A Day at the (Crew) Races

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This year's Class Day Regatta was held on a foggy Charles River but the 1000-meter race course was in perfect racing condition, flat and glassy. The regatta was made up of 54 boats (crew shells) and 434 rowers from various living groups all around MIT. Once again the regatta was opened with the annual Freshmen Heavyweight vs Lightweight race. In the 500-meter piece, the Lightweights edged out the Heavyweights by 4 seats but in the 2000-meter piece, the Heavyweights out-powered the Lightweights and won with open water.

Thirty-two teams entered the Junior Eight event so there were six heats with the winner of each qualifying for the final and each second place team qualifying for the petite final. Baker Askey won the petite final and ATO won the Junior Eight final. Theta Chi walked away with the Intermediate Eight trophy as well as the Senior Four. The Mixed Four event was won by the Boat House Row ending the three-year winning streak held by John Miller's Mixed Four team. Baker-No. 6 Women's team won the Women Eight event and the Burton-Senior House team held off WILG to take second place by 8 feet.