



**SPEAKMON**  
REGATTA

**The 20th Annual Jack Speakmon  
Memorial Regatta  
Griggs Reservoir, Columbus, Ohio  
Saturday, October 25, 2003**

To All Rowers, Coxswains, and Coaches;

I would like to welcome you to the 20th Annual Jack Speakmon Memorial Regatta. The Speakmon is becoming one of the largest head races in the US with nearly 400 entries representing over 50 organizations.

New in 2003:

- Pay entry fees online by credit card via RegattaCentral
- Junior/High School, Collegiate, and Masters Point Trophies
- New singles/doubles/pairs dock
- Open women's pair
- Mixed Recreational 8+
- Masters AA category rowers can row in masters events (as long as boats average 27)

As usual the Speakmon will include:

- 2.8 mile head-style competition for oarswomen and oarsmen
- Singles, doubles, pairs, quads, fours and eights events
- Junior/high school, open, masters, lightweight and novice events
- Medals awarded for first, second and third place finishers in all events

Important Web site:

- View and Submit Entries at: [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com)

Please review and complete the following materials carefully. Mail-in entries must be received by October 18, 2002 and internet entries must be received by RegattaCentral by midnight of October 19, 2002. GCRA looks forward to hosting your crew in October!

Very truly yours,  
Paul Denney  
Director, 20th Annual Jack Speakmon Memorial Regatta



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**EVENTS:**

The list of events and times are posted at [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com). Thirty-nine (39) events will be run. Two events (Events 16 and 25) will have sub-events. For Event 16 will be divided into a Men's (A) and Women's (B) Open 2-. For Event 25 will be divided into a Men's Frosh/Novice 8+ (A) and Recreation Mixed 8+ (B).

**ENTRY INFORMATION:**

***Definitions:***

- Junior/High School - Students must be enrolled in high school during the current academic year. Scholastic (same schools) and youth (composite) crews may enter these events
- Collegiate- Students must be enrolled in college during the current academic year
- Open - Any rower or crew
- Recreational - Rowers who row in programs that practice less than three times per week
- Masters - Rowers who will have attained age of 27 on or before December 31, 2003. Rowers who will have attained the age of 21 on or before December 31, 2003 can also participate in masters events at this regatta, but the average age of the rowers in the boat must be at least 27. An age handicap system will be implemented. Any master's entrant failing to indicate a birth date on the entry form will be entered as a 21-year-old competitor
- Novice - Any rower who started rowing after January 1, 2003 may enter these events. Seasoned sweep rower who began sculling after January 1, 2003 may enter novice sculling events. Seasoned scullers who began sweep rowing after January 1, 2003, may enter novice sweep events
- Lightweight - Men- 165# individual maximum/Women-135# individual maximum

**Entry Deadline:**

- Mail in entries: All registrants using the postal service must mail entry forms, signed waiver forms and entry fees and they must be received by GCRA no later than Saturday, October 18, 2003
- On-line Entries: RegattaCentral [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com) will accept entries up to midnight October 19th, 2003. After that date, entries will be viewable only. All internet (RegattaCentral) registrants who do not pay on-line, must send their signed waiver forms and fees which must be received by GCRA no later than October 18, 2003. If internet registrants pay on-line, all waivers must be received by October 22, 2003
- USRowing Waivers: If an individual meets **all three** of the following requirements, no paper waiver will be necessary- 1) The person is an individual USRowing Member, 2) The person has mailed or faxed a USRowing Waiver to USRowing, **and** 3) The person's USRowing ID number must be entered in their "Team Roster" on Regatta Central.

