

2004 Head of the Fish Regatta

Entry Packet and General Information

The 19th annual Head of the Fish Regatta, co-hosted by the Saratoga Springs Rowing Club and the Saratoga Rowing Association, will be held **Saturday, October 30th, 2004**. This year the regatta will be held on the same 2 ½ mile course as it has been used for the past 18 years. As was recently instituted, the warm-up lane will remain such that there is no need to cross the racing lane when launching or landing.

We hope you will be able to join us on the 30th for the Head of the Fish Regatta – home of great water, and the best trophies and t-shirts on the circuit.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2004

1. *All registration will be handled online this year at www.RegattaCentral.com. Deadlines will be strictly enforced. We will NOT exceed 1000 entries.*
2. *Official Regatta Venue* – Two years ago we had a change in this area. The regatta venue moved from the NYS boat launch facility to **Lee's Park**, located just on the other side of the Boat launch (see enclosed map). The move to Lee's Park more than tripled the available space for the regatta. (Note: Car topped boats remain based in the NYS boat launch) It also allowed the addition of vendors and concessions. The Waterfront Restaurant, a secondary venue used in the past, is no longer used by the regatta. The finish line remains unchanged.
3. *Entry Deadline* – The regatta entry deadline will be strictly enforced. All regatta entries must be completed online no later than **October 17th, 2004**. Waivers for any person competing at the Head of the Fish, and fees for all teams must be post-marked by October 15th, 2004, if mailed.
4. *Waiver of Liability* – **IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ**. This is not a USRA registered regatta. Insurance is obtained elsewhere and is paid by the Saratoga Rowing Association. Each participant **MUST** complete and sign the Rowing Waiver Form enclosed in this packet. This form may be photocopied as necessary. Participants who are age 17 or younger, on regatta day, **MUST** have their parent or legal guardian sign the Waiver form. Failure to submit the required Waiver Forms with your entry forms and fees may void

your entry. Please be advised this Waiver form is the only waiver form accepted by the regatta.

5. *Regatta Telephone, e-mail, and website* – Questions regarding the regatta will be answered on e-mail at Chaserow@nycap.rr.com, via the website www.togacrew.com (click Head of the Fish), or as a last resort by phone at (518) 587-6697.
6. *Scratches and Refunds* – There will be no entry fee refunds for scratches received after October 17th

We look forward to having you here!

Important Entry Information

Definitions

<u>Youth</u>	Eighteen years old and under on race day; not open to college freshmen.
<u>High School</u>	
<u>Freshmen</u>	Grade 9 or younger; regardless of experience.
<u>Open</u>	Any high school, college, and club rower may enter these events.
<u>Master</u>	Any rower who has attained the age of 27 on or before race day. Master Singles events will be divided into three competing groups: Ages 27 to 39, Ages 40 to 49, and Ages 50-59
<u>Veteran</u>	Age 60 or over.
<u>Novice</u>	Any rower who started rowing after Jan 1, 2003 may enter these events. Seasoned sweep rowers who begin sculling after this date may enter novice sculling events. Seasoned scullers who begin sweep rowing after this date may enter the novice events. Collegiate rowers who are in their first year of college rowing may enter the novice events.
<u>Lightweight</u>	135 lbs. Maximum for women; 165 lbs maximum for men, per individual oarsperson. Average boat weight not applicable. Weigh-in only for winning crew after event.
<u>Mixed Eight</u>	4 women, 4 men, 1 coxswain – no more, no less.

POINT SYSTEM

	1st	2nd	3rd
Open 8+	12	10	8
Other 8+	10	8	6
Open 4+	8	6	4
Other 4+, 4X	7	5	3
2X	5	3	1
1X	3	2	1

RULES

USRA Rules of Racing shall apply

Boats being overtaken must yield to the passing boat, which must indicate its intentions. On curves, the overtaken boat should allow the overtaking boat to pass on the inside. The overtaking boat must allow ample clearance before moving in front of the passed boat.

