

Saratoga Lake/Fish Creek- Saratoga Springs, NY

Address for GPS: 543 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY (SRA Boathouse)

Closest Airports: Albany (30 Miles), Hartford, CT (138 Miles), Newark (188 Miles), Montreal (193 Miles)

Hotels: Saratoga is the “Summer Place to Be”, so there are lots of hotels in the immediate area, and along I-87 (“The Northway” to locals) all the way down to Albany. If you fly in, you will need a car. Things are very spread out and Ubers can get really expensive, especially on weekends.

Parking: Depending on the size of the regatta, there is usually paid parking next to the SRA boathouse, next to 550 Waterfront, and in some private lots on the other side of the creek. For larger regattas, they will have parking at the casino with a shuttle bus to the course. You can usually park for free on 9P, uphill of Regatta View Drive. Just pay attention to the signs. The sheriff and the neighbors have a very low tolerance threshold for regatta parking. It’s usually safer to just fork over the cash than to get ticketed or towed.

This is a very popular racecourse for scholastic races in the spring. They also host conference championships for several of the regional NCAA conferences like the Liberty League, Atlantic 10, MAAC, and Ivy League. Every year on the last weekend in October, they host the Head of the Fish, which is always one of the largest head races in the United States.

The finish line is at the SRA boathouse. Look for the checker flag buoys. There is plenty of space to watch races from the shore on the south side of the creek. You can watch from the bridge and then cheer on the crews as they go under to cool down.

