

Swimmers:

It would be safer for everyone (but especially for swimmers) if swimmers would PLEASE wear brightly coloured swim caps (neon orange or pink would be great!). As you can probably appreciate, it is difficult for rowers to see swimmers especially if they are wearing black or dark colours. We really, really don't want to hit anyone and there have been near misses in past years. If you could help get the word out, we would really appreciate it.

FYI: The common rowing flow pattern is up and down the west side of Elk Lake and into Beaver Lake; however, depending on weather conditions and experience level rowers will also row:
1) from the island at the south end of Elk Lake diagonally across to Hamsterly Beach
2) from the boathouse, across to Hamsterly Beach and back (in a clockwise pattern, so they are rowing towards the boathouse along the highway).

This flow pattern is often used by novices/less experienced rowers who may not be able to keep to a consistent course and are also less skilled at keeping an eye out for swimmers and taking evasive action when needed. While they are (usually) accompanied by a coach, the coach may not always see swimmers in time either.

Thanks a lot for your help!

If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call or email.

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