Hot seating (of equipment and personnel) will be performed at the **crew's risk** of missing an event. At least two races should separate the events being rowed. Under no circumstances will the start of an event be held up waiting for a late boat.

Bow numbers and back numbers must be used. Numbers will be provided at registration. Crews without bow numbers and/or back numbers will not be permitted to launch. Bow numbers are to be turned in at the launch site after race.

Boats without bow balls and quick release footgear will not be permitted to launch. All boats will be inspected prior to launch.

COACHES, COXSWAINS, AND SCULLERS MEETING

The coaches, coxswains, and scullers meeting will be held adjacent to the registration tent at Lee's Park at 6:30 a.m. A race schedule, map of course, and general rules will be available at this time. All coaches, coxswains, and scullers are responsible for the information given at the meeting.

LODGING

Please see the regatta website for a listing of Hotels and Motels in the area.
<http://www.saratoga.org/accommodations/index.asp?type=Hotel>

You can also find lodging by calling the chamber of commerce of the surrounding towns. Clifton Park will have several hotels, as will South Glens Falls, Glens Falls, Queensbury, Ballston Spa, and Schuylerville. Make your reservations early.

Important Entry Information Continued

RESULTS

Computerized results for each event will be made available as soon as possible, as well as posted in “real-time” online at www.RaceTrak.com All results posted on regatta day are unofficial. Official results will be posted on www.RaceTrak.com.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to the members of each winning boat as well as second and third place finishers. Fish Head trophies are awarded to the winning boat in each event/category. The total point collegiate champion crew (DI and DIII) and the total non-collegiate champion crew each receive a take-home trophy and inscription of their name on the permanent trophies.

As soon as results are posted, winning crews should appear or send a representative to the Registration Tent to receive their awards and pose for a photo-op. The total point trophy winners are announced as soon as possible after the completion of the last race.

PARKING

Parking arrangements for crews and individuals will be detailed on the website as the event draws nearer. Please pay close attention to the instructions regarding parking, and well as the instructions received from police and volunteers on regatta day.

Overnight parking of boats, trailers, and equipment (not vehicles) will be allowed on Friday night. Volunteers will be on hand starting at noon on Friday to direct trailer and boat parking. Please do not come with demands for your trailer & Food tents. The volunteers will direct you to a place, not vice-versa. Also, there will be security on the premises to safeguard the equipment – Friday night only.

DIRECTIONS TO REGATTA SITE

From points east: Take I-90 West (Mass Pike) into NY State. (I-90 West becomes the NY State Thruway). Continue on I-90 West to exit B3 towards Albany, NY. Go through Albany on I-90 West to the intersection of I-87 North (the Northway). Continue North on I-87 to Exit 14. Take a left at the exit ramp onto Route 9P East toward Saratoga Lake. Follow enclosed map.

From points west: Take I-90 East toward Albany, NY to exit 24. Proceed through toll booths at exit 24 and follow signs for I-87 North. Take I-87 North to Exit 14. Take a left at the exit ramp onto route 9P East toward Saratoga Lake. Follow enclosed map.

From points south: Take I-87 North toward Albany, NY to exit 14. Take a left at the exit ramp onto Route 9P East toward Saratoga Lake. Follow enclosed map.

From points north: Take I-87 South toward Lake George / Albany to Exit 14. Take a left at the exit ramp onto Route 9P East toward Saratoga Lake. Follow enclosed map.

Special Note: The bridge gets very congested Saturday morning. Look at the enclosed map for directions avoiding the bridge (Left on Meadowbrook Rd., Right on Stafford's Bridge Rd., Cross river at the Start. Right on Fitch Rd., Right on Rt. 9P. Right into Lee's Park.

VERY IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

ENTRY DEADLINES

Online entries: will close on Sunday, October 17th, 2004. We hope to have the schedule posted by Wednesday, October 20th.

Signed waivers of liability and entry fees must be POSTMARKED no later than Oct 15th, 2004.

