



Saturday, November 5th, 2005
Oaks Park on the Willamette River
Portland, Oregon

17TH ANNUAL PORTLAND LOOP REGATTA

Regatta Information and Schedule

Oregon Rowing Unlimited is pleased to invite you to the 17th Portland LOOP Regatta of Champions on Saturday, November 5th, 2005. The LOOP is a 7-kilometer head race on the Willamette River, from Oswego Pointe to Oaks Park, and is open to juniors, masters, open, and collegiate crews. The events are single sculls, double sculls, fours with coxswain, and eights, for men and women. The regatta features a championship race for collegiate varsity men and women's eights.

EVENT No	DESCRIPTION	EVENT No	DESCRIPTION
1	Men's Collegiate 8+	19	Men's Collegiate Single
2	Men's Junior 8+	20	Women's Collegiate Single
3	Women's Collegiate 8+	21	Men's Masters 4+
4	Men's Masters 8+	22	Women's Masters 4+
5	Women's Masters 8+	23	Men's Collegiate 4+
6	Women's Junior 4+	24	Women's Collegiate 4+
7	Men's Collegiate 2x	25	Men's Open 4+
8	Women's Collegiate 2x	26	Women's Open 4+
9	Men's Open 2x	27	Men's Masters 2x
10	Women's Open 2x	28	Women's Masters 2x
11	Men's Masters Single	29	Men's Open Single
12	Women's Masters Single	30	Women's Open Single
13	Men's Junior 2x	31	Men's Open 8+
14	Women's Junior 2x	32	Women's Open 8+
15	Men's Junior Single	33	Women's Junior 8+
16	Women's Junior Single	34	Men's Junior 4+
17	Men's Championship 8+	35	Mixed Masters 8+
18	Women's Championship 8+		

Regatta Schedule: Unlike the past few years, the regatta will not be organized by flights. Events will be scheduled to allow continuous launching and landing, which will involve 2-way traffic on the race course.

Please check the web site at <http://www.portlandloop.org> for schedule and entry seeding. This information is subject to daily change.

The launch schedule will be distributed in the race packets.

NOTE: A crew that arrives late to the start may race out of sequence, but will be given a time penalty of 1 minute.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Entry Process: Entries must be received by Monday, October 31. Late entries will be subject to a late fee. Seeding for non-returning crews will be in the order that entries are received. Seeding for returning crews will be based on last years racing results.

NOTE: Registration will be done through Regatta Central (<http://www.regattacentral.com>). Paper entries will not be accepted. Entry fees may be paid on-line by credit card, or mailed with the waivers to:

Portland LOOP Regatta
P.O. Box 230411
Portland, OR 97281-0411

Waivers may also be turned in during registration.

Boat	Entry Fees	Late Entry Fees (after Oct. 31)
8+	\$85.00	\$120.00
4+	\$45.00	\$65.00
2x	\$25.00	\$40.00
1x	\$15.00	\$25.00

Scratch Fees: Scratched entries and no-shows will not be charged an additional fee, however, we do ask that all scratches be made in writing (fax or email) prior to the regatta. Scratches will also be taken verbally at the coaches/coxswains' meeting