



SAN DIEGO CREW CLASSIC® - crewclassic.org

First Time Attendees

April 5-7, 2024
Mission Bay, San Diego

WELCOME

The San Diego Crew Classic is the premier springtime rowing regatta in the United States and one of the largest rowing events in the world. Each spring thousands of rowing athletes from all over the world come together on the shores of Mission Bay to celebrate the start of spring racing season. The Crew Classic has been providing early spring racing opportunities for rowing athletes for over fifty years, and is proud to be one of the only regattas in the country to offer 2k racing for youth, collegiate, masters and para athletes all at the same event. Racing at the Crew Classic is an aspirational bucket-list regatta experience for every rowing athlete and their supporters—thank you for joining us! We look forward to welcoming you to America's Finest City.

TRAVEL

San Diego International Airport (SAN) is the best option for flying into San Diego. The airport is located in downtown San Diego, and is just a short drive from the Crew Classic venue. Crew Classic attendees could also fly into Los Angeles (LAX) and drive down to San Diego. Traffic can be variable between San Diego and LA but is typically between two and three hours of driving.

ACCOMMODATION

San Diego has a wealth of accommodation options, many of which are close to the Crew Classic venue. The Crew Classic takes place at [Crown Point Park](#) on the western shore of Fiesta Bay. The venue is located in the Pacific Beach neighborhood of San Diego. When looking for places to stay, you may want to consider Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, La Jolla, Bay Park, Old Town and Hotel Circle as the neighborhoods closest to the venue.



The San Diego Crew Classic has partnered with [HBC Event Services](#) to provide attendees with discounted hotel rates during the regatta. Reservations made with HBC also come with a travel protection plan to offer you a full or partial refund for covered reasons, such as regatta cancellation. To access partner hotels with discounted event rates, please scan the QR code.

GETTING TO THE VENUE

Driving

GPS Address: [1369 Corona Oriente Rd., San Diego, CA 92109](#)

If you choose to drive to the venue, there are two parking lots at Crown Point Park available for spectator parking (Red and Green Lots) and one that is reserved for competitors with regatta-issued parking passes (Yellow Lot). Parking is free, and first come, first served. There is additional parking located at [North Ski Beach on Vacation Isle](#), which is a 20 minute walk to the gate, or you may use the free shuttle service.

Rideshare

Uber and Lyft drivers may access the parking lots for passenger pick up and drop off, but may experience some delays and crowds in and around the lots. Please note that cell service may not be as reliable during peak hours of

the regatta with heavy crowds in the area. Walking up to Crown Point Drive to meet your rideshare driver sometimes helps avoid confusion with pickup.

Cycling

The Crew Classic is a foot traffic only venue. No bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades or skates are allowed on site. Bikes may be locked to the exterior of the fence. All other wheeled items must be left at home or in your car.

Public Transportation

[The San Diego MTS bus service](#) runs routes through Pacific Beach that can get you within walking distance from the venue. Service is more limited on weekends. If you prefer to use public transportation you may want to consider limiting your accommodation choices to Old Town (near the Old Town transit center), Mission Beach or Pacific Beach neighborhoods to make access to bus routes easier. From Old Town use the number 9 bus route; from Mission Beach or Pacific Beach use the number 8 bus route.

TICKETS & VIP

Admission tickets will go on sale in late 2023 at crewclassic.org/tickets

The Crew Classic offers several different types of tickets for spectators over the course of the weekend. Friday is free to all spectators. No VIP tent access is available on Friday. Children under the age of 12, students with ID and active military service members get in free.

- **General Admission** tickets allow spectators to enjoy the regatta grounds and watch racing from the shore or on the Jumbotron, as well as access to the Beer Garden (21+ with ID only) and our lineup of local food trucks.
- **VIP Tent Tickets** allow spectators access to hospitality tents on Saturday and Sunday which include shaded seating, snacks and soft drinks as well as beer, cider and wine for purchase. Tents also feature monitors showing the racing from start to finish. Tents are all-ages but ID is required to purchase alcohol.
- **Brunch By the Bay** tickets allow spectators hospitality tent access on Saturday and also to enjoy our premier hospitality experience on Sunday with a gourmet brunch service from 9:00am - 1:30pm. The Brunch includes handcrafted espresso drinks and an open bar with specialty cocktails, beer, cider, wine, and champagne. Brunch guests will have the best view of the finish line, as well as all of the awards ceremonies on the trophy stage. Proceeds from the sale of Brunch tickets help to support the legacy of the Crew Classic as well as our mission to develop and provide rowing programming in the Southern California region..

VOLUNTEER

The Crew Classic depends on hundreds of volunteers to make the regatta a success year after year. If you are planning on attending the regatta, you could consider volunteering to get a unique up close and personal Crew Classic experience! There are shifts available in every department of regatta operations before, during and after the event. Volunteers receive meals during their shifts, a commemorative apparel item, and General Admission to the regatta for the duration of the event. You may learn more at crewclassic.org/volunteers

ACCESSIBILITY

If you have accessibility concerns regarding getting around the Crew Classic venue, please contact the office at (619)225-0300. Parts of the venue are uneven and may be challenging for guests with limited mobility. The Crew Classic is happy to provide assistance when possible.

Please note that seating, especially in the shade, is limited at Crown Point Shores. For guests who require seating in the shade, a VIP ticket may be the best option for the most comfortable regatta experience.

WHAT TO BRING

Average temperatures in San Diego in early April are usually in the 60s and 70s. Beach community temperatures typically trend cooler than in the city, especially in the mornings when there tends to be more cloud cover. April is usually near the end of the rainy season but patches of rain and fog are always possible in a marine environment. Even in April the sun in Southern California can be quite intense from midday on so please plan to protect yourself from the sun. Crown Point Shores does not have much shade at any point in the day. Wind generally picks up throughout the day and the venue can be quite breezy from midday on. Much of the Crew Classic venue is a combination of sidewalk, grass and sand, so comfortable shoes for uneven ground are recommended. Guests are welcome to pack their own food and drinks to enjoy on site but please note that no outside alcohol is allowed. Coolers will be subject to inspection before being brought into the venue. Please note that the Crew Classic is a no-smoking venue (including parking lots).

DO BRING:

- Comfortable shoes
- Layers and/or rain layer
- Brimmed hat (preferably secure to withstand breeze)
- Sunscreen and chapstick with SPF
- Sunglasses
- Refillable water bottle
- Folding chairs
- Power bank for devices

DO NOT BRING:

- Dogs
- Large/Beach umbrellas
- Bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades or skates
- Glass containers (beverages, condiments etc.)
- Alcohol
- Drones

VENUE MAP



QUESTIONS

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Crew Classic office. We are happy to help!

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