***** Canadian and international entries must be postmarked by Oct 11th, 2003**

*****No changes or adjustments to entries will be permitted after Oct 17th.**

Please may checks payable to HEAD OF THE FISH REGATTA

Please send your fees to:

Saratoga Rowing Assoc.

P.O. Box 750

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Any questions regarding the regatta or entries should be e-mailed to **chaserow@nycap.rr.com**, if absolutely necessary, should be directed to the regatta telephone line (518) 587-6697.

REGISTRATION

Friday, October 29th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration Tent, Lee's Park

Saturday, October 30th 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration Tent, Lee's Park

Crews are urged to take advantage of the Friday evening registration to relieve congestion on Saturday morning.

Registration packets will include back numbers, bow numbers, schedules, programs, and course information.

REGATTA SCHEDULE

The schedule has been carefully constructed based on the number of entries last year. By October 20th when the schedule is posted, we will know how to adjust the schedule in order that the regatta runs on time. Fear not... the order of racing will not change, but the amount of time allotted to each event may change slightly. You should still feel free to race as often as you like, assuming you do so safely, and, while leaving a sufficient amount of time to reach the start.

Events will NOT be held up for boats that are late to the start. **Note: the times below are based on last year's entries. They will be close, but not exact for this year.**

	Event Name	#	\$	Sub-total		Event Name	#	\$	Sub-total
	8:00 a.m.					12:24 p.m.			
1a	M Master 1X (27-39)		\$30		8a	M Youth Fresh 8+		\$85	
1b	M Master 1X (40-49)		\$30		8b	M Youth Novice 8+		\$85	
1c	M Master 1X (50-59)		\$30			12:41 p.m.			
1d	W Master 1X (27-39)		\$30		9a	M Open 2X		\$45	
1e	W Master 1X (40-49)		\$30		9b	W Open 2X		\$45	
1f	W Master 1X (50-59)		\$30		9c	Mixed 2X		\$45	
1g	M Veteran 1X		\$30		9d	M Master 2X		\$45	
1h	W Veteran 1X		\$30		9e	W Master 2X		\$45	
	8:54 a.m.					1:19 p.m.			
2a	M Novice 4+		\$65		10a	W Youth 8+		\$85	
2b	M Youth 4+		\$65			1:46 p.m.			
	9:24 a.m.				11a	M Youth 8+		\$85	
3a	W Youth Fresh 8+		\$85			2:07 p.m.			
3b	W Youth Nov 8+		\$85		12a	M Open 4X		\$65	
	9:41 a.m.				12b	W Open 4X		\$65	
4a	W Open / Champ 4+		\$65		12c	M Master 4+		\$65	
4b	W Lightweight 4+		\$65		12d	W Master 4+		\$65	
	10:20 a.m.					2:30 p.m.			
5a	M Open 1X		\$30		13a	M Novice 8+		\$85	
5b	W Open 1X		\$30			2:46 p.m.			
5c	M Novice 1X		\$30		14a	W Novice 4+		\$65	
5d	W Novice 1X		\$30		14b	W Youth 4+		\$65	
5e	M Youth 1X		\$30			3:26 p.m.			

5f	W Youth 1X		\$30		15a	M Open / Champ 8+		\$85	
5g	M Alden 1X		\$30		15b	M Lightweight 8+		\$85	
5h	W Alden 1X		\$30		15c	M Masters 8+		\$85	
5i	M Recreational 1X		\$30			3:46 p.m.			
5j	W Recreational 1X		\$30		16a	W Open / Champ 8+		\$85	
	11:16 a.m.				16b	W Lightweight 8+		\$85	
6a	W Novice 8+		\$85		16c	W Masters 8+		\$85	
	11:51 a.m.					4:30 p.m.			
7a	M Open / Champ 4+		\$65						
7b	M Lightweight 4+		\$65			5:05 p.m.			
					17a	Mixed 8+		\$85	

Will you be bringing a trailer? _____

Are you sharing a trailer with another team? Which team?

