

Ariel Head of the Patapsco

Saturday, September 25, 2004
Marley Creek, Glen Burnie, MD
Presented by Baltimore Rowing Club
www.baltimorerowing.org

The Ariel Head of the Patapsco, a three-mile race against the clock, will be held in the southern section of the Baltimore metro area on Saturday, September 25, 2004 on Marley Creek, a scenic, protected body of water. Regatta headquarters will be at the launching area of the Country Club Estates Recreation Association, with ample parking area for rigging boats, picnicking, and watching the races.

Entries and Entry Fees

- Race entries must be received by **Monday, September 20**. Entries received past this date will be subjected to a late fee.

The preferred method of registration is through Regatta Central. You may also mail your entries to:

Baltimore Rowing Club
Attn: Patapsco Regatta
3301 Waterview Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21230

We recognize that there may be a need to make changes after the entry date and the committee will make every effort to accommodate those changes. However, races will not be moved to accommodate hot-seating.

PLEASE NOTE: Entries must be sent in time to be **received** by **September 20, 2004**.

- Entry fees are \$15.00 for singles, \$25.00 for doubles, \$45.00 for fours/quads, and \$60.00 for eights.

Checks can be made payable to **Baltimore Rowing Club**

- Late entries must be confirmed by contacting the Regatta Director (see below), and paying a \$10 late fee per entry. No entries will be accepted after 9:00 a.m. on race day.
- The mixed 2X and mixed 8+ events are exempt from the above requirements but must be entered by 12:00 on race day.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Mulligan at:

(443) 540-4639 cell

or through email at ariel@baltimorerowing.org

Categories/USRA Membership

Junior	Rowers who will not have turned 19 by the end of 2004.
Open	No restrictions.
Novice	Rowers who have not raced prior to the 2004 season.
Recreational	Must use a shell that is at least 18 inches wide and no more than 24 feet long.
Masters	Rowers/crews whose average age is at least 30, with no individuals (except coxswain) below age 30. Masters events will be run by age intervals of 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+, with no age handicap for boats within a given age interval. Masters races with less than three entries will be combined and given time handicaps at 5 seconds/year.

The Ariel Head of the Patapsco is a USRA registered Regatta. It is now a requirement that all organizations in a registered regatta (with the exception of singles) must be a member of USRowing.

Medals

Medals will be awarded to first place finishers in each category with two or more entries. Categories within a class (for example, Open and Masters within Men's 1X) will be started consecutively, however, awards will be given within each category.

Scratches

All scratches must be emailed or phoned in by September 20, 2004 by 6:00 p.m. EST. The call in number to scratch a boat is (443) 540-4639. We recognize that certain conditions may require a scratch on the day of the race and we will address those during the coaches meeting. Any boat scratched after the September 20th deadline will forfeit their entry fee.

Coaches and Coxswains

- A coaches and coxswains meeting will be held at 8:45 a.m. at the registration table.

- Check in is from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. when all crews must pick up bow numbers and a number to be pinned to the shirt of the bow-person and coxswain.
- There is no coxswain weigh-in.
- Coxswains of any of the boats (men's or women's) can be of either sex.

Order of Events

Event	Name	Category	Start
	Coaches meeting		8:45
1a	1x Men	Open/Masters	10:00
1b		Novice/Youth/Rec	10:10
2a	1x Women	Open/Masters	10:20
2b		Novice/Youth/Rec	10:30
3	4+ Men	Open/Masters/Novice	10:40
4	2x Men	Open/Masters	11:00
5	4x Women	Open/Masters	11:15
6	8+ Women	Open/Masters/Novice	11:30
	Lunch Break		11:30-12:30
7	2x Women	Open/Masters	12:30
8	8+ Men	Open/Masters/Novice	12:40
9	4+ Women	Open/Masters/Novice	12:50
10	4x Men	Open/Masters	1:00
11	2x Mixed	Open	1:30
12	8+ Mixed	Open	1:40

Hot seating – a hot topic. While we will do our best to accommodate the “hot-seating” that will invariably occur at any regatta, we will not be rearranging races to allow for the reuse of either athletes or equipment. Teams repeat athletes at their own risk and must be aware of the complications that might result for both the crew and the overall regatta. A minimum of 60 minutes is required between races that involve using the same equipment or coxswain/athlete.

If a boat is late to the line it may be permitted to race down the course at the referee's discretion. If a boat is not at the line when their race is called they will not compete for a medal.

The Course/Rules

The course begins three miles above the launch area on Furnace Creek, proceeding one mile East onto Marley Creek with a hard turn to starboard, and then continues down the eastern side of Marley Creek with the finish line immediately below the launch area.

Boats are walked into the water from a small beach for launching and landing-please bring appropriate shoes and clothing. Crews and coxswains are responsible for being familiar with the course.

Any boat overtaken must move to port or toward the eastern shore of Marley Creek. Penalties will be assessed for missed buoys. All launching shells must have bow balls and foot-release devices. These will be checked prior to launching. No shell will be permitted to launch without a bow ball.

A detailed map of the course will be available at registration and rules will be reviewed at the coaches and coxswains meeting.

Parking

There is limited parking available at the launch site. You may also park in the neighborhood around the Country Club Estates Launching Area. However, be courteous and do not block any private driveways and/or gates.

Restrooms

Portable bathrooms for athletes and spectators will be situated in the launch area.

USRowing WAIVER

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in the **Ariel Head of the Patapsco** ("Regatta") I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Rowing Activities, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a.); ROWING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death ("Risks"); (b.) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Releasees names below; (c.); there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.
3. AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member of the Club and that, if I observe any condition which I consider to be unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will notify the proper authority in charge of the Activity and will refuse to take part in the Activity until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction.
4. HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue USRowing, the Club, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, other participating regatta organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises, on which the Activity takes place, (each considered on of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY < SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees, from any litigation's expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a result of such claim.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Printed Name of Participant: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

_____ **Phone:** _____

Signature (only if age 18 or over)

PARENTAL CONSENT

AND I, the minor’s parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of rowing activities and the minor’s experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor’s account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor’s behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any may incur as the result of any such claim.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

_____ **Phone:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (only if participant is under the age of 18):

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Regatta Entry Form
Due Date: Monday, September 20, 2004

Use one form per entry; duplicate as necessary. Entry form must be accompanied by full payment, and regatta or USRA waivers signed by every participant. Each participant aged under 18 must have waiver signed by parent or legal guardian.

Event Number: _____ Event Title: _____

Name of Organization submitting entry: _____

Entry Information: Please print or type, and use full names (not initials).

	First Name	Last Name	Age (masters only) as of 12/31/04
Bow	_____	_____	_____
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____
Stroke	_____	_____	_____
Cox	_____	_____	_____

Contact Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Entry Fees: Singles \$15, Doubles \$25, Four/Quad \$45, Eight \$60
Make checks payable to Baltimore Rowing Club
Mail entries to: Baltimore Rowing Club
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3301 Waterview Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21230

Baltimore Rowing Club – Ariel Regatta – Directions

Directions

From North of Baltimore

Take I-95 South. Go through the Ft. McHenry tunnel. Take the Beltway (I-695 South) towards Glen Burnie.

Take Exit 2 and proceed south on Highway 10. Go South on Rt. 10 for approx. 2 miles and then take the exit for Furnace Branch Rd. Turn left at the light at the end of the exit ramp. After 1 mile, turn left onto Country Club Drive and proceed through the residential area. Country Club drive will end at the recreation center/launch area.

From the South

Take I-95 north to the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) then go east toward Glen Burnie. Follow the directions above from Exit 2.



