



CHICAGO SPRINTS REGATTA

Saturday and Sunday,
July 14th and 15th, 2007

1000m, Henley-Style Sprint
at the Lincoln Park Lagoon

Hosted by Lincoln Park Boat Club

Instructions for Entry

Entries in fours and eights events are limited to two per organization. Rowers may race in more than one event, but must abide by the hot-seating rules listed in this packet. Race registration will be closed when total entries require 100 heats, or by July 6, 2007. ***Please enter early as space fills up fast and is scheduled on a first come first serve basis!*** We expect the event to be oversubscribed and entries will be accepted in the order they are received. You must register at the site and pay fees prior to racing.

Please visit www.regattacentral.com for online registration.

Registration questions should be directed to...

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Events

Entries will be accepted for the following events:

Single	Men's and Women's categories for Open, Masters, Ltwt, Masters Ltwt, Junior, Adaptive and Recreational
Double	Men's and Women's categories for Open, Masters, Ltwt, Masters Ltwt, Junior and Adaptive, Mixed category for Open and Masters
Pair	Men's and Women's categories for Open only
Quad	Men's and Women's categories for Open only
Four	Men's and Women's categories for Open, Masters, Ltwt, Masters Ltwt, Novice, and Junior
Eight	Men's and Women's categories for Open, Masters, Ltwt, Novice, Junior

Race Day Schedules

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Registration	8:00am	7:00am
Coxswains Meeting	9:00am	7:30am
First Race	10:00am	8:00am

Order of Events

NOTE: The event progression listed below is for heats only and is tentative. The scheduling of semifinals and finals will not take place until a determination of the number entries in each event can be made. All events will be run on 6 minute intervals. A "final" schedule will be issued Thursday, July 12th. Please include your e-mail address with your entry in order to receive the final schedule.

Saturday:

1. MO1X
2. ML1x
3. MJ1X
4. MM8+
5. WO4+
6. WO1X
7. WL1X
8. WJ1X
9. WML4+
10. MO2X
11. MJ2X
12. MM2X
13. WM8+
14. WJ8+
15. WO2-
16. M/WA1X
17. WL4+
18. MO4+
19. MN8+
20. WN8+
21. WO8+
22. MO2-
23. MxM2X
24. MxO2X
25. WL8+
26. ML8+

Sunday:

27. MM1X
28. MLM1X
29. WJ2X
30. MN4+
31. WM1X
32. WML1X
33. WM4+
34. WN4+
35. MO4X
36. WO4X
37. WJ4+
38. MJ4+
39. MO8+
40. M/W2X
41. M/WA2X
42. ML4+
43. MML4+
44. MRec1X
45. MJ8+
46. WO2X
47. MM4+
48. WRec1X
49. Mx8+

Event Rules and Information

Events with fewer than four entries will be final-only, with the fastest time winning. Events with between four and six entries will include heats and finals. Events with greater than six entries will include heats, semifinals and finals with the exception of Mixed 8s, which will be final-only. The two fastest times in the preliminary heats for each event will advance to the Semifinals or Finals. Semifinals will be seeded by heat time and the winner of each semifinal will advance to the final. Finals will be scheduled on the same day as heats except when semifinal races are required. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to cancel any event that has received fewer than 2 entries. **Due to the limited race schedule, organizations are limited to two entries per event for fours and eights.** Additionally, the Regatta Committee reserves the right to further restrict the number of boats entered by any club in any event to allow for broader participation. Please note that due to the popularity of the event, under no circumstances will last minute race day entry additions be added to the schedule.

Our 1000m course accommodates two marked lanes. A floating start will be utilized. Awards will be presented for first and second place finishes in the finals. In the case of events with an uneven number of entries, one entry may be required to run its heat for time unopposed or against a boat of a different category. The Regatta Committee will make every attempt to schedule competitive heats for these boats. Lane assignments in the heats will be by random draw.

