

Bugsy Beach Spectator Guide



On your way to 809 Airship Dr. in Elizabeth City, NC wave “hi” to Bugsy the donkey as you enter the property! Bugsy Beach gets its name from one of the two donkeys you pass on the right as you enter the property. Bugsy Beach lies in the shadow of the [Weeksville Dirigible Hangar](#) that rises 198 feet into the air and is almost 1,000 long. Today TCOM uses the hangar for service and manufacture of the aerostats (“blimps”) that you’ll see tethered on your drive in.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will there be to eat? Will there be coffee? [Shipwrecked](#) and [Brew’n Café](#) will be on site. Given the size of the expected audience we encourage bringing your favorite snack and plenty of water as well. Other food options are available in Elizabeth City, about a 15–20-minute drive from Bugsy Beach.

Will I have mobile phone service? If you have Verizon, you should have good reception. Other carriers will have spotty reception.

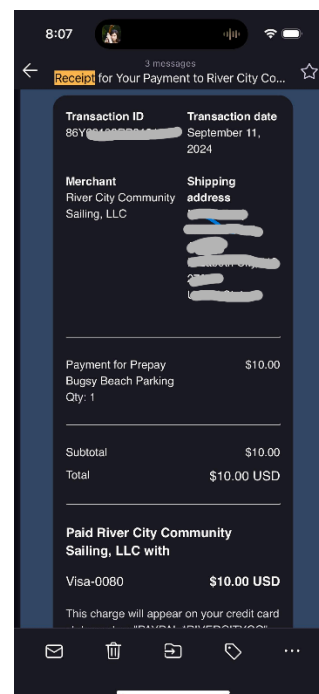
Where do we park? How much is parking? Parking will open at 6:00AM on regatta day. **Parking is \$10/vehicle.** Please [prepay parking at this link](#) prior to midnight Friday. We will accept cash and Tap to Pay at the venue but prefer prepaid parking due to intermittent mobile service. Parking fees collected by Elizabeth City RC help fund growth of rowing in Northeastern NC.

When you prepay parking, you will receive a confirmation (example to the right) which you will need to show the parking volunteer. Please screenshot your receipt prior to arrival to show parking volunteers.

Buses: Park, unload and re-load all crew members in the reserved area for buses. No parking fee for buses transporting team members.

Handicap Parking: Handicap parking will be available in designated areas. There are no paved walkways or other areas.

Trash services? Teams are responsible for the removal/carry out of their own trash at the end of the regatta. There is a transfer station ([map link](#)) on the way out of town.



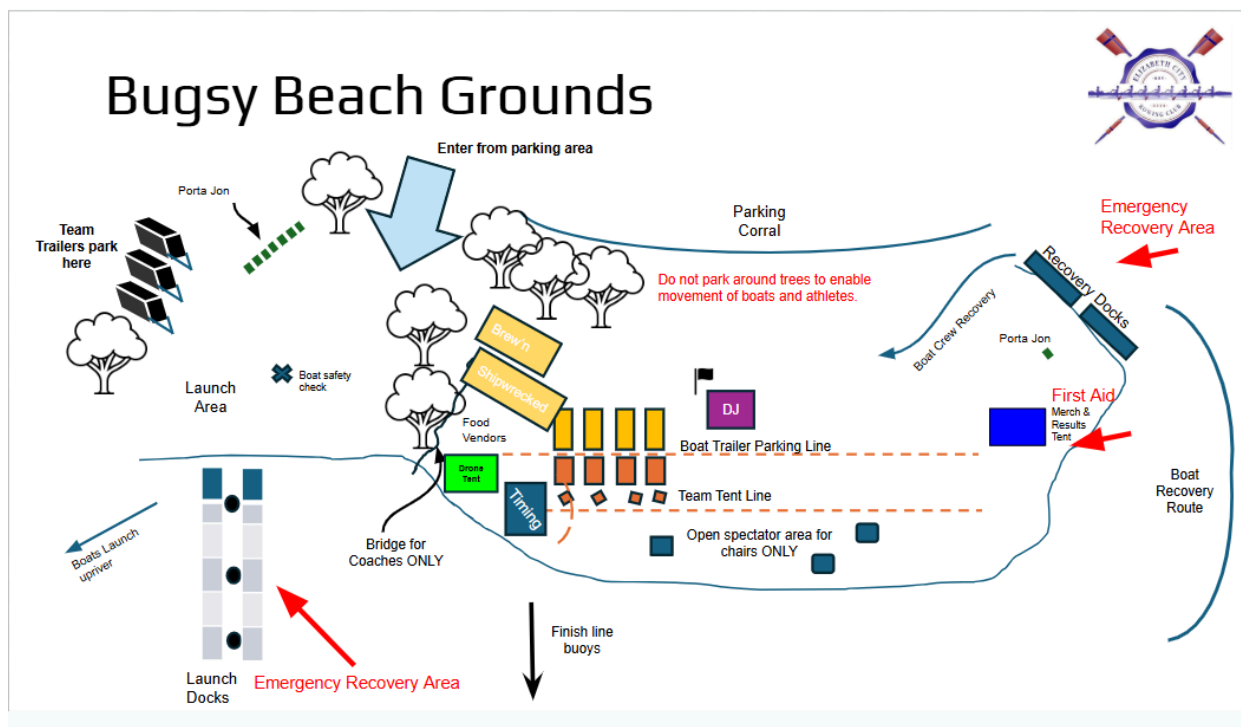
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What else should I bring? If the weather is warm, bug spray is recommended to repel mosquitos. Binoculars. Boots for wet grounds.

Where can I see my rowers? We love that our venue has great views of the course! Crews will be visible from the spectator area along the sea wall (in front of team boat trailers.) You will see your rowers as they enter the final portion of the course and turn down the river to the finish as noted on the Venue Map. Please keep clear of the launch and recovery areas. There are no spectators allowed at the beach or beyond the porta potties. Personal and team tents must be set up behind the designated line so that guests with only chairs can still view the course.

Venue Map



Where can I find the schedule and results link? The schedule and results link will be available on the [Elizabeth City Rowing Club regatta page](https://www.elizabethcityrowing.club/regatta) and go live Saturday morning.

Where can I get Bugsy Beach Merch? At the merch tent we will have the Bugsy Sprints 2026 dry-fit t-shirts, stickers and stuffies. Cash and tap to pay options available.



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Performance Drone Media is bringing the action UP CLOSE with a LIVE video display for Bugsy Beach spectators (look for the black tent canopy). Full access to the aerial coverage will be available for teams to purchase after the event. Here's what you can expect to see: <https://galleries.vidflow.co/kbyys0ws>. Learn more at <https://www.performancedronemedia.com/>.

The North Carolina Potato Festival returns to downtown Elizabeth City with live entertainment, local vendors, family activities, and plenty of potato-inspired food and fun for all ages. Please plan ahead for [increased traffic and temporary road closures](#) throughout the festival area during the event weekend.

