

EVENT OVERVIEW

The 2007 Oklahoma Centennial Regatta Festival will celebrate Oklahoma's 100th year of statehood October 11-14 on the Oklahoma River. The Regatta Festival will include two premier events, the first USA Rowing World Challenge and the Oklahoma City University Head of the Oklahoma, as well as live music and entertainment, food from some of Oklahoma City's finest restaurants, an art show, wine tasting featuring Oklahoma vineyards, a children's area complete with inflatables and activities, plus fireworks each evening at the conclusion of racing. The Regatta Festival will close with athletes joining Oklahomans in celebrating our state's 100th anniversary at the Oklahoma Centennial Parade on October 14.

HEAD OF THE OKLAHOMA

Presented by Oklahoma City University, the Head of the Oklahoma has quickly become one of the top collegiate rowing regattas in the country. The 2007 OCU Head of the Oklahoma will attract an estimated 1500 athletes from 40+ collegiate and community rowing clubs, with top crews including the US National Team. Collegiate teams will compete in the 2.5 mile Head of the Oklahoma head race on Saturday. The head race will also act as a qualifier for crews to enter select 500 meter NightSprints on Saturday evening.

OG+E NIGHTSPRINTS

The 2006 OCU Head of the Oklahoma Centennial Regatta will go down in the history books as the first sanctioned night race in North America. Thousands of spectators lined the banks of the Oklahoma River as world-class rowers from across the nation sprinted under giant stadium lights. The OG&E NightSprints introduced a breathtaking new way to experience rowing in a fresh and dynamic way. The response from the spectators, athletes and the media made it clear that the OG&E NightSprints was a truly unique and monumental event in itself. This October, lights will again be raised over the Oklahoma River to illuminate this one-of-a-kind event. But this year, the OG&E NightSprints will not only include student athletes from around the country, but elite athletes from around the world. OG&E will power the river for three full nights of intense night racing as a fireworks display concludes each day of rowing.

USA Rowing World Challenge

We encourage all teams to join us for the inaugural USA Rowing World Challenge with 2000 meter racing 11 am to 1:00 pm on Friday. The World Challenge 500 meter NightSprints will be held Friday evening, immediately following the Opening Ceremonies at 6:00 pm. Finals for World Challenge 2000 meter racing will be at 12:30 pm (women's) and 6:00 pm (men's) on Saturday.

NEW FOR 2007

The OCU Head of the Oklahoma has made several changes designed to enhance the regatta experience for athletes, coaches, and spectators. New for 2007...

- USA Rowing World Challenge integration into the Head of the Oklahoma, providing collegiate, master, and junior athletes the opportunity to view some of the top rowers in the world competing in 2000 meter sprints
- A reversed head race traffic pattern allowing for additional marshalling space above the starting line
- New dual start format to increase capacity of head race events and increase excitement for athletes and spectators
- Expansive new staging area near Interstate 35 with crowd-restricted areas for staging and launching of boats

- Over 300 feet of new launching and recovery dock
- Transportation link between athlete staging area and finish line viewing area via trolleys and busses
- Additional light tower to provide improved lighting in the starting area for the OG+E NightSprints
- Several small light towers to provide lighting in boat staging areas
- Expanded sound system to provide race commentary and announcements throughout athlete staging and festival areas
- Additional Jumbotron displays throughout venue, including athlete staging areas, providing live video of racing, results, and control commission messages
- Starting pods for NightSprint races allowing for expedited racing with five minute centers
- · Free Wi-Fi throughout the venue

EVENT CATEGORIES

- Championship National Team Crews, elite rowers
- Collegiate Varsity collegiate rowing programs; also open to clubs. See special notice regarding NCAA Rule 13.11.1.2 below
- Club Club rowing programs, including collegiate clubs and USRowing registered rowing clubs (no handicapping)
- Youth Junior crews, scholastic and club; juniors may only row in events with a youth designation
- · Lightweight Men Open to rowers who weigh no more than 165 lbs
- · Lightweight Women Open to rowers who weigh no more than 135 lbs
- Freshman Novice Rowers who are freshmen in college or have rowed one year or less; limited to rowers who began racing within 12 months prior to October 13, 2007
- Master The Head of the Oklahoma will follow USRowing Rules of Rowing for masters eligibility and handicapping guidelines. The Head of the Oklahoma will recognize all categories of masters racing. Only masters races will be handicapped.