Juniors are rowers under the age of 19 as of 12/31/2006. Novices are persons in their first year of rowing. Recreational singles must be less than 22 feet in length or at least 18 inches in width at the water line. Masters events may be divided into categories by age at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Masters must list their age and boat average as of 12/31/2006. Where not divided into single age categories, masters races will be handicapped. USRA Rules or Racing and masters handicaps will be used.

Do not attempt to hotseat athletes, equipment or coxswains in races with fewer than three events between them. For example, an athlete or piece of equipment that competes or is used in Event #4 may **not** compete or be used in Events #5, 6 or 7. This includes heats; i.e., **do not** attempt to hotseat equipment in heats of the same event. The Dockmaster will make reasonable attempts to accommodate hotseating in races with three or more events between them. Please give notice to the Dockmaster when leaving the dock that your boat requires hotseat access after its race.

Representatives from each crew/sculler must check in at the registration table as soon as you arrive to finalize registration, receive lane assignments and finalized schedule information. Clubs must identify single scullers by name and crews by the stroke's last name on the entry form. Clubs must provide the registration table with the name of one person who will act as the official representative of that club during the regatta. Race protests may only be registered with the regatta officials by that designated representative.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are requested prior to race day via www.regattacentral.com. Fees will be accepted at registration, but no boat will be allowed to race before paying fees. *THOSE PAYING ONLINE WILL RECEIVE A \$2 DISCOUNT FOR SMALL BOATS (1x,2x,2-) AND A \$4 DISCOUNT FOR LARGE BOATS(4x, 4+, 8+)*. Checks should be made payable to Lincoln Park Boat Club. Entry fees will be refunded for events that are scratched due to insufficient entries. Entry fees will not be refunded if the regatta or individual races are cancelled due to weather conditions. Entry fees will be refunded for scratches received prior to the entry deadline. Entry fees are as follows:

1x: \$27

2x/2-: \$37

4x/4+: \$64

8+: \$94

Boat Storage and Security

Trailers will be permitted access to the regatta site on Friday after 3pm or may arrive on Saturday morning. Equipment may be stored in the Boat House area/lawn on Saturday evening. A security guard will be provided overnight for both Friday and Saturday nights, however neither the regatta, its sponsors nor the Chicago Park District can be responsible for damage to property left in or around the Boat House area/lawn. A very limited amount of storage will be available on Friday evening inside the boathouse. Please email rowing@lpsc.net to make arrangements if you are requesting storage Friday evening. **Note that trailers will not be allowed on the grass during at any point during the weekend.** Parking fees may be required for trailers.

Race Location, Parking, Directions, & Accommodations

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Chicago Sprints Regatta will be held on the Lincoln Park Lagoon, located off Fullerton Avenue and Lake Shore Drive in the Lincoln Park neighborhood, Chicago, Illinois.

Parking in the Lincoln Park Lagoon parking lot is a private concession run on behalf of the Lincoln Park Zoo. The parking fee for automobiles and trucks is approximately \$24.00 for 5-24 hours, includes NO in-and-out privileges. A parking fee may be charged for trailers in addition to this fee. We urge you to come to the park early in the day. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT THE PARK BY CAR OR TRAILER AFTER 10AM.** The parking concessionaire will close the entrance to the park when all the spaces are full, which often happens by 10am on the weekend. The Boat Club cannot control the timing of the closure. Closure cuts off all vehicle access to the boathouse and regatta staging area. We want everyone to drop off their equipment and race their events in a relaxed and unhurried manner. Please leave plenty of time to negotiate traffic and arrive early.

Directions.....

From Highway 90/94 (Kennedy Expressway): Exit at Fullerton Ave. and drive east approximately 2.5 miles. Turn right from Fullerton onto Cannon Drive (the first right after the Lincoln Park Conservatory, a large glass structure on the right).

From Lake Shore Drive (CARS ONLY!!): Exit at Fullerton Ave., drive west over the bridge crossing the lagoon and make first left.

Lodging/ Recommended Accommodations.....

Days Inn – Chicago: 644 W. Diversey Ave. 773-525-7108

Comfort Inn/Inn at Lincoln Park: 601 W. Diversey Ave. 773-348-2810

Arlington House Hostel: 616 W. Arlington, 773-929-5380