**Entry Contact Information:**

- Entry materials can be sent by U.S. Mail, Fed Ex, or other express mail to:  

Liz Hamilton  
8001 Ravines Edge Court, Suite 200  
Columbus, OH 43235
- Questions submitting entries by internet:Support@regattacentral.com (please no regatta-related questions)
- Other Registration questions: liz@voyager.net

**Entry Fees:** (\$5 increase over 2002 Entry Fees)

Eights:	\$55
Quads/Fours:	\$45
Doubles:	\$30
Singles:	\$20

Please make checks payable to **GCRA**. Should any team or competitor wish to submit fees after October 22nd, a **\$50 late fee** will be required, regardless of team size. Scratched entries are eligible for fee refund if scratch information is received by Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003. No other refunds shall be made.

**Race Day Registration:**

Saturday, October 25th, from 7-9 am at the race site (under Fishinger Road Bridge)  
**NOTE: There will be no registration session Friday evening.**

## **RULES:**

**General Rules-** United States Rowing Association Rules of Racing shall apply, unless otherwise noted.

**Bow Numbers-** Bow and shirt numbers will be provided at registration to crews who have properly submitted their entry materials (entry forms, signed waivers and fees). Crews without both bow and shirt numbers will not be permitted to launch. Bow numbers must be returned to the dock area after racing. Shirt numbers are to be worn on the back of the bow person of the boat. In the case of a bow coxed shell, the number should be worn on the front of the coxswain.

**Race Times and Boat Order-** All boats for an event will be started together and in the order of their bow numbers. If boats are late to the marshalling area or are out of order they will be assessed a penalty of 20 seconds. If boats arrive late at the starting line after all of the boats in their heat have started, they will not be allowed to race the course for time. Launching of boats will be accomplished to give plenty of time to reach the starting line. Teams should allow enough time to adjust for weather conditions. Lateness due to "**hot-seating**" of rowers, coxswains, and/or boats will **not** be an acceptable excuse. Lateness due to equipment breakage on the way to the starting line should be reported to a referee for consideration.

**No Coaches on the Water-** No coach is to be on the course in a launch during any race. Any coaches on the water will have their boat or boats disqualified.

**No Observing of Races from Fishinger Bridge-** Due to complaints at prior regattas, the police will not allow standing or observing of the race from Fishinger Road Bridge.

## **COACHES' AND COXSWAINS' MEETING:**

The coaches' and coxswains' meeting will be held at the registration area under Fishinger Road Bridge Saturday morning, October 25th at **7:00a.m.** A race schedule, a map of the course and general rules will be included in competitor registration packages.

## **FRIDAY PRACTICE:**

Competitors wishing to practice Friday may do so if they follow these instructions:

- Follow general water traffic pattern of traveling north along the east shore and traveling south along the west shore
- Practice within 100 feet from shores
- Cross river only at Fishinger Road Bridge (bridge south of dock which crosses over the registration tent and the river), at "The Wall" (large stone bridge on east shore which crosses a tributary) and just south of Hayden Run bridge (first bridge north of dock which crosses the river)
- Do **not** travel south of the Fishinger Road Bridge or north of Hayden Run Bridge.
- No rowing after sundown (6:39 pm) on October 24th or before sunrise (7:53 am) on October 25th.

## **PARKING:**

As this event grows each year, GCRA has had to assure the police and park representatives that the park will not be damaged by the event. Competitors are required to comply with the parking plan described below:

On Saturday morning, all competitors and spectators will be required to park in the campground area south of Griggs Dam (approx. 2 miles south of Fishinger Road). Signs will be posted to assist you. There will be a \$3.00 parking fee. Please note that if you park in any undesignated areas (i.e. in the park or in the merchant lots), you may be ticketed and towed. Parking on the grass will result in a ticket or being towed and will jeopardize future regattas. There will be a shuttle service provided to the parking lot. There will also be a group of parking volunteers to direct traffic. Please follow their instructions. Trailers with boats will be allowed into the park to unload on Friday, October 25th. They will also be allowed into the park to unload boats on Saturday morning; however, access to the park will be closed after 8:00am! All trailers and tow vehicles will be directed to park in the parking area just south of the Fishinger Road Bridge. The road into the park is a one-way street and vehicles will be required to exit the park north of the dock area, turn right (south) on Riverside Drive and once again enter into the park at the Nottingham entrance. All other team vehicles (including team buses), spectators, and participants will be required to park in the campground area.