Non-collegiate rowers, scullers and coxswains are not allowed to enter competitions representing a college or university.

COXSWAINS – May cox in any boat, regardless of male, female, novice or varsity status. There is no weight minimum for coxswains. Coxswains of lightweight crews DO NOT have to weigh-in. *Make certain coxswains and crews have practiced the use of a starting platform.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING NCAA RULE 13.11.1.2

The Head of The Oklahoma Regatta has introduced the rule changes listed below to address recent changes to NCAA Bylaw 13.11.1.2 Competition Against Prospective Student Athletes.

The Head of the Oklahoma encourages the participation of both college and high school athletes, and has made these changes to allow participation by both groups of athletes while not jeopardizing their ability to compete in future intercollegiate competition. These additions are limited to women's event divisions only because men's rowing is not governed by NCAA Bylaws. The restrictions apply to high school students participating in both school AND club based junior programs.

All high school students are prohibited from participating in all events at the Head of the Oklahoma designated as collegiate events. These include the following and are in addition to the General Entry Rules:



Collegiate Fours/Eights Women: No person (coxswain included)

Lightweight Collegiate Fours Women: No person (coxswain included) enrolled in high school.

Collegiate Double Women: No person enrolled in high school.

Collegiate Pair Women: No person enrolled in high school.

Collegiate Single Women: No person enrolled in high school.



REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AUGUST 13 AND CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT (PST), FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 ON REGATTA CENTRAL (WWW.REGATTACENTRAL.COM)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

enrolled in high school.

The Head of the Oklahoma is a USRowing registered regatta. All participating organizations/schools/clubs must be members of the US Rowing Association; single scullers do not need to be individual members of USRowing. If your organization is not a member of USRowing, contact:

Kelly McGlynn, US Rowing Membership Services 2 Wall Street, Princeton, NJ 08540 609-751-0703 kelly@usrowing.org

PRACTICE: The Oklahoma River head race course is open for practice from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, October 12. The course will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 am on Saturday, October 13.

BOAT STAGING: Please keep all boats and oars in the designated staging areas and clear of marked pathways and docks. Most staging will occur in the new launch and recovery area near Interstate 35. Boat staging locations will be pre-assigned with assignments based upon the order that regatta entries are received and the space requirements for each participating team. A limited number of a-frame racks will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

REGISTRATION AND WEIGH-INS: Registration and weigh-ins will take place in the east end of the Chesapeake Boathouse. Short term parking for registration will be available on Lincoln Blvd; no trailers, please.

Friday, October 12 1:00-5:00 pm Saturday, October 13 7:00-9:00 am Sunday, October 7:00-9:00 am

Scratches or lineup changes made after 9:00 am Saturday and Sunday will be made in the Control Commission tent, I35 staging area. No late entries will be accepted.

WEIGH-IN RULES:

All lightweight competitors must weigh-in once each day they row Members of each crew must weigh-in together No one will be allowed to check his weight on the official scale during the official weigh-in times



TRAILER PARKING: Trailer parking will occur in designated areas adjacent to the new boat staging and launch/recovery areas near I35. Access to the trailer parking areas will be from 4th Street just east of Lincoln Blvd.



CLUB TENTS: Clubs and universities are permitted to erect tents in specially designated areas along the race course. Please see registration officials for information on the permitted tent locations.

BUS/ATHLETE PARKING: Free bus and athlete parking will be located in designated grass lots near the boat staging areas. Parking in these designated areas is limited to a first-come, first–served basis. Once designated lots are full, athletes will be directed to public parking.

