

# NORTH BAY ROWING CLUB

## WINE COUNTRY ROWING CLASSIC

Sunday, October 3, 2010

Welcome to the Wine Country Rowing Classic, a USRowing Registered Regatta. This is a 5,000 meter head race on the Petaluma River, one of the most enjoyable and beautiful lengths of protected water in California.

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

*The regatta will take place at the Petaluma Marina at 765 Baywood Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954.*

*Entries are due at Regatta Central ([www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com)) by midnight Friday, September 24th (late entries accepted through midnight Monday, September 27th).*

#### ***For all Participants:***

- 0600: Registration Opens
- 0700: Coaches, Coxswains, and Scullers Meeting
- 0730: Boat launching commences
- 0830: First Race
- 1430: Approximate Conclusion of Races

*First and second place medals will be awarded (crews must finish ahead of at least one boat to earn medals). Champion Team Award (overall points leader) will be presented at the conclusion of the regatta.*



**NEW THIS YEAR:** each participant will receive a free raffle ticket at registration, for a chance to win a special Wine Country Prize Basket. Additional raffle tickets to boost your chances will be available for sale throughout the day.

### SCHEDULE

A preliminary race schedule is on page 7 and is also available on Regatta Central at [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com). The final race schedule will be posted by October 2, 2010.

## VENUE

The 5,000 meter course will be on the reach of the Petaluma River depicted below. Outstanding riverside viewing opportunities are available along the bike/pedestrian path in Shollenberger Park. This may be reached via an easy 10 minute bike ride along a path from Regatta HQ



Additional details on page 8.

**REGISTRATION IS ON-LINE AT:** [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com) Please contact support at Regatta Central at 614.360.2922 or [support@regattacentral.com](mailto:support@regattacentral.com), or Abigail Smyth at [abigail\\_smyth@yahoo.com](mailto:abigail_smyth@yahoo.com) or 415.342.6866 if unable to register electronically.

As a USRowing Registered Regatta, all participating organizations must be active member organizations of USRowing. The only exception to this rule applies to single scullers who are either affiliated with an organization that is not an active member of USRowing, or are unaffiliated with any rowing organization. Such single scullers, providing they are individual members of USRowing, may race, but only as “unaffiliated.”

## ENTRY FEES

Registration	Received by	Boat Class			
		1X	2- / 2X	4+/4X	8+
Regular	Midnight Friday Sep 24	\$25	\$40	\$50	\$80
Late (includes \$20 late fee)	Midnight Monday Sep 27	\$45	\$60	\$70	\$100

**Please note:** Incomplete entries and those without payment will automatically be deleted if not completed by Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be no race-day registration.

**LINE UP CHANGES:** Indicate any changes on a “Crew Change Form” at WCRC Registration on race day.

## WAIVERS

All participants **must** have a signed waiver on file on race day. See [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com) for instructions on submitting a USRowing waiver.

## COACHES, COXSWAINS, and SCULLERS MEETING

Coaches, coxswains, and scullers must attend a **mandatory meeting** in the registration area on race day at **7:00 a.m.** You will be advised about the traffic pattern, dangers along the river, County Sheriff's patrol boats, and other items vital to safety. A chart of the course will be on display at Regatta HQ.

All races will be 5,000 meters, single file. This is a relatively easy course with a few gentle turns. Please ensure that all coxswains on your team understand the Rules of Rowing.

Warm up: Your 5,300 meter row to the starting line plus the holding area immediately downstream of the start.

## TIDES

The Petaluma River is a tidal estuary. Finish Line tides on October 3<sup>th</sup>:  
**Low:** 5:00 am (0.1')    **High:** 11:27 am (5.7')    **Low:** 5:24 pm (1.9')

Morning races will have an incoming tide, afternoon races will be racing against the tide. Participants should allow at least 50 minutes to row against the tide to the start.

## LAUNCH PROTOCOL

Please listen carefully and follow the instructions of the Dock Master to ensure efficient use of the docks. (one large, one small). Unless instructed otherwise by the Dock Master, each crew shall land on the same dock from which they launched.

## BOW NUMBERS

Please bring a standard lane number placard that fits in the bow clip of your boat. Bow numbers will be provided to secure to your number placard.

## RULES

This is a USRowing Registered Regatta. All USRowing safety protocols will be observed. Bow balls and heel tie-downs or quick-release shoes are required and will be checked by the Dock Master.

All craft shall remain on the westerly side of the river while traveling to the start, and easterly side while racing. **THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT FOR YOUR SAFETY. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO STAYING ON YOUR SIDE THROUGH TURNS IN THE RIVER.**

Racing crews have the right of way over all other boats. Boats warming up or returning from the finish must yield to oncoming crews and remain clear of the race course.

Overtaking crews have the right of way over slower boats. Boats being overtaken must yield to the outside of a turn or otherwise follow the instructions of the overtaking boat.

Leave all buoys marking the center of the waterway to port. No cutting corners.

Crews must use sportsman-like conduct and language.

The rules are meant for safety. Violations will result in a 30-second time penalty or disqualification at race official's discretion.

In case of any dispute, finishes will be determined by the Rules of Rowing.

## COMPETITOR CATEGORIES/DEFINITIONS

**MASTERS:** The event will use USRA age groups (AA:21-26, A:27-35, B:36-42, C:43-49, D:50-54, E:55-59, F:60-64, G:65-69, H:70-74, I:74-79, J:80+).

