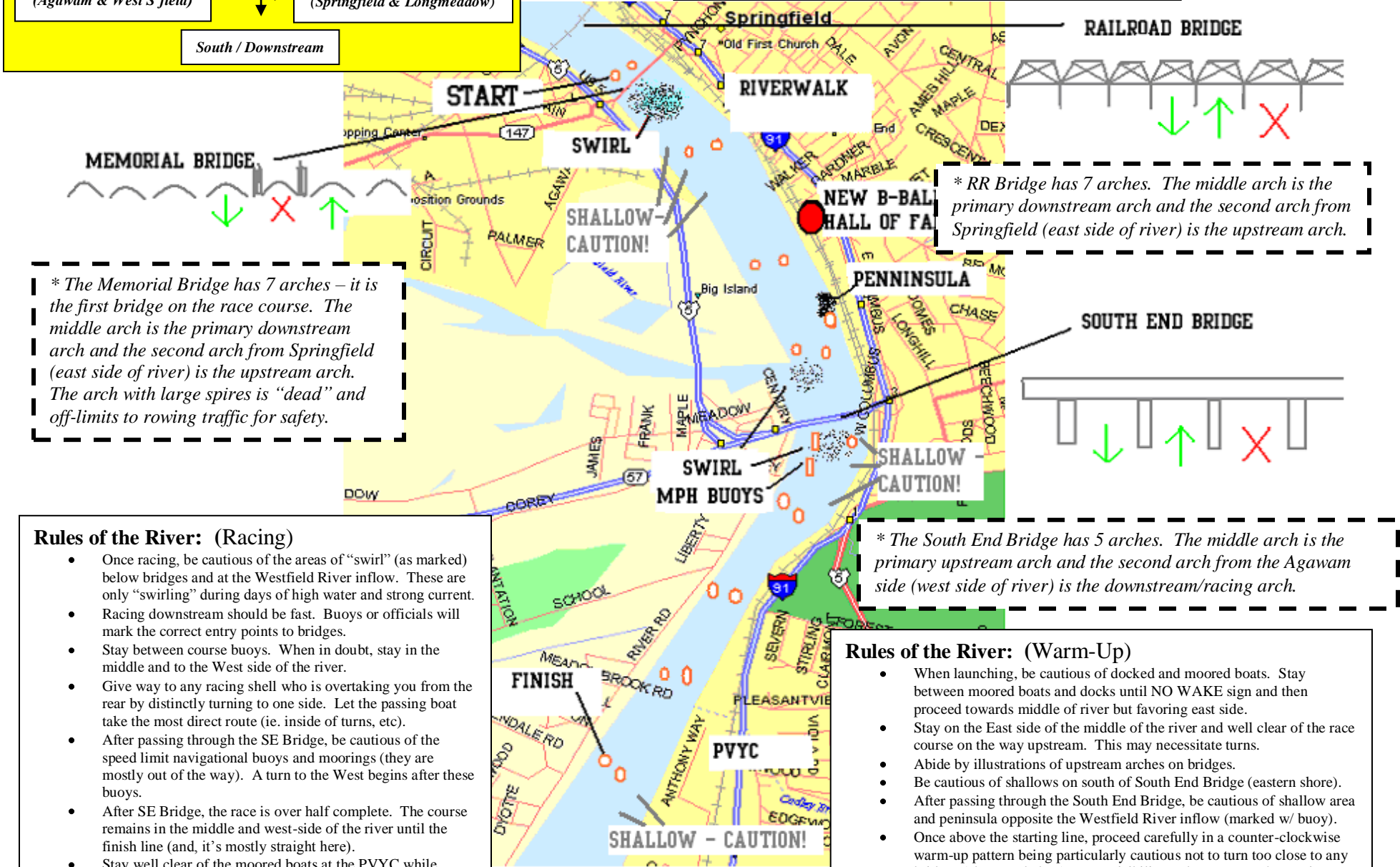


## COURSE MAP

### Springfield Regatta (~3.0 miles)



*\* The Memorial Bridge has 7 arches – it is the first bridge on the race course. The middle arch is the primary downstream arch and the second arch from Springfield (east side of river) is the upstream arch. The arch with large spires is “dead” and off-limits to rowing traffic for safety.*

*\* RR Bridge has 7 arches. The middle arch is the primary downstream arch and the second arch from Springfield (east side of river) is the upstream arch.*

*\* The South End Bridge has 5 arches. The middle arch is the primary upstream arch and the second arch from the Agawam side (west side of river) is the downstream/racing arch.*

- Rules of the River: (Racing)**
- Once racing, be cautious of the areas of “swirl” (as marked) below bridges and at the Westfield River inflow. These are only “swirling” during days of high water and strong current.
  - Racing downstream should be fast. Buoys or officials will mark the correct entry points to bridges.
  - Stay between course buoys. When in doubt, stay in the middle and to the West side of the river.
  - Give way to any racing shell who is overtaking you from the rear by distinctly turning to one side. Let the passing boat take the most direct route (ie. inside of turns, etc).
  - After passing through the SE Bridge, be cautious of the speed limit navigational buoys and moorings (they are mostly out of the way). A turn to the West begins after these buoys.
  - After SE Bridge, the race is over half complete. The course remains in the middle and west-side of the river until the finish line (and, it’s mostly straight here).
  - Stay well clear of the moored boats at the PVYC while racing and cooling down. Enter and exit the PVYC dock area via the channel from launch area to NO WAKE sign. Crossing the field of moored boats is hazardous!

- Rules of the River: (Warm-Up)**
- When launching, be cautious of docked and moored boats. Stay between moored boats and docks until NO WAKE sign and then proceed towards middle of river and favoring east side.
  - Stay on the East side of the middle of the river and well clear of the race course on the way upstream. This may necessitate turns.
  - Abide by illustrations of upstream arches on bridges.
  - Be cautious of shallows on south of South End Bridge (eastern shore).
  - After passing through the South End Bridge, be cautious of shallow area and peninsula opposite the Westfield River inflow (marked w/ buoy).
  - Once above the starting line, proceed carefully in a counter-clockwise warm-up pattern being particularly cautious not to turn too close to any bridges (above or below). Poor visibility and currents make turning near bridges treacherous.
  - Starting line is situated halfway between Memorial and RR Bridges.
  - Proceed to the starting line in numerical order. The starter will let you know when to enter the course.