ENTRY FEES: 8+, \$70.00; 4+, \$55.00; 4x, \$50.00; 2x/2-, \$40.00; 1x, \$30.00

REGISTRATION: All regatta registration will take place utilizing Regatta Central. Entries will open Monday, August 13, and will close Friday, September 28, at midnight. No late entries will be accepted. Please see www.regattacentral.com or www.headoftheoklahoma.com for registration information. Packets will include heat sheets with corresponding bow numbers and race bibs, course maps, and additional event instructions and information.

REFUNDS/ SCRATCH FEES/LATE ENTRIES

Entry fees will be refunded for scratches registered on or before Friday, September 28. Scratches after this date will forfeit their entry fees. A \$10 scratch fee will apply for scratches after this date and for no shows on race day. Due to the large number of entries expected, no late entries will be accepted.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVERS

The Head of the Oklahoma requires a signed USRowing-approved Release of Liability Waiver for each rower. Collegiate and masters rowers may provide this release in one of four ways:

- have a signed waiver on file with USRowing
- sign an online waiver on Regatta Central
- mail a signed waiver to the address below by October 1, 2007
- bring a signed waiver to registration

All junior team coaches must carry and be able to provide a USRowing-approved Release of Liability Waiver for each member of the team. Junior coaches will be required to provide a parent-signed Release of Liability Waiver for each participant at registration if it has not already been mailed in.

Waiver Mailing Address
REGISTRAR, OCU HEAD OF THE OKLAHOMA
Chesapeake Boathouse
PO Box 513
Oklahoma City, OK 73101

SEEDING: The top five starting positions for the head race events will be seeded according to top ten finishers from the IRA or NCAA Championship regatta and then top five times from the 2006 event. All other starting positions will be assigned according to a random draw conducted by Powerhouse Timing. The lane assignments for the NightSprint events will be based upon the order of finish from the corresponding head race events.

TIMING: All event timing and results will be provided by Powerhouse Timing. Live results and video will be available online throughout the event and the entire Regatta Park area will be a

Wi-Fi hotspot.

ATHLETE DINNER: A FREE athlete dinner will be held in Regatta Park for athletes and coaches from 4:00 to 8:00 pm Friday, October 12. Athletes and coaches are encouraged to watch the USA Rowing World Challenge NightSprints while enjoying the complimentary pasta dinner. The USA Rowing World Challenge NightSprints will occur from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday, October 12.

CHAPEL SERVICE: A special church service will be presented by OCU at the stage area in the World Plaza at 8:00 am Sunday, October 14.

COACHES AND COXSWAIN MEETING: The coaches and coxswain meeting will be held promptly at 7:30 am at the World Plaza stage near the sprint finish line on Saturday, October 13.

OPENING CEREMONIES: Opening Ceremonies will be held at 6:00 pm on Friday, October 12, at the World Plaza stage. Athletes and coaches are encouraged to attend and participate in the ceremonies. We invite one representative from each team to participate in the athlete procession (see below). The Opening Ceremonies will feature musical and dance performances, a fly-over, Olympic athletes, and a salute to Oklahoma's Centennial. The USA Rowing World Challenge NightSprints will immediately follow the Opening Ceremonies.

Athlete procession: we invite each team to be represented in the athlete procession at the beginning of the Opening Ceremonies. One representative from each team will carry an oar upright in the procession which will begin on the trail at the I35 staging area at 5:45 pm and will conclude at the World Plaza stage for the start of the Opening Ceremony.

AWARDS: Awards will be distributed for the Head of the Oklahoma throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday as results become official. To receive medals, athletes and crews are requested to approach the stage in the World Plaza as a group for awards presentation. Special awards will be presented during a ceremony prior to the start of the OG+E NightSprints. Special awards include:

- Norick Cup First-place finisher of the Men's Collegiate Eight Head Race
- Ackerman Cup First-place finisher of the Women's Collegiate Eight Head Race

<u>OG+E NightSprints:</u> Medals for the OG+E NightSprints will be distributed immediately following each NightSprint event. The top three finishers are requested to report to a special awards dock located near the finish line.

