

The Tail of the Fox Regatta Fox River in De Pere, Wisconsin Sunday, October 3, 2004

It is the fall racing season, and the La Baie Verte Rowing Club invites you to De Pere, Wisconsin, for the 15th Annual Tail of the Fox Regatta. This 2.5 -mile head race will again be held on the scenic Fox River on the campus of St. Norbert College, with the finish line in front of the Vanden heuvel Campus Center/LBVRC boathouse dock.

For those of you who are returning to our event, welcome back to our venue and thanks for coming. If you are new to the event, come on up and see for yourself just how pretty the Fox River can be in the fall, along with enjoying a great day of racing.

The schedule of events will accommodate multiple use of equipment and permit multiple entries for competitors. Coaches, please ensure that all competitors have signed waivers, and anyone less than 18 years old must include a signed parental consent waiver.

Many crews have already indicated they are coming. We look forward to seeing you on the Fox on Sunday, October 3, 2004.

Questions? Please contact:

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1. Important Notes

- Entries are due FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2004. Late entries will be accepted as space allows until WEDNESDAY, September 29, 2004.
- We will be able to store boats on campus this year. If you plan to come up Saturday, please call Roger Shellman at 920-499-7475 (home) or 920-848-3427 (work) for arrangements.
- The Packers will be playing in Green Bay the weekend of the regatta, so there will be few hotel rooms available. However, reserved rooms for the game may open up, so please call soon for reservations. (See Lodging)

2. Entries and Entry Fees

Singles -- \$15
Doubles -- \$30
Fours -- \$40
Eights -- \$50

To be complete, entries must include payment, completed entry form for each event and a waiver form signed by each competitor (parent/guardian must sign for competitor under 18), or for members of US Rowing Association, a waiver on file with US Rowing. You may pay for entry fees by credit card through Regatta Central. If you prefer to pay by check, make the check out to La Baie Verte Rowing Club.

Mail waivers and checks to:

Steve Engelhardt, LBVRC
5951 Allen Road
Little Suamico, Wisconsin 54141

Please note that a \$5.00 fee will be charged for each bow marker not returned to the dock master. There will be no refunds for scratches or due to acts of God (after all, he does have a sense of humor).

3. Registration

Teams must check in the morning of the regatta at the boathouse in the basement of the Vanden heuval Campus Center between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. to pick up regatta packets, which will include food tickets and bow markers. Coaches or single team representatives must check in for the entire team. No crew can launch or compete without the bow number provided in the packet. **PLEASE, ONLY ONE PERSON CHECKING IN PER TEAM!!!**

4. Coaches/Coxswains/Scullers Meeting

The meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Any changes to the regatta schedule will be announced at the meeting.

5. Multiple Entries

Individuals are encouraged to enter multiple events. However, each rower does so at his or her own risk! Plan at least two events between rowers and equipment. Notify the dock master of hot seat boats or rowers. The regatta will not wait for hot seats or anyone who has made a multiple entry.

6. Awards

Medals will be awarded in each event based on the number of entries. Medals will be awarded through three places on events with four or more entries. Events with less than three entries may be consolidated or canceled.

7. Practice Times

The course will be open from 12:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2004. The dock will close at 4:30 p.m. All boats must be off the water by 5:00 p.m.

8. Definitions

Junior: A junior is a competitor who in the current calendar year does not attain the age of 19, or who is currently and been continuously enrolled in secondary school as a full time student seeking a diploma.

Novice: Any rower who has been competing for less than one year as of October 3, 2004. Experience as a sculler does not count as experience in sweep events and vice versa.

Master: All boats in the masters events must have an average age of 35 years, with no one under 27 years, and the races will be handicapped.

Mixed crew: Must have an equal number of female and male rowers, excluding the coxswain.

Open: Open to all rowers of any class except for the single, where the rower may compete in only one class, open or masters.

Lightweight: Men - maximum weight of 163 lbs., no average. Women - maximum weight of 133 lbs., no average.

9. Lightweight Crews

Lightweight crews are expected to comply with current US Rowing Association weight limits, but there will be no actual weigh-in. Coxswains will not be weighed.

10. The Start

Each boat will be responsible for arriving at the start five minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

Launching will be permitted 40 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The start will be in the order of race numbers. Race numbers will be provided for each boat entered in a race. **PLEASE** take the time to explain the concept of a head race to your crew.

11. Passing Rules

Please be aware of faster crews approaching. Yield to the outside of turns so that the faster crew may have the shorter course through the turn. Marshals will be stationed on the course to ensure fair racing practices.

12. Concessions

Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the day in the Vanden heuvel Campus Center. For you regulars to the regatta, we are hoping to continue our booyah lunch for the competitors. Booyah is a Green Bay specialty, a thick chicken soup that tastes great on a cool, fall day.

13. Equipment Storage

There will be secure boat storage available on the SNC campus, if you plan to come up on Saturday. If you are interested, please contact Roger Shellman, 920-499-7475 (home) or 920-848-3427 (work). However, neither LBVRC nor St. Norbert College will assume any liability for any damage to equipment.

14. Schedule

7:30 am	Check-in
8:00 am	Coaches and Coxswains meeting
9:00 am	Novice/Junior Women's 4+
9:10 am	Open Men's 1X (under 27 years) Masters Men's 1X (27 to 49 years) Senior Men's 1X (50 years and older)
9:30 am	Open/Ltgt. Women's 8
9:50 am	Open Men's 4+
10:10 am	Mixed 2X
10:30 am	Novice/Junior Men's 8
10:50 am	Open/Masters Women's 4+
11:10 am	Open/Masters Men's 2X
11:30 pm	Ltgt. Men's 4+
11:50 pm	Open Women's 1X (under 27 years) Masters Women's 1X (27 to 49 years) Senior Women's 1X (50 years and older)
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Master's Men's 4+
1:30 pm	Novice/Junior Men's 4+
1:50 pm	Open/Masters Women's 2X
2:10 pm	Open/Ltgt. Men's 8
2:30 pm	Ltgt. Women's 4+
2:50 pm	Novice/Junior Women's 8
3:10 pm	Junior/Novice/Open/Masters Mixed 4+
3:30 pm	AWARDS CEREMONY

Notes:

- Lunch will be used to bring us back on schedule if we should fall behind.
- We will start the first two events of the day at 10-minute intervals to keep things moving.
- Any event that has less than 3 entries may be canceled or combined with another event.