pace with Andover rather than Exeter. Both boats had open water on the rest of the field but squeezed across the finish line with Andover about a deck ahead.

The last race was G1. I should say that I was at the starting line with Kevin Twomey while his wife, Julie was at the finish relaying the results over a cell phone. As the races progressed we taught Julie the terminology of the margins such as a deck or a number of seats or open water. Well the girls shot off to a great start and pounded their way towards the finish line. We were just hoping we could complete the

day with another victory over Big Red. As we lost sight of the boats we waited anxiously for the message from the other end and finally it came..."open water...no way open water". As the girls rowed home with a 12 seconds win over Simsbury and Exeter somewhere long behind.

And so a great day at the lake came to a shining end. All we had left to do was feed the famished rowers and dunk a few coxswains into the freezing lake water.

I am sure with a few more weeks training and the return of the ACT scholars Exeter will be a more formidable opponent when they visit our boathouse. Then again we will also be more formidable.

Again a big thank you to everyone who has been supporting the rowers and to our coaches for a great day of racing. We hope everyone can make the effort to join us for a race. Everyone is welcome.

We hope to see you at Salisbury and if not at our next home race on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Go Blue!

Rosy and Sam

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