<u>Collegiate All-Points</u>: An all points trophy will be awarded the top men's and women's collegiate program who has accumulated the most points through head race and NightSprint events. The NightSprint events are weighted half the value of Head of the Oklahoma head race events. (see addendum for chart)

ATHLETE FOOD: Food will be available from vendors throughout Regatta Park.

REFRESHMENTS: Free water, Powerad and fruit will be available at the athlete hospitality area located in the boat staging area near the bell tower and I35.

FIRST AID: First aid will be available near the bell tower in the boat staging area.

APPAREL/VENDORS: Oklahoma Centennial Regatta Festival apparel will be available at prices starting at \$13.00 for a t-shirt. Sweatshirts, polos, commemorative programs and posters

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will also be on sale in the World Plaza regatta expo area. Quantities are limited. A large vendor expo area in the World Plaza will offer rowing merchandise and equipment from rowing vendors from across North America.

COURSE INFORMATION: Specific Oklahoma River course information can be found by going online to www.headoftheoklahoma.com. The web site contains a virtual fly-through of the course that can be useful to coxswains as they prepare for the event.

REGATTA UPDATES: Please continue to check <u>www.headoftheoklahoma.com</u> for regatta updates, schedule updates, or racing information. Emails will also be sent to regatta registrants with updated information leading up to the event.

RACING SHELL RENTALS: Boat rentals are available on a limited basis from the Chesapeake Boathouse at the following rates per entry: Eight - \$60; Quad/Four - \$50; Pair/Double - \$40; Single - \$30

Please email Nick Bickes at nbickes@chesapeakeboathouse.org for more information or to make a reservation.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Please visit <u>www.headoftheoklahoma.com</u> for a complete list of our hotel partners and the contact information to receive the special regatta rates.

RACE COURSE/ REGATTA RULES

TRAFFIC PATTERN: Please see course map for specific traffic-related information. All rowing will be conducted in a clockwise traffic pattern with racing occurring from east to west (new for '07). Please use caution when passing through the many bridges that cross the course.

LAUNCHING: All participants are expected to launch a minimum of 40 minutes in advance of the event in which they are entered. Any changes to the launch times will be announced. Announcements will be made calling crews to the water and messages will appear on the Jumbotron displays. Events will not be held for late crews. Please ensure your crews are prompt on the dock and observe a 90 second dock time.

CONTROL COMMISSION: All crews are expected to check in at the Control Commission tent prior to launching. The crew will be given direction as to which dock to use for launching and will check for a properly affixed bow ball and heel ties on each shoe. The Control Commission will be located near the Bell Tower in the boat staging area.

BOAT LIGHTING: Regatta staff will provide lights for all boats entered in OG+E NightSprint events. Boats are prohibited from launching without the required lighting. Boat lights will be distributed in the Control Commission tent beginning at 5:00 pm Saturday for qualifying crews. All boat lights must be picked up before night racing begins at 7:00 pm.

RACE BIBS/BOW MARKERS: Race bibs and bow numbers will be contained in your entry packet that should be picked up Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. All waivers must be turned in to receive the packet. All boats must have the bow number displayed during the race and the race bibs should be worn on the back of all bow seat rowers. AT THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR RACE, PLEASE PLACE THE BOW NUMBERS IN THE MARKED RECEPTACLE located near the recovery dock.

HOT SEATING: Hot seating will be permitted only from the specially designated hot seat dock.



The control commission must be informed in advance of a hot seating situation. No events will be delayed for late arriving crews. Late arriving crews may race the course for time if deemed safe by the starting official (will not be eligible for a medal).

STARTING: The starter will arrange the crews so that crews cross the starting line at approximately 15-second intervals. <u>PLEASE HAVE YOUR CREWS LINE UP IN THE ORDER OF YOUR BOW NUMBER PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH RACE</u>. All races will be started in pairs with the odd numbered bow number closest to the south shore (where the starter is located).

