*Rowing News* is bringing the rowing community back together, in person, Dec. 10–12, 2026, and again in December 2027, in Philadelphia Regattas don't leave room for the relaxed, in-between conversations that matter most. This convention is built around exactly that — shared meals and casual conversation, alongside subject experts, meetings, seminars, and panels — to build the relationships and have the conversations that will make our sport better. Featuring a fun dinner honoring Kris Korzeniowski.

We offer free meeting space for every rowing association and league. Meeting times are to be arranged with each group.

# DRAFT Schedule: Discussions by Track

Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning • Draft, subject to change

Challenges our sport needs to meet are scheduled as 90-minute, expert-led, Harkness Method-style discussions—not lectures.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2026

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| **12:00 PM – 6:30 PM** | **Convention Registration Open**<br>Registration desk / lobby. Remains open during Discussion 1. | | |
| **4:00 PM – 5:30 PM**<br>Discussion 1<br>90 minutes | INDIVIDUAL<br>**Telemetry**<br>How telemetry is changing coaching<br>Scheduled to appear: Dave O'Neill, Texas, and Michael Callahan, University of Washington (subject to change). | ORGANIZATION<br>**Don't leave free money on the table**<br>Hotel partnerships, CVB funding, and community grants<br>Scheduled to appear: Lauren Means, RegattaCentral (subject to change). | COMMUNITY<br>**"We Provide Experiences"**<br>Best Practices from the largest and most successful clubs.<br>Rick Brown, Sarasota Crew (subject to change). |
| **6:30 PM onward** | **Sponsored Dinner**<br>Followed by an open bar | | |

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2026

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| **Morning** | **Sponsored Breakfast**. | | |
| **9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**<br>Discussion 2<br>90 minutes | INDIVIDUAL<br>**Coaching shortage**<br>Meeting the challenge of not enough entry-level coaches<br>Scheduled to appear: Leslie Pfeil, and Clete Graham (subject to change). | ORGANIZATION<br>**"We Provide Experiences"**<br>Best Practices from the largest and most successful clubs.<br>Rick Brown, Sarasota Crew (subject to change). | COMMUNITY<br>**Free money for our sport**<br>Hotel partnerships, CVB funding, and community grants<br>Scheduled to appear: Lauren Means, RegattaCentral (subject to change). |
| **10:30 AM – 11:00 AM** | **Sponsored Coffee Break** | | |

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| **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**<br>Discussion 3<br>90 minutes | INDIVIDUAL<br>**Kids these days**<br>Today's athletes learn and behave differently. How to set them up for success.<br>Scheduled to appear: Liz Trond and Bill Manning (subject to change). | ORGANIZATION<br>**Hit the Easy Button**<br>Using available technology and services for efficient, effective events and organiztons.<br>Scheduled to appear: Steve Lopez, RegattaCentral and PlayMetrics staff | COMMUNITY<br>**Meeting the need for data standards in rowing**<br>Agreeing on how to achieve the basics for the digital present and future.<br>Andrea Buch, Rowing Industry Trade Association (subject to change). |
| **12:30 PM – 2:30 PM** | **Sponsored Lunch and General Discussion** | | |
| **2:45 PM – 4:15 PM**<br>Discussion 4<br>90 minutes | INDIVIDUAL<br>**College sports funding overhaul**<br>What the changes mean for college coaching careers<br>Scheduled to appear: Michael Callahan, and Dave O'Neill, (subject to change). | ORGANIZATION<br>**Meeting the need for data standards in rowing**<br>Agreeing on how to achieve the basics for the digital present and future.<br>Andrea Buch, RITA (subject to change).). | COMMUNITY<br>**Kids these days**<br>Today's athletes learn and behave differently. How to set them up for success.<br>Scheduled to appear: Liz Trond and Bill Manning (subject to change). |
| **5:00 PM** | **2026 Rowing Industry Trade Association Annual General Meeting** | | |
| **6:30 PM onward** | **Gala Dinner Honoring Kris Korzeniowski**<br>Keynote address; speaker to be announced. Followed by an open bar for coffee and drinks. | | |

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026

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| **9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**<br>Discussion 5<br>90 minutes | INDIVIDUAL<br>**"We Provide Experiences"**<br>Best Practices from the largest and most successful clubs.<br>Rick Brown, Sarasota Crew (subject to change). | ORGANIZATION<br>**Regatta best practices**<br>Meeting Insurance, compliance, and organizational challenges. Scheduled to appear: John Leonard, Lauren Means, and Clete Graham (subject to change). | COMMUNITY<br>**Coordinated Regatta Calendar**<br>Avoiding overlap and conflicts to maximize opportunities and outcomes.<br>Scheduled to appear: Steve Lopez, RegattaCentral (subject to change). |
| **10:30 AM onward** | **Departure Brunch**<br>. | | |

**Individual:** For rowing professionals and those interested in career growth and opportunities—separate but complementary to coaching education. The Conference for Coaches (Steenstra) is coaching education. The *Rowing News* Annual Convention is The Business of Rowing — held on separate weekends and offering discounted registration for both.

**Organization:** For those managing and administering regattas, clubs, and organizations — insurance, compliance, and best business practices.

**Community:** Meeting our sport's challenges to grow and safeguard rowing now and for the future. Can we agree that we need a common data standard for software, technology, and broadcast? How about coordinating regatta dates to avoid overlap and to maximize opportunites?

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