

## MERCER JUNIORS FALL 2017 PROGRAMMING

### Fall 2017 Programming Schedule:

Fall Varsity Start Date: Monday, August 28, 2017  
Fall Varsity End Date: Friday, November 17, 2017  
Fall Novice Start Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
Fall Novice End Date: Friday, November 17, 2017

### Mandatory Fall Parents Meeting

Varsity: Saturday, September 9, 2017, 9:00 am @ Boathouse  
Novice: Saturday, September 16, 2017, 9:00 am @ Boathouse

### 2017 Fall Practice Times:

Varsity - Monday-Friday 3:45pm - 6:15pm; Sunday 7:00-9:30am  
Novice - Monday-Friday 4:00pm - 6:00pm

### SAT, ACT, College Recruiting Visits - (days when athletes may schedule tests or college visits):

#### SAT:

August 26, 2017  
December 2, 2017  
March 10, 2018

#### ACT:

September 9, 2017  
December 9, 2017  
February 10, 2018

#### College Visits:

All of August until the 27<sup>th</sup>  
September 9-10  
September 16-17  
Between Thanksgiving and Presidents' Day

### Fall Racing Schedule

#### *Head of the Housatonic – Shelton, CT – October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

**Who is racing:** Top 2-3 Girls and Boys Varsity boats

**Where:** Shelton, CT

**When: (indicative schedule)**

9:40 AM Men's HS/Junior JV 8+

11:30 AM Women's HS/Junior JV 8+

11:50 AM Women's HS/Junior 4+

1:15 PM Men's HS/Junior 8+

2:40 PM Women's HS/Junior 8+

3:10 PM Men's HS/Junior 4+

**Travel Plans:** All participating Mercer athletes will depart from the boathouse for Shelton, CT on the afternoon of Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:15pm. We will be taking four 15-passenger vans (driven by parent volunteers). Athletes will return after racing on Saturday.

**Parent Chaperones:** We will need 4-6 parents to help out with driving, meals, etc for the athletes

**Notes:** Coaches will announce who is going to the race by the end of practice on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Boating decisions will be made in accordance with the policies outlined in the *Guide to Boat Selection* that can be found ([insert link](#))

**Estimated Cost:** \$200.00

***Head of the Charles Regatta – Boston, MA – October 20th-22nd, 2017***

**Who is racing:** Tentative: 2 Varsity Girls 8+, 1st Varsity Boys 8+ (depending if our bid entries are accepted, Varsity Girls 4+ and Varsity Boys 4+)

**Where:** The Charles River, Boston, MA

**Race Website:** [www.hocr.org](http://www.hocr.org)

**Travel Plans:** All Mercer athletes will depart from the boathouse for Boston on the morning of Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. We plan to get to the course in the afternoon to rig the boats and have a practice row. We will be taking four 15-passenger vans (driven by parent volunteers). Athletes will return after racing on Sunday.

**Tentative Race Times (all on Sunday, October 22nd):**

Youth Men's 8+: 10:23 am

Youth Women's 4+: 12:07 am

Youth Women's 8+: 1:01 pm

**Travel Note:** The Head of the Charles is a unique event. It is very hard to obtain an entry through the open lottery system. The only way to avoid the lottery and guarantee an entry for the next year is to finish in the top half of your event. In 2017, for the third time in the history of the club, Mercer has three guaranteed entries in the youth 8s.

The second unique aspect of the Charles is that it is an incredibly difficult course to navigate for a coxswain. There are a couple of extreme turns, six bridges, and many boats to pass along the way. Therefore, we want to make sure our coxswains are prepared.

We want to ensure that we have the best possible chance of finishing in the top half of each race, so future Mercer rowers have the opportunity to participate at this great event. We believe it is crucial for us to have the ability to get athletes out on the course for a row on Friday and have our coxswains attend the coxswain clinic on Saturday as will help them be relaxed and prepared for the race on Sunday.

**Hotel Details:** PNRA has secured rooms at the Boston Marriott Newton for athletes and coaches.

**Hotel Address:** Boston Marriott Newton, 2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02466

**Dinner Friday :** Will be decided by the boat

**Dinner Saturday:** Bertucci's Newton Corner

**Parent Chaperones:** We will need 4-6 parents to help out with driving, meals, etc for the athletes

**Lineups/Selection:** Lineups and events will be tentatively announced by Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. While there is a possibility one or two seats may change after this date, the majority of athletes will know the lineup and the event they are racing by this date. Final lineups will be announced by Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Estimated Cost:** \$600-\$700

***Head of the Schuylkill – Philadelphia, PA – October 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

**Who is racing:** Top Boys and Girls Novice 8+

**Where:** Schuylkill River – Philadelphia, PA

**Tentative Race Times (all on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>):**

Men's High School Eights (Frosh/ Novice)- 10:35 am

Women's High School Eights (Frosh/ Novice) 10:50 am

**Transportation:** Athletes will provide their own transportation. Athletes should be at the trailer at least two hours before their scheduled race time.

**Notes:** Coaches will announce who is going to the race by the end of practice on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We would really like to have all novice athletes race, but race participation will be decided by factors listed ([insert link](#))

***Head of the Halloween – Mercer Lake, NJ – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

**Who is racing:** All Varsity and Novice Athletes who are not racing at The Head of The Schuylkill

**Where:** Mercer Lake – West Windsor, NJ

**When:** 10:00 am until around 1:00 pm

**What to wear:** The best Halloween costume of your life (that you can row in)

**About the race:** Head of the Halloween is a fun intra-squad race. We try to create boats that contain two varsity girls, two varsity boys, two novice girls, and two novice boys. We then race over a 1000m course. Last year there were two heats and a final. Parents are encouraged to come watch and partake in a small Halloween party after the racing.

***Frostbite Regatta & Bill Braxton Memorial Regatta – Mercer Lake, NJ – November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

**Who is racing:** First 4-5 Varsity boats, plus all novice boats that safely can compete

**Saturday: Frostbite Regatta – Varsity Only**

**Sunday: Braxton Regatta – Varsity and Novice**

**Where:** Mercer Lake – West Windsor, NJ

**Race Notes:** Unlike most of our fall racing, this race is a 2000m sprint. This race will mark the end of the fall racing season.

**Estimated Cost:** \$30

***Mercer Challenge – Mercer Lake, NJ – TBD***

**Who is racing:** All varsity and 1-2 boats of novice athletes

**About the race:** This race is an intra-boathouse race among Mercer, Hun, Peddie, and Lawrenceville. Varsity athletes will race around the lake while novice athletes will race shorter distances. The race will be run during our normal practice time.