

# DAD VAIL ROWING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Dr Melder:-

Yours of the 17th received, I am glad to know that your crew or crews may participate at Boston Mass May 1 '43.

The Dad Vail Rowing Assn distance has always been the Henley Distance of 1 5/16 miles which is considered the minimum sprint distance: some of our members would prefer 2 miles as we have to row this distance in our earlier races. The reason for the early date is because of early semester endings and exams due to the War. Our appromimate date used to be about May 17th.

All races are in eights- Varsity- Jv and Freshman last year due to the War we did not have the JV Race and allowed Freshmen to row in the Varsity. This year we might have Varsity only but hope to have two races V and F .

Of course you understand that while we have decided to have this 5th annual regatta as stated, conditions may arise which would prevent it, but you may be assured that we will do everything possible to hold the regatta as usual. I will be glad to answer any other questions from time to time as they arise in your mind.

Dr Harmon and Ed Pomeroy

of Boston U and AIC respectively will probably get in touch with you after the Holidays at least they plan to.

We have never allowed a College to enter the JV event if it is held, UNLESS they also enter the V event: this would permit colleges to enter their best or really Varsity crews in the secondary race which we consider unethical and not in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

We have no Colleges in our Assn that would try such a practise, but in our early ~~regatta~~ regattas this was done once or twice by a group no longer affiliated with us.

In making this stipulation we are following precedent existing for many years in intercollegiate rowing events.

Please believe me there is no personal application to the above statements: but only my desire to make our Rules clear to one who is unfamiliar with them.

Again please believe me that I will be pleased to help you and Clark University all I can and am mighty glad that you may accept our invite for '43

With best personal regards and good wishes,

Sincerely



Chairman DVRA