RIGHT OF WAY: A crew is deemed to be overtaking another crew when it has moved within one length of open water of the crew ahead. On those portions of the course that are straight, a crew being overtaken shall move to the right to allow the overtaking crew to pass. Where the course turns, a crew being overtaken shall move to the outside turn and allow the overtaking crew to pass along the shorter path. Nevertheless, passing is not allowed, nor is the crew being overtaken required to yield, in cases where the overtaking crew's position clearly prevents safe passage or where there is insufficient room to yield. Use extreme caution near the railroad trestle bridge located just west of the boathouse.

PENALTIES

<u>Buoys</u>- White buoys mark the boundaries of the course, dividing the race lanes from the warm-up/traffic lanes. Red buoys alert of approaching hazards. A crew shall be penalized 10 seconds for each buoy the crew passed incorrectly. A crew passes a buoy incorrectly when any part of its hull passes on the wrong side of the buoy.

Start- A crew that missed the correct order of the start will be penalized 10 seconds.

<u>Yielding</u>- A crew that fails to yield to a crew to a crew having proper right of way shall be penalized 30 seconds. A crew that fails to yield to a crew being properly summoned to the starting area, or interferes with the staging of the start may be penalized 10 seconds by the Marshal or Starter.

<u>Bow Number</u>- A crew that crosses the starting line without its required bow number shall be penalized 60 seconds.

CONTACT INFORMATION REGATTA DIRECTOR

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Version 4

SATURDAY

CHAMPIONSHIP/ COLLEGIATE/ CLUB/ MASTER/ YOUTH

8:30 Four

1. Men's Lightweight 4+ NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

2. Women's Collegiate 4+

3. Women's Lightweight 4+ NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

4. Women's Club 4+

8:50 Pair

5. Men's Championship 2-

6. Men's Collegiate/Club 2-

9:20 Eight

7. Women's Collegiate Freshman/Novice 8+

8. Women's Club Freshman/Novice 8+

9. Women's Youth Novice 8+

9:50 Single

10. Men's Championship 1x
 11. Men's Collegiate/Club 1x
 NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance
 NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

12. Men's Lightweight 1x

10:20 Quad

13. Women's Collegiate/Club 4x

14. Women's Youth 4x NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

10:45 Pair

15. Women's Championship 2-

16. Women's Collegiate/Club 2-

11:00 Four

17. Men's Collegiate/Club Freshman/Novice 4+

18. Men's Youth Novice 4+

11:30 Single

19. Women's Championship 1x20. Women's Collegiate/ Club 1xNightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

21. Women's Lightweight 1x

12:00 Eight

22. Men's Collegiate 8+ NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 12 to Advance

23. Men's Lightweight 8+

24. Men's Club 8+

25. Men's Youth 8+ NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

BREAK

12:30 to 1:30 PM USA ROWING WORLD CHALLENGE 2000M FINALS





2:00 Eight

26. Women's Collegiate 8+ NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 12 to

Advance

27. Women's Lightweight 8+

28. Women's Club 8+

29. Women's Youth 8+ NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

2:40 Double

30. Men's Championship 2x
 31. Men's Collegiate/Club 2x
 NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance
 NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

32. Men's Lightweight 2x

33. Men's Master 2x NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

3:10 Quad

34. Men's Youth 4x NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

3:30 Kayak

35. Men's K1 NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance 36. Women's K1 NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

3:50 Double

37. Women's Championship 2x
 38. Women's Collegiate/Club 2x
 39. Women's Lightweight 2x
 NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance
 NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

40. Women's Master 2x NightSprint Qualifier/ Top 6 to Advance

4:15 Four

41. Men's Collegiate 4+

42. Men's Club 4+

4:45 Eight

43. Men's Collegiate/Club Novice 8+

44. Men's Youth Novice 8+

5:05 Quad

45. Men's Collegiate/Club 4x

5:15 Four

46. Women's Collegiate Freshman Novice 4+

47. Women's Club Freshman Novice 4+

48. Women's Youth Novice 4+

BREAK

6:00 pm USA ROWING WORLD CHALLENGE 2000M FINALS

7:00 – 9:30pm OG+E NIGHTSPRINTS Schedule attached

HEAD OF THE OKLAHOMA

SUNDAY

CHAMPIONSHIP/ MASTERS/ YOUTH

8:30 Quad

- 49. Women's Championship 4x
- 50. Women's Master 4x
- 51. Women's Youth Novice 4x

