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**LOST & FOUND**

For lost and found items please visit any HOCR Information booth located along the course for assistance. You may also contact the Head Of The Charles Regatta staff at the end of the regatta to see if your lost item has been turned in. E-mail: regatta@hocr.org.

**FIRST AID**

First Aid, sponsored by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, is provided by volunteers from the American Red Cross. First Aid Booths are located at Riverside Boat Club, Reunion Village, Weld Boathouse, Newell Boathouse, Cambridge Boat Club, Attager Row Tent, the Finish Line and at Parking Lot 4.

**SHUTTLE BUS**

Head Of The Charles runs two shuttle routes. One runs around the course and the other runs to the parking area on Birmingham Parkway in Brighton. See map on reverse side for locations.

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