

2013 Snipe Nationals



Buffalo Canoe Club
Crystal Beach, Ontario, Canada
July 19 – 26, 2013

Regatta Logistics & Area Information

REGATTA SCHEDULE

Measurement

Racing

Jr. Nationals & Special Juniors

July 19

July 20 – 21

Nationals

July 19 - July 21

July 22 - 26

SOCIAL SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 20

Sunday, July 21

Monday, July 22

Wednesday, July 24

Thursday, July 25

Friday, July 26

Barbeque and beach bonfire with S'mores for Junior competitors

Opening Ceremonies, Junior Awards, followed by ice cream social.

Evening Bus Trip to Niagara Falls

Cookout Dinner on East Lawn

Cocktail Party at the Swanson's House

Awards Banquet and Dancing in the Outer Boathouse

Early Entry Deadline: June 19th for Jr. Nationals & June 20th for Nationals

PASSPORTS & BORDER CROSSING:

The Buffalo Canoe Club is located in Ontario, Canada, 15-20 minutes from the US border (Peace Bridge).

Everyone, regardless of age is required to present a valid passport or Nexus card to cross the border.

Minors not crossing the border with their parents should have a letter from their parents explaining the purpose of the trip and giving permission to their guardians to take them across the border.

Trailing of boats across the border is a common event. Ownership papers and trailer registration are rarely asked for, but it is advisable that you have these. Ownership papers can be an informal typed document with hull number, year built, builder, date purchased, from whom, and the owner's address and signature. It is important to tell the customs official that the boat and all its equipment will be returning to the USA after the regatta.

Rush-hour crossings of the border should be avoided as should crossing the border on weekends from 12:00 – 2:00. Only alcohol bought at Duty Free before crossing the border can be taken into Canada. Do not cross the border with tobacco or other substances.

AIRPORTS & SHUTTLE SERVICES:

The **Buffalo Niagara International Airport** (BUF) is located 15 minutes from the US/Canadian border. Most major airlines including Southwest, Air Tran, and Jet Blue fly to Buffalo. **The Toronto Pearson International Airport** (YYZ) is an hour and half drive from the BCC. Toronto offers more direct flights from major international cities. International competitors not wishing to have both a US and Canadian visa should consider flying into Toronto. The **Hamilton International Airport** (YHM) is located 45 minutes from the BCC. Canadian budget airline, **West Jet**, flies into Hamilton and Toronto and more than 80 US cities, as well as Nassau and Mexico.

The **Niagara Airbus** provides shuttle bus service from all the region's airports to Fort Erie (Canadian border town, 15 minutes from the club). For schedule & reservations: www.niagaraairbus.net .

CHILDCARE:

Abino Bay is safe family environment. Children will be well entertained on the club's grounds – beach & swimming docks, beach volleyball, playground, tennis courts, snack bar, and local bike path. Subsidized babysitting at the club for competitors' children (ages 3 – 11) will be offered from 9:30 – 4:00 on race days during the Crosby and Heinzerling Series. **Reservations must be made no later than June 10** – no exceptions. Contact: ktocke@hotmail.com for babysitting reservations.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Homestays:

Billeting with BCC families is on a limited first-come-first served basis and priority will be given first to juniors. Housing cannot be provided to families with children and not past Saturday, July 27. Contact Monica Jones: jonesim42@aol.com

Cottage Rentals:

Crystal Beach is a summer vacation community with many cottages to rent.

<http://www.vacationrentals.com/vacation-rentals/ontario/crystal-beach.html>

<http://www.cottagesincanada.com/cottage-rentals/ontario/southeastern-niagara/crystal-beach>

<http://www.dowardrealty.com/listings/ontario-ca-rentals.html>

Additional cottage listings & websites will be posted on the regatta website.

Motels & Hotels:

Limited rooms are available 2 miles from the club at the simple Crystal Beach Motel and Lakeside Suites. More upscale chain hotels are located within a 15 minute drive from the club in the town of Fort Erie: Clarion Hotel (closest), Comfort Inn, & the Econo Lodge.

Camping:

Camping is not allowed on club grounds, but available within an 8 minute drive from the club at Knights Hideaway Campground: www.knightsfamilycamping.com or a 12 minute drive from the club at the more picturesque Sherkston family resort: www.sherkston.com.

CURRENCY:

US and Canadian currencies are accepted at the toll at the Canadian Border as well as EZ Pass. US currency is accepted at most stores and restaurants in the area, but usually not at par. Both currencies are accepted at the BCC.

BOAT STORAGE & LAUNCHING:

All boats will be stored in the club drysail area. The BCC is located on a 2 mile sand beach. There is a large ramp that leads to the water's edge. It is **recommended that all boats use dollies** as there is no hoist and the water level of the lake can fluctuate drastically.

CHARTERS

Many charters are available for the Jr. Nationals, but are limited for the Nationals. Priority will be given to US residents traveling the furthest, juniors, and international teams. Contact: ktocke@hotmail.com.

SIGHT-SEEING & DAY TRIPS:

Social activities are being planned for family members and friends not competing. See the Regatta website for more information and itinerary suggestions. Suggested day trips: Niagara Falls (25 minutes), Niagara Gorge (35 minutes), Buffalo (20 minutes), Niagara-on-the Lake & Niagara Wine Region (35 minutes), Toronto (1 hour 30 minutes) Port Colborne & Welland Canal (20 minutes) Fort Erie (15 minutes), Fort George (45 minutes).

For more information on local and regional logistics, information and activities, contact: Mary Alice Tocke: JTocke@aol.com.