8:50 Single

- 52. Men's Master 1x AA-A-B
- 53. Men's Master 1x C-D
- 54. Men's Youth1x
- 55. Men's Master 1x E-F
- 56. Men's Master 1x G->J
- 57. Men's Novice 1x

9:30 Four

58. Men's Youth 4+

9:50 Single

- 59. Women's Master 1x AA-A-B
- 60. Women's Master 1x C-D
- 61. Women's Youth 1x
- 62. Women's Master 1x E->J
- 63. Women's Novice 1x

10:10 KNOCKOUT K1 SPRINT ROUND 1 - 200m

10:15 Quad

- 64. Men's Championship 4x
- 65. Men's Master 4x
- 66. Men's Youth Novice 4x

10:30 KNOCKOUT K1 SPRINT ROUND 2 - 200m

10:35 Four

67. Women's Youth 4+

10:45 Double

- 68. Men's Youth 2x
- 69. Men's Youth Lightweight 2x

11:00 KNOCKOUT K1 SPRINT ROUND 3 - 200m

11:10 Eight

- 70. Men's Championship 8+
- 71. Women's Championship 8+
- 72. Men's Master 8+
- 73. Women's Master 8+

11:45 Recreational Single

- 74. Men's Club/Youth Rec 1x
- 75. Women's Club/Youth Rec 1x

12:00 KNOCKOUT K1 SPRINT FINAL - 200m

12:15 Double

- 76. Women's Youth 2x
- 77. Women's Youth Lightweight 2x
- 78. Mixed Master 2x

12:45 Eight

- 79. Mixed Championship 8+
- 80. Mixed Master 8+
- 81. Mixed Youth/Club 8+





OG+E NIGHT SPRINTS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

EVENT DESCRIPTION

• 500 meter sprints under the lights with six lanes each seeded based on select head race event results

CATEGORIES

- Single Sculls Men's and Women's/ Championship/ Collegiate/ Club
- Kayak Men's and Women's K1 and K2
- Double Sculls Men's and Women's/ Championship/ Collegiate/ Club/ Master
- Quadruple Sculls Men's and Women's/ Collegiate/ Club/ Youth
- Four Men's and Women's Lightweight Four
- Eight Men's and Women's/ Collegiate/ Youth

SCHEDULE

7:00 pm Single

- 1. Women's Championship 1x
- 2. Women's Collegiate/ Club 1x

7:10 pm Kayak

3. Women's K1

7:20 pm Double

- 4. Men's Championship 2x
- 5. Men's Collegiate/Club 2x
- 6. Men's Master 2x

7:40 pm Lightweight Four

- 7. Women's Lightweight 4+
- 8. Men's Lightweight 4+

7:55 pm Single

- 9. Men's Championship 1x
- 10. Men's Collegiate/Club 1x

8:10 pm Kayak

11. Men's K1

8:20 pm Double

- 12. Women's Championship 2x
- 13. Women's Collegiate/Club 2x
- 14. Women's Master 2x

8:40 pm Quad

15. Men's Youth 4x

8:50 pm Eight

- 16. Women's Youth 8+
- 17. Men's Youth 8+

9:00 pm Quad

18. Women's Youth 4x

9:10 pm Eight

- 19. Women's Collegiate 8+
- 20. Men's Collegiate 8+





Head Of the Oklahoma

Collegiate Points Trophy

The trophy is an overall points trophy inclusive of men and women in designated collegiate events. Points are accrued for top placement in each event based on rank and boat class. Points will not be attributed to events with less than 3 competitors.

Boat Class			
Rank	8+	4+/4x	2-/2x
1	15	12	10
2	13	10	8
3	12	9	7
4	10	8	6
5	9	7	5
6	5	5	3
7	4	4	2
8	3	3	1
9	2	2	
10	1	1	