

Head of the Charles, Cambridge/Boston MA

Addresses for GPS: HBS Lot, Boston MA for Harvard Business School, or 25 Steel Place, Cambridge MA for Alewife Station.

Parking: There is parking available on the streets in Brighton for free, just pay attention to the signs. Don't even think of parking in a business lot, this is like Black Friday for tow companies.

There is convenient paid parking off North Harvard Street, Harvard Stadium Gate 14, and by Harvard Business School. The HBS lot is paved, unlike the fields by Harvard Stadium. The parking fee varies from year to year but last year it was \$30 a day. Parking at the Alewife T station is \$3 a day on weekends and they allow overnight parking. The T is \$2.40 each way. There are a couple of maps attached below, or go to www.MBTA.com or www.hocr.org.

Where to Watch: The race starts at BU Boathouse, but most of the spectators tend to congregate between Weeks Bridge and the finish. Weeks is the halfway point, and you can get some great pictures of the rowers from above, and with the Harvard campus in the background.

Anderson Bridge is right by Weld Boathouse and affords some good pictures of the boats with Weeks and Harvard in the background.

Eliot Bridge is on the most difficult curve of the course, so this is a good place to see collisions. It is also close to the finish, so you will be able to tell how well they are doing, and you won't have as far to walk back to the trailers to meet up with the rowers.

Food and Shopping: There are two main areas right on the river where you will be able to find food, vendors and freebies.

Weld Boathouse: On the Cambridge side, between Anderson and Weeks Bridges. There are a bunch of food vendors, freebies and a few clothing vendors.

Herter Park: On the Boston Side, between Eliot Bridge and the finish line. There is a lot more merchandise, including all of the rowing equipment companies. You will be able to buy anything you want here, from socks to boats. This is usually where USRowing has Olympians signing autographs on Saturday.

If you want to stray away from the river, there are a lot of other options.

Harvard Square: In Cambridge, just a short walk up John F. Kennedy Street from Weld Boathouse. There are dozens of places to eat and you can hop on the T's Red Line to go into Boston.

Boston University: This is the starting line of the race. It's not the most interesting place to watch from, but if you want to check out the campus while you are in Boston, there is plenty of paid parking, lots of places to eat, and you can catch the T's Green Line (B Trains) into downtown or out to the suburbs.



