

Blue and Burgundy Regatta

Saturday May 1st 2010

Presented by



Youth Only
Henley Style
1,850 Meters

Rowers and Coaches-

Come join the Great Miami Rowing Center in Hamilton, Ohio our Blue Regatta Saturday May 1st 2010. Located in Southwest Ohio, the City of Hamilton is centrally located between the Cincinnati and Dayton metropolitan areas.

The Course. The Great Miami River in downtown Hamilton provides a superb venue for rowing. The area between the Hamilton Low Dam (lower dam) and the Two-Mile Low Dam (upper dam) is an untapped rowing resource with limited power boat access. The river has high man-made levy walls that are soft and can easily absorb wakes.

Unparalleled Spectating. The levy provides a very sheltered canal-like river. Leave your binoculars at home, the view of the race course is perfect in Hamilton. Additionally, the high levy walls shelter the race course from the majority of wind conditions.

Housing Options. We can offer a variety of housing options for incoming teams. Stay at Hamilton's new Courtyard Marriott and watch the races from your hotel window! Or let us help you find cheap or free housing at local churches or YMCA camps.

Welcoming Community. Hamilton is designated as '[The City of Sculpture](#)' and is home to a brilliant inventory of sculptures reflecting the community's commitment to the arts. If you enjoy outdoor art exhibitions, Hamilton is the place to be.

Discounts, Bikes and Easy Trailering. Our entry fees are competitive but in order to encourage early registration and facilitate planning we are offering discounts to those who register early. Bring your bike! With it you can follow the races from the Great Miami River Recreational Trail on the east and west sides of the river. Trailer parking and access is easy. While we do operate in a city center, we are centrally located adjacent to State Rd 129. No trailer ballet is required here!

We hope to see you on the water in Hamilton this season, and don't forget to register early so you can take advantage of the early registration discount. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

COURSE

The 1,850 meter course is on the Great Miami River. The starting line is at the Columbia Bridge and runs north to the finish line just south of the Black Street Bridge. The race course maintains 2/3rds of the eastern bank of the river and runs north against the flow.

WARM –UP

The warm-up lane is the western 1/3 of the river and south of the Columbia Bridge. Boats should launch with their bow's headed south. The warm-up lane runs under the western bridge piers of the Rail Road Bridge and Columbia Bridge.

ALL boats will launch from the Great Miami Rowing Center dock located in its regular position near the Main/High Bridge.

ENTRIES

All competitors are welcome to participate in multiple events. However, competitors are responsible for allowing sufficient time to race in one event, land, re-queue, and launch in time for an additional event. Competitors will not be allowed to land or launch out of order and hot-seating of athletes and/or boats is strongly discouraged.

Enter early and receive a 25% discount on your entry fees! Our entry fees are competitive but in order to encourage early registration and facilitate planning we are offering discounts to those who register early. Offer expires April 10th 2010 or 21 days prior to the event.

All entries must be received with entry fee no later than Saturday April 24 2010 at midnight EST.

Entries are to be submitted online via www.regattacentral.com. Registration is open from March 20 through April 24. Late entries can be accommodated but they are subject to a \$25 late fee per entry.

Confirmed entries will be posted on www.regattacentral.com.

Entry Fees are:

4x /+ = \$50

8+ = \$65

WAIVERS

Waivers will be accepted through Regatta Central's on-line system. Directions for on-line submission of waivers can be found at www.regattacentral.com. Login to Regatta Central or become a New User by clicking on the "Join Now" link and following the steps to create a new account. Under "My Affiliations" make sure you have listed the team(s) you are associated with. Then, in the "My Roster" box click on "Instructions for US Rowing Waiver Submission" and follow the directions. Please feel free to contact

Regatta Central Support at 614-360-2922 M-F 9am-5pm EST or e-mail support@regattacentral.com.

Paper waivers (available as a pdf file under the "Join/Renew" tab at www.usrowing.org) may be sent to the Registration Chair: 426 Main Street Hamilton, OH 45013

All waivers must be available on-line or received by April 24th.

COMPETITORS' TENTS

Competitors may put up tents for protection from the elements. The tents must be set up on the grass lawn along the river.

REGISTRATION

Scullers and crew representatives must report to Regatta Registration at the Regatta Headquarters by 9 AM on the day of racing.

All scratches must be reported at least one (1) hour prior to an event. You will be charged a scratch fee.

BOW MARKERS

Bow markers will be given out at the Control Commission. Bow markers must be affixed on the bow of the racing shell by way of an appropriate holder.

SAFETY

- All shells must be equipped with a bow ball.
- Each set of shoes within the shell must be equipped with properly-secured heel tie-downs.
- A boat in which the body of the coxswain is enclosed or partially enclosed within the hull of the boat shall conform to the following requirements:
- The opening through which the coxswain enters and exits shall be at least 2.30 feet (70 cm) long when measured along the longitudinal axis of the boat. For a length of at least 1.64 feet (50 cm), the opening shall be as wide as the inner hull of the boat itself. The inner surface within which the coxswain's body rests shall be smooth and free of any obstacles, devices, or other structures that would hinder quick exit.

REFUNDS

The Great Miami Rowing Center will NOT refund scratches communicated to the Registrar beyond the entry close date.

RESULTS

After the race, official results will be available on the Great Miami Rowing Center web site at www.greatmiamirowingcenter.com as well as other rowing websites.

Additionally, they will be available within an hour of each race at the Results Board in at the Control Commission.

2009 RULES AND REGULATIONS

It is the responsibility of all competitors to be familiar with the Racing Rules that follow as well as those Rules of Rowing as published by USRowing that may be applicable to the Regatta. The Blue and Burgundy Regatta is a USRowing Registered Regatta.