## **REGATTA CONTACT:**

Please direct all non-registration regatta-related questions to the Regatta Director, Paul Denney at [pedenney1@hotmail.com](mailto:pedenney1@hotmail.com)

## **HOTEL INFORMATION:**

**Motel 6** I-270 N at exit #13-B, I-270 S at exit #13, Cemetery Rd. Address: 3950 Parkway Ln, Hilliard, OH 43026, Phone: (614) 771-1500

**Homewood Suites by Hilton:** 3841 Park Mill Run Dr. Hilliard, OH 43026, Ph: 1-614-529-4100

**Comfort Suites** 3831 Park Mill Run Dr., Hilliard, OH, US, 43026 Phone: (614) 529-8118.

**Ramada** Dublin- approx 15 min from course Interstate 270 and St Rt 161 614-764-3993

**Ramada** Hillard- approx 10 min from course Interstate 70 and Rome Hillard Rd 614-878-9245

**Wellesley Inn** Tuttle Crossing approx 10 min from course 5530 Tuttle Crossing 614-760-0245

**Marriott**- Tuttle Crossing approx 10 minutes from course 5805 Blazer Pkwy 614-791-1000

**Days Inn** 10 min 5510 Trabue Road (near Interstate 70 and Rome Hillard Rd) 614-878-8844

**Best Western**- 10 minutes 1133 Evans Way Interstate 70 and Rome Hillard Road 614-870-2378

## **Directions:**

### **FROM THE NORTH**

I-71 south to the outerbelt I-270 west.

Take I-270 to Exit 13 (Fishinger/Cemetery Road).

Turn left off the exit.

Follow Fishinger Road to Riverside Drive (first light after crossing the river), turn right.

- If towing a boat trailer, pull into the park at Nottingham (first light on Riverside Drive). Turn right into the park.
- If coming as a spectator or participant, follow Riverside Drive and Parking Signs to the park entrance south of the Marine Park Police Station and park in the campground area. Shuttle buses will be available to take you to the race site area. There will be a \$3.00 per car parking fee. Please allow a little extra time to get to the race site.

### **FROM THE SOUTH**

I-71 north to the outer-belt I-270 west.

Take I-270 to Exit 13 (Fishinger/Cemetery Road).

Turn right off the exit.

Follow Fishinger Road to Riverside Drive (first light after crossing the river), turn right.

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### **FROM THE EAST**

I-70 west through Columbus to the outer-belt I-270 north.

Take I-270 north to Exit 13 (Fishinger/ Cemetery Road).

Turn right off the exit.

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### **FROM THE WEST**

I-70 east to the outerbelt I-270 north.

Take I-270 north to Exit 13 (Fishinger/Cemetery Road).

Turn right off the exit.

Follow Fishinger Road to Riverside Drive (first light after crossing the river), turn right

- If towing a boat trailer, pull into the park at Nottingham (first light on Riverside Drive). Turn right into the park.
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IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in THE 2003 JACK SPEAKMON MEMORIAL REGATTA, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Rowing Activities, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a.); ROWING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death ("Risks"); (b.) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Releasees names below; (c.); there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.
3. AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member of the Club and that, if I observe any condition which I consider to be unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will notify the proper authority in charge of the Activity and will refuse to take part in the Activity until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction.
4. HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue USRowing, the Club, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, other participating regatta organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises, on which the Activity takes place, (each considered on of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY< SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees, from any litigation's expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a result of such claim.

**I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.**

**Printed Name of Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature (only if age 18 or over)**

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**PARENTAL CONSENT:** AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of rowing activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any may incur as the result of any such claim.

**Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature (only if participant is under the age of 18):**

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