

VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC ROWING ASSOCIATION
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September 22, 2009

**ACTION REQUIRED BY MARCH 19, 2010
TO PARTICIPATE IN VASRA EVENTS**

From: Rob Ittig, President
To: All VASRA Member Boosters

Our VASRA Organizational Membership in the USRowing Association provides liability insurance coverage for the 2010 regattas and meets sponsored by VASRA. This is a significant benefit to participants, volunteers, Member Clubs, and spectators. It also permits us to fulfill the insurance requirement in our agreements with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, the city of Washington, D.C., and the National Park Service.

One requirement of the insurance carrier is that all participants and volunteers sign release of liability waivers, even though the courts in the Commonwealth of Virginia have found them to be without value. It remains a condition for our being granted liability coverage for our events. The practice of requiring waivers has expanded and rowing is not the only activity to have to comply with this stipulation.

What is the release of liability? It is an acknowledgement by participants that rowing is an activity that involves risks and dangers of serious bodily injury, that they understand the nature of rowing, and that they are physically fit to participate. This being the case, the participants agree that, in the event of an injury, they will not sue the club/team, the event organizers, or USRowing. They further agree that if they, or anyone on their behalf, does sue, they will indemnify the same parties. By law, minors cannot waive their right to sue; therefore, there is a release for minors that is signed by the parent/guardian.

Waivers for all athletes and coaches are to be SIGNED ONLINE at the Ronin Racing web site (www.rowingwaivers.com) after January 1, 2010. This online waiver is good for any regatta throughout 2010. No paper waivers! - it has become too difficult to process paper waivers (scan into the website database).

Weekly regatta volunteers must sign the waiver form at the location s/he signs in for regatta duty.

Be sure to indicate your team affiliation (school name) and enter your head coach email address in the space so designated. This allows for reference to team compliance and allows the coach to have a record of signatures.

A booster organization officer is to submit to the VASRA Secretary a statement certifying all rowers on his/her team have signed the 2010 waiver. This certification is due by March 19, 2010. If is not received by that date, the affected team may not be able to compete in a VASRA meet or regatta. Certification form is attached. PDF and FAX signatures are acceptable.

If you have questions or comments, contact John White: H (703) 534-9756, C (703) 517-5487, Fax (703) 379-0604, jdwhiteii@verizon.net.

2010 Individual Rowing Liability Waiver Signature Certification

(Date)

From: _____
Name of Club

Mailing Address (Street)

(City, State, Zip)

To: Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association
c/o John D. White, Secretary
2041 N. Kensington Street
Arlington, Virginia 22205

Subject: Individual Liability Waiver Signature Certification

I hereby certify that every _____ crew team
(Club / Team / Booster Organization School Name)

athlete and coach have signed the **Release of Liability** online at the Ronin Racing web site (www.rowingwaivers.com) for the 2010 regatta year. We will, in the event of an incident, provide VASRA with a copy of the signed waiver for each participant involved in the incident. We acknowledge that failure to have said signed waiver on file with Regatta Central prior to an incident renders us liable for the first \$25,000 of any claim arising from the incident.

PDF or facsimile signature copy of this certification is acceptable. Send such to jdwhiteii@verizon.net, or Fax (703) 379-0604). Or you can mail the original.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Title)

(Phone - Day)

(Phone - Evening)