COACHES', COXSWAINS', & SCULLERS' MEETING

A mandatory meeting will occur Saturday at 9AM at the Control Commission Tent.

CLASSIFICATIONS

All competitors must be eligible for the event division in which they are competing. Any crew containing an ineligible competitor will be violating the rules and will be disqualified from the Regatta.

Failure to comply will cause the results of the competitor(s) to be excluded.

Varsity -any rower eligible as a high school athlete.

Second Varsity - any rowers not in the first boat of the varsity program. In order to make a second varsity entry; a team must first enter the varsity event, except by arrangement for beginning program approved by the LOC.

Novice - any rower who began rowing after May 1st 2009

HENLEY STYLE RACING

The morning events are head-to-head races with each race consisting of two crews racing side by side up the course. The two crews posting the fastest times from the morning time trials will race in a final in the afternoon.

Events with an odd number of entries will have one crew race alone as a time trial or in a third lane if available on race day.

TIME TRIALS AND FINALS

We will run head-to-head time trials in the morning for all crews. For each event the names of all selected crews are placed on pieces of paper which are then drawn at random. These crews are then placed on pre-determined positions on the draw chart, as far apart as possible. The remaining qualifying crews are then drawn from the hat, filling in from the top of the draw chart downwards, until all places have been filled.

The two crews posting the fastest times from the morning head-to head time trials will race in a final in the afternoon.

Lane draws will be posted online by Wednesday of the event week at 5PM.

FACILITIES

Portable sanitary facilities will be located at 110 N. B Street.

Concessions providing food, beverages, t-shirts, and posters will be located on top of the levy at the GMRC storage shed.

THE RACE COURSE

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The 1,850 meter course is on the Great Miami River. The starting line is at the Columbia Bridge and runs north to the finish line south Black Street Bridge.

- The race course will be marked with buoys about 50 meters apart.
- Starting marshals located above the start line will assist as crews order themselves by bow marker and event.
- After launching and when finished racing, boats must proceed back to the dock and wait in line for a spot to open on the upstream side of docks.
- All competitors are responsible for being familiar with the course. Please consult the attached course map.

VIEWING

The levy provides a very sheltered canal-like river. Leave your binoculars at home, the view of the race course is perfect in Hamilton. Additionally, the levy shelters the water so that the course only gets rough or unrowable when the wind conditions are very severe.

COURSE SAFETY

Competitors and coxswains must review the course maps carefully to locate shallow areas and bad water. The river is closed to all boat traffic during the race.

WARM-UP

Each entrant must be in the starting/marshalling area five (5) minutes prior to their scheduled starting time. The dockmaster will make two calls for launching crews 50 and 40minutes prior to the start times.

The warm-up lane is located on the western shoreline and continues south under the Columbia Bridge. The course then takes up 2-3 lanes in the middle and eastern lanes and runs north.

RACING

While racing, boats must stay on the designated buoyed racecourse. Oar blades may go over buoys but the hull of the shell must stay on the course.

FINISH

The finish is clearly marked by two large buoys. Once beyond the buoys, crews must immediately turn and continue towards the dock area.

PROTESTS

All protests must be filed within 30 minutes of the end of the race in which the violation occurred. The crew's coxswain or representative rower/sculler must indicate the crew's intent to file a protest to the course marshal at the finish line or to the dockmaster on shore at the docks/launching area.

Protest forms are available at the Race Control/Communications tent near the finish line. Protest forms must be filed directly with a USRA race official. Have a representative from the protesting crew available during the judge and referee deliberations.

A \$25 filing fee is required at the time a protest is filed. In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited.

AWARDS

All medals or ribbons will be awarded at the Awards Tent located near Control Commission. Gold medals/ribbons will be awarded to the top finisher in each division.

Any events under protest may delay the awarding of medals for that event. All protests will be adjudicated by US Rowing officials at the officials' meeting following the final race of the day. Medals not awarded or retrieved 30 minutes after the last race will be mailed after the event.

CONTACTS AND LINKS

Race Director: Brian Clark
regattadirector@greatmiamirowing.com

Race Website:

greatmiamirowing.com/ blue&burgundy

Registration:

www.RegattaCentral.com

e-mail: support@RegattaCentral.com

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

Regatta Spectator and Athlete Parking is available at the Inloes parking lot located at the below address.

157 N B St
Hamilton, OH 45013-3102

Trailers and car topped boats will be parked at the Rowing Center site
110 N. B Street
Hamilton, OH 45013

ACCOMODATIONS

We can offer a variety of housing options for incoming teams. Stay at Hamilton's new Courtyard Marriott and watch the races from your hotel window! Or let us help you find cheap or free housing at local churches or YMCA camps.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

Courtyard by Marriott, Hamilton

1 Riverfront Plaza
Hamilton, Ohio 45011 USA
Phone: 1-513-896-6200
Toll-free: 1-800-606-2813



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Event Schedule

Heats	
Event #	Category
1	Girls Novice 8
2	Boys Novice 4
3	Girls 2V 4
4	Boys 2V 8
5	Girls Varsity 8
6	Boys Varsity 4
7	Girls Novice 4
8	Boys Novice 8
9	Girls 2V 8
10	Boys 2V 4
11	Girls Varsity 4
12	Boys Varsity 8

Finals	
Event #	Category
1	Girls Novice 8
2	Boys Novice 4
3	Girls 2V 4
4	Boys 2V 8
5	Girls Varsity 8
6	Boys Varsity 4
7	Girls Novice 4
8	Boys Novice 8
9	Girls 2V 8
10	Boys 2V 4
11	Girls Varsity 4
12	Boys Varsity 8