**Ages are as December 31.** Age groups may be combined based on the entries received. All Masters races in combined age groups will be handicapped. In team boats, the average age of the rowers (excluding cox), rounded down, will determine the age group and handicap.

**OPEN:** No age restriction; no handicaps applied.

**COXSWAINS:** May be any gender, age, or weight.

**MIXED:** One half (or more) women rowers.

**NOVICE:** Any rower (sweep or scull) whose first race was no earlier than one year prior to October 3, 2010.

### LIGHTWEIGHTS:

Men	165 Pound Maximum
Women	135 Pound Maximum

## PETALUMA MARINA PARKING / BOAT RAMP

**Trailer Drivers: Contact Dave Baldwin for instructions --- 707-338-4797.**

We will use the Petaluma Marina parking lot. Separate areas will be designated for trailers, and cars with roof racks. Overnight parking is permitted.

A public boat ramp and a gas dock are located adjacent to the temporary launch and recovery docks we'll be using. We must ensure clear access to the boat ramp and gas dock at all times.

## ON-SITE VENDORS

### Food

- **Marina Bean:** Coffee, tea, bagels and assorted breakfast items in cafe starting at 5:30 a.m.
- **Petaluma Paella:** Sumptuous paella (Spanish rice dish) at lunchtime.

### Other

- **JL Racing:** Large selection of rowing apparel and accessories;
- **Fine Designs, Inc.:** T-shirts imprinted with their full line of logos, commemorating the 2009 Wine Country Rowing Classic;
- **Timeless Jewelry Creations:** Unique rowing-related jewelry by Janet Sedacca;
- **Mike Modlin, Photographer**
- As a special celebratory gesture for our 5<sup>th</sup> Wine Country Rowing Classic, North Bay Rowing Club has invited an airbrush tattoo artist to offer a new bonding experience for crews (and cheering spectators): Temporary tattoos of your oar designs. **Coxswains will be tattooed for free**, and crews will be priced according to their numbers (8+s, 4+s, pairs, singles, doubles and quads.) If your oar design isn't on oarspotter.com, we'll be contacting you to get an image of it. These tattoos, to be placed on arms or legs, are water resistant, and will last about a week, so you can remember your event(s) even after you return to your home waters.



# PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

EVENT #	START	DESCRIPTION
1	8:30 AM	Womens Masters 4x
2	8:40 AM	Mens Masters 4+
3	8:50 AM	Mens Open Ltwt 4+
4	9:00 AM	Mens Masters 2x
5	9:00 AM	Mens Masters Ltwt 2x
6	9:10 AM	Mens Open 2-
7	9:20 AM	Mens HS 8+
8	9:30 AM	Womens Open 1x
9	9:40 AM	Womens Masters Ltwt 1x
10	9:50 AM	Womens Novice 1x
11	10:00 AM	Womens HS 4+
12	10:10 AM	Womens Collegiate 4+
13	10:20 AM	Womens Masters 4+
14	10:30 AM	Mens Open 1x
15	10:40 AM	Womens Masters 1x
16	10:50 AM	Mens Collegiate 8+
17	11:00 AM	Mens Masters 8+
18	11:10 AM	Mixed Masters 4x
19	11:10 AM	Mens HS 4+
20	11:20 AM	Womens Open 4+
21	11:20 AM	Womens Open Ltwt 4+
22	11:30 AM	Mens Masters 1x
23	11:40 AM	Mens Masters Novice 4+
	lunch	
24	12:10 PM	Womens Masters Novice 8+
25	12:20 PM	Womens HS 4x
26	12:30 PM	Womens Collegiate 8+
27	12:40 PM	Mens Open 4+
28	12:50 PM	Womens Masters 8+
29	1:00 PM	Womens Masters 2x
30	1:10 PM	Mens Masters Ltwt 1x
31	1:20 PM	Mens Novice 1x
32	1:30 PM	Womens Open 2-
33	1:40 PM	Mens Collegiate 4+
34	1:50 PM	Womens HS 8+
35	2:00 PM	Mens Masters Novice 8+
36	2:10 PM	Womens Masters Novice 4+
37	2:20 PM	Womens Open 2x
38	2:30 PM	Mens Masters 4x
39	2:40 PM	Mens Open 2x
40	2:50 PM	Womens Open 8+
41	2:50 PM	Womens Open Ltwt 8+
42	3:00 PM	Mens Open 8+
43	3:10 PM	Mens Open Ltwt 8+
44	3:20 PM	Mixed Masters 2x
45	3:30 PM	Mixed Masters 8+

**Note: The final schedule for the 2010 WCRC will be more abbreviated than that indicated above because events with less than two entries will be eliminated, and the time gap between sparsely populated afternoon events will be reduced. We expect races will conclude at approximately 2:30 pm.**

## WATCHING THE RACE

Outstanding riverside viewing opportunities are available along the bike/pedestrian path in Shollenberger Park. This may be reached via an easy 10 minute bike ride along a path from Regatta HQ, or you may drive to the entrance of Shollenberger park and walk from there. From the marina parking lot turn right onto Lakeville Highway, and then turn right at S. McDowell Blvd. At the intersection of Cader Lane, turn right through the park gates to the parking lot.

