



SPEAKMON

REGATTA

The 25th Annual Jack Speakmon Memorial Regatta Griggs Reservoir - Columbus, Ohio Saturday, October 25, 2008

To All Rowers, Coxswains, and Coaches, I would like to welcome you to the 25th Annual Jack Speakmon Memorial Regatta.

New in 2008:

- Revised late entry policy – **No late entries will be accepted – entry window closes 10/20/08**
- Power House Timing will provide race timing and results
- Addition of women's light 1x, women's master 2x
- Revised event start order. Please see schedule for details.

Continued from 2007:

- Revised starting policy – **see “Race Times and Boat Order”** – Page 4
- Collegiate category for NCAA compliance
- Mixed categories shall be defined as no less than 50% women. Coxswains may be of either gender.
- There will be NO parking fee. Please see the ‘Parking’ portion of the packet for details
- All entries must be made on-line using Regatta Central (www.regattacentral.com)
- Junior/High School, Collegiate, and Masters Point Trophies
- Separate singles / doubles / pairs dock
- Masters AA category rowers can row in masters events (as long as boats average 27)
- Centralized location of Registration area and vendors at the launch / recovery dock area
- New coaches / cox meeting time of **7:30am** at launch docks

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:

- General Regatta Information (View and Submit Entries): www.regattacentral.com

Please review and complete the following materials carefully. Entries must be submitted through Regatta Central by midnight of Monday, October 20, 2008. GCRA looks forward to hosting your crew in October!

Very truly yours,

Ryan Briggs
Regatta Director



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EVENTS:

The list of events and times are posted at www.regattacentral.com. Fifty one (51) events will be run.

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, 2008. Rowers who will have attained the age of 21 on or before December 31, 2008 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, 2008 may enter these events. Seasoned sweep rower who began sculling after January 1, 2008 may enter novice sculling events. Seasoned scullers who began sweep rowing after January 1, 2008, may enter novice sweep events
- Lightweight - Men- 165 lb. individual maximum / Women-135 lb. individual maximum. Lightweight weigh-ins will take place at the registration tent from 7:30am to 11:00am. Competitors will only be required to weight-in once during the day.

Entry Deadline:

- Mail in entries: There are no mail in entries this year. All entrants must enter on-line at Regatta Central (www.regattacentral.com)
- On-line Entries: RegattaCentral www.regattacentral.com will accept entries up to midnight on Monday, October 20, 2008. After that date, entries will be viewable only. All registrants who do not pay on-line, must send their signed waiver forms and fees which must be received by GCRA no later than Tuesday, October 21, 2008. All waivers must be received by Tuesday, October 21, 2008.
- 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.
- Late Entries: **No late entries will be accepted. We have eliminated late entry fees and pushed the entry window as far back as possible. Please do not ask to submit late entries as they will not be accepted. We are using the services of Power House Timing again this year, and it is very important that the lineup schedule is known a minimum of four (4) days before the event to coordinate with Power House Timing.**

Entry Contact Information:

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

Debra Stoner
4200 Dublin Road
Columbus, OH 43221

- Technical questions regarding use of Regatta Central should be directed to: support@regattacentral.com (please no regatta-related questions)
- All regatta related registration questions to: mstoner@columbus.rr.com

Entry Fees:

Eights:	\$80
Quads/Fours:	\$65
Doubles:	\$45
Singles:	\$35

Please make checks payable to **GCRA**. Scratched entries are eligible for fee refund if scratch information is received by Tuesday, October 21, 2008. No other refunds shall be made. No late entries will be accepted after the close of the entry window on Regatta Central. We have already pushed the entry window as far back as possible. Please do not ask to submit late entries as they will not be accepted.

Race Day Registration:

Saturday, October 25th, from 7-10 am at the race site (near launch / recovery docks)

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 coxswain 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 coxswain 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 a bow coxed boat, the coxswain number must be worn on the chest of the stroke rower.**

Race Times and Boat Order- It is the Regatta's intention to start crews for each event together and in-order. One of the biggest complaints from previous years has been the relaxed starting policy. **Therefore, the Regatta will NO LONGER allow crews that arrive late to the line to race.**

All crews should allow a **minimum** of 40 minutes to launch and row to the start line, in order to make their scheduled event. Teams should allow enough time to adjust for weather conditions.

Crews wishing to hot seat either boats or rowers shall notify the dockmaster at the time of launch and at the time of recovery. The dockmaster will help facilitate hotseating to the greatest degree possible.

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 near the launch / recovery docks on Saturday morning, October 25th at **7:30a.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 (6:40 pm) on October 24th or before sunrise (7:50 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 is no parking fee this year.** 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 24th. 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, Ryan Briggs at: ryan@briggsengineering.net

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. 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.

- 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. Please allow a little extra time to get to the race site.

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.

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. Please allow a little extra time to get to the race site.

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

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IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in THE 2008 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 Releases 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)

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):
