

# **2008 Augusta Invitational Regatta**

## **General Information and Rules of Racing**

(As of Jan. 11, 2008)

### **Race Course**

The race course is 2000 meters, fully-buoyed, and on a closed body of water. The course has been used for National Team speed orders, time trials and USRA sanctioned regattas.

### **Rules**

The current edition of the U.S.R.A. Racing Rules will apply.

### **Boat Storage and Parking**

Boats are to be stored on trailers. Due to restricted parking at the site, volunteer attendants will direct trailer parking. On race day all trucks and vans must be parked in designated areas. Security will be provided at the site Friday night, March 14. Please secure all valuables and report any misplaced items to headquarters immediately.

### **Waivers**

All participants must sign waiver forms in order to compete. A blank form may be downloaded from this website or a copy of a standard USRowing waiver may be used. Junior rowers under the age of 18 are required to have a parent/guardian signature on the waiver. Please return signed waivers to the registrar. *If you have sent a waiver into USRA as part of your renewal, you are still required to provide a signed waiver for this regatta.* If you are 18 and older and have provided a signed waiver to USRA, Regatta Central can verify your waiver is on record. However, please note that after March 8 waivers online will not be checked and must be brought to the regatta.

### **Registration and Entry Deadline**

The registration deadline is March 8, 2008. There will be no paper (mail in) registrations for the regatta. All registrations and fee payments will be done through Regatta Central. Payments online after March 8 will not be checked and therefore receipt for payment after that date should be brought to registration at check in.

The scratch deadline is Wednesday, March 12, 2008 without penalty.

Registrar for the regatta is Carrie Wagner -( c.wagner2@comcast.net ) and the mailing address for waivers is: Augusta Rowing Club, 101 Riverfront Drive, Augusta, GA 30901.

Questions can be called to (706) 821-2875.

### **Scratch/Add Policy**

After the scratch/add deadline, multiple entries will be accepted only if the crew is already registered and the heats/flights are not affected, i.e. - only if there is an open lane in the event. Additions are accepted on a first come first serve basis. Additions will not be accepted if the change creates another heat race. When scratches or additions occur after the deadline, the remaining crews will have their lane assignments moved over, if applicable. Any crews waiting to add an entry will receive their lane after this adjustment has occurred.

## **Lane Assignments**

Lane draws will be done on March 13, 2008. Lane assignments for heats are blind lane draw, unless otherwise noted. This information will be made available on March 14.

## **Heats, Semifinals, Finals, and Flights**

All open, lightweight, college varsity events, and youth varsity events will have heats and finals where applicable. *Novice events for either collegiate or youth events will have flights only. Medals for these events will be awarded separately for each flight.* Each event must have a minimum of three entries to constitute a race. Fewer entries will result in cancellation of that event. For events with three to seven entries, a final only may be run. Each team entering two boats in the same event must designate an "A" (first) and "B" (second) on the entry form.

## **Coaches/Coxswain Meeting**

The coaches/coxswains meeting will be on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 7:00 pm on the regatta site under the covered picnic pavilion. *Each coach and coxswain will be expected to attend as last minute rules and heat changes may occur.* No additions or scratches are to be made at this time. Please see the scratch deadline.

## **Weigh-In**

Coxswains will *not* be weighed for this regatta. Lightweight men and lightweight women may weigh-in on Friday, March 14, 2008 at the Regatta Headquarters building from 4:00 pm. to 7:00 pm. Additional weigh-ins will be allowed on Saturday morning from 6:30 am to 7:30 am. If you weigh in on Friday, it will not be necessary to weigh in again on Saturday. Please refer to the current USRA Rules of Racing for weight limits and weigh-in rules. Athletes must weigh in wearing their racing shirt, shorts, and socks.

## **Apparel**

All race participants must wear one type of representative rowing jersey.

## **Bow Markers**

Each crew will provide their own bow markers. Each rowing shell must have a bow clip. Bow markers will not be provided by the regatta.

## **Bow Balls**

No racing shell will be allowed to practice or race without a bow ball.

## **Footstretchers**

Heels must be tied three inches from the foot plate. *Coaches: please check your equipment before going through Control Commission.*

## **Practicing**

Practice on Langley Pond will be monitored from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Friday, March 14. The regatta will not be held responsible for crews practicing outside of this time frame. Crews must stay free and clear of course workers. Friday, March 14, is an official regatta day – all local and spring training teams must comply with regatta rules. **COACHES: INSTRUCT YOUR COXSWAINS TO CAREFULLY STUDY THE TRAFFIC PATTERN FOR PRACTICE.**

## **Traffic Pattern**

The traffic pattern and course rules will be posted at Regatta Headquarters. All coaches and coxswains must study the traffic pattern prior to launch. As the practice and race patterns may differ, please study the pattern each day. Practice times will be strictly enforced. Launching prior to announced practice times will result in disqualification of the crew.

## **Call to Events and Launching**

Crews will be called to launch by the dock master. First call will be forty (40) minutes prior to the scheduled race. No crew will be allowed on the water before they are called or for additional practice the day of the race. Coxswains verify their bow numbers as they enter the launch area.

## **Hot Seating**

All hot-seating must be reported to the dock master for approval and for directions as to the dock to be used for hot-seating. Hot seating will be at your risk. *Under no circumstances will the start of the race be held up for late boats.*

## **Awards**

Awards will be presented at Regatta Headquarters as the results are finalized. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each event that has at least 4 entries.