

## **Portland Vancouver Rowing Association**

### **Beach Master - Launching**

***Launching Beach Masters control the launching beach to ensure safe and efficient launching of boats. At times, Beach Masters may need to be assertive to get the attention of a coxswain. Always be courteous, but do what is necessary to get coxswains to listen to you. Be flexible, but don't lose control of what is happening on your beach. If you have a problem, contact the Volunteer Coordinator immediately!***

#### **Launching Beach Master 1 (with megaphone)**

- Stands at the top of the beach near the Control Commission and controls traffic entering the beach.
- After boats are cleared by the Control Commission, boats may then enter the beach area to launch
- Beach Master should communicate with the coxswain of a boat when giving direction
- At times, Beach Masters may need to be assertive to get the attention of a coxswain
- Beach Master must monitor activity on the beach to determine if a boat should enter the beach area
- There should be no more than 1-2 boats waiting on the beach to launch at any given time. Boats may wait in line on the grassy area until there is a space available on the beach.
- Boats should have bows heading south when launching. If a boat needs to spin its direction, they should do so on the beach. (If there are 1-2 two other boats on the beach, there should be ample room to spin.)
- Hot seat crews will notify Beach Master 1 of an upcoming hot seat
- Verify that all hot seat crew members are present. If not, tell them to check back in when all are present. Boat will not be called to shore until entire crew is present. (Exception: If part of crew is on the water in another boat.)
- Keep the Control Commission area and launching beach clear of oars, hot seat crews, and spectators
- Notify Beach Master 2 of an upcoming hot seat.

#### **Launching Beach Master 2 (with megaphone)**

- Stands at the bottom of the beach along the shore.
- Directs boats on the beach to a launching spot and assists to ensure an efficient launching. (The average time for a boat to launch should be around 90 seconds, not 5 minutes.) Be sure the boat bows are heading south. If not, the boat needs to spin before going into the water.
- Controls hot seats on the launching beach.
- Beach Master 1 will notify of a pending hot seat.
- Hot seat boats are directed to take direction from the Beach Master and not to approach the beach until told to do so. When taking direction from a Beach Master, coxswains are directed to raise their hand to acknowledge your communication.
- Keep restricted finish line area (inside orange cones) clear of boats, competitors, and spectators
- Assist with keeping the beach clear of oars, hot seat crews, and spectators