

EPPIE'S GREAT RACE®

BOAT STAGING AREA

- The boat staging area is best reached from the Sacramento Bar parking lot at the North end of the footbridge (except the adaptive division; see below). Access is on Pennsylvania Ave. off of Fair Oaks Blvd. Do not stop on the entry road. Park in the parking lot at the end of the road.

- The boat staging area will open for boat placement at 5:30 a.m. **No one will be permitted into the boat staging area before 5:30 a.m.**

- All boats must have numbers attached before being moved into the staging area. If you have forgotten to attach your number and have no duct tape, pick some up from the table at the entry to the staging area.

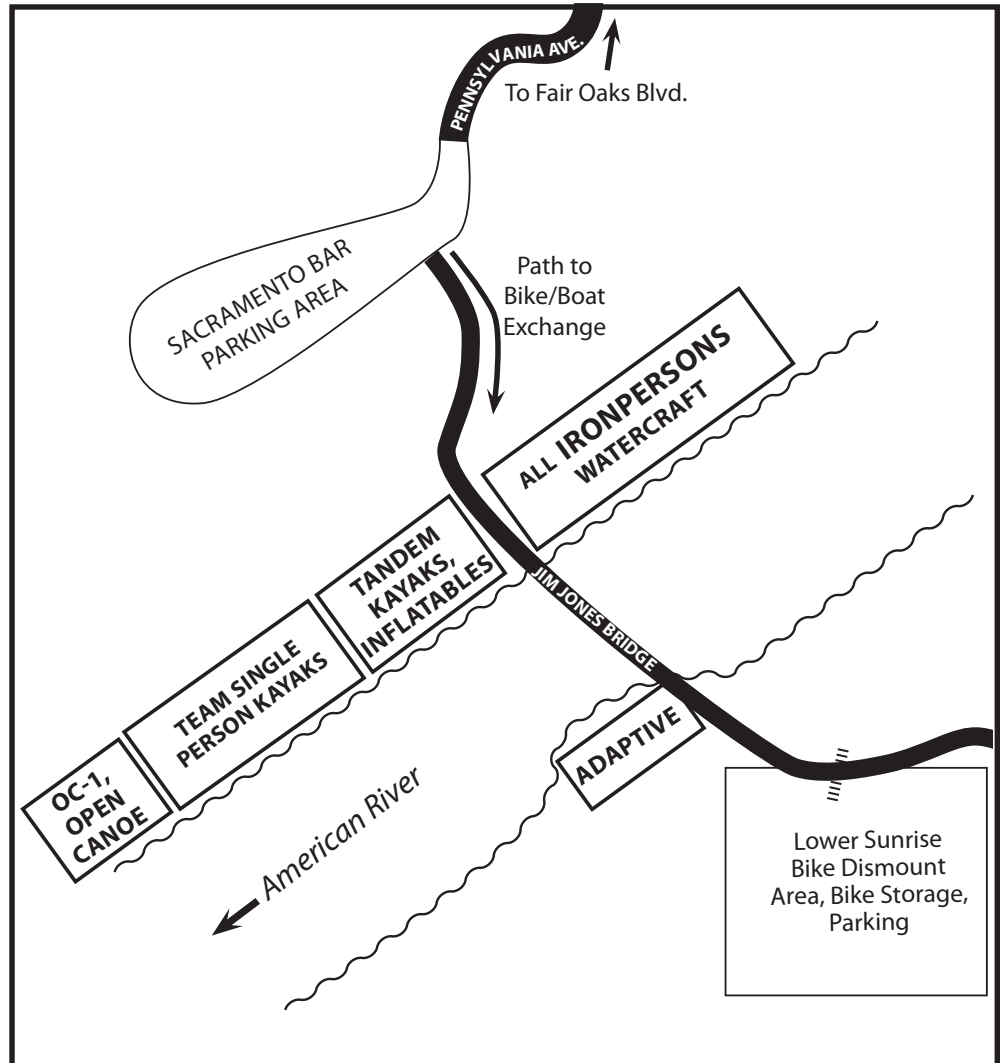
- When contestants arrive at the staging area to place their boats, volunteers will direct them to the proper pod. The desirable spots for the boats are right next to the water and this area will fill up first, probably by 6 a.m. As more boats arrive they will be placed farther and farther from the water. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ANY BOAT NOT PROPERLY PLACED WILL BE MOVED! Take a careful look at where your boat is placed. When you return there will over 1,000 boats on the beach, and it will be difficult to find yours.

- All boats entered in adaptive teams will be on the South side of the river, just downstream from the footbridge. Adaptive teams should drive to the bike dismount area on the south side of the river to place their boats. Adaptive team paddlers will wait at their boats for their teammates to arrive.

- For all other divisions the staging area for boats will be on the North side of the river and during the race, all team paddlers will be on the footbridge, waiting for the handoff from their bicyclists.

- All team boats will be placed downstream of the bridge.

- All Ironperson boats will be placed upstream of the bridge.



- Boat placement will have no distinction between age groups or gender (i.e. all ironperson boats will be in the same area).

- All Ironperson boats and all team kayaks will be placed in pods of six boats, with corridors between each pod so that during the race all boats can be easily reached and transported to the water without damage to either contestants or boats.

- No paddles are allowed on the bridge.

- Be sure that your paddle is IN YOUR BOAT, and not hanging out to the side, obstructing traffic and possibly getting tripped over and broken.

- The staging area will be closed to incoming boats at 8:30 a.m.