



**Head of the Lafayette  
Press Release  
Event Date 10/26/08  
9:30am to 1:00pm**

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Head of the Lafayette will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at the Robertson Rowing Center at Lakewood Park, Norfolk, Virginia. In addition to the 5,000 meter head race, there will also be a Crew Costume contest for the Best Dressed Boat off the Launch Dock.

The first race is at 9:15 with the awards to be presented at approximately 1200. Mermaids, Vikings, iPods, Angels and Ghosts can be best viewed from Mobray Arch in the Colonial Place neighborhood of Norfolk. The Hampton Roads Rowing Club is putting on this event as a fundraiser to support Junior Rowing and Scholarship Programs. Local Sponsors of this event are Power Bar, CPActuaries, Riverview Coffee Parlor, and Crystal Water

High Schools competing this year will include Granby, Maury, Norfolk Collegiate, Catholic, Cox, First Colonial, Hickory, Great Bridge, Western Branch, and Christ's Church, as well as schools from Northern & Central Virginia and the Raleigh Durham area of North Carolina. Collegiate competitors that have attended this event include Old Dominion University, Virginia Commonwealth, University of Richmond and UNC Wilmington. Adult and Masters groups from Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Hampton, Chesapeake, Williamsburg and Richmond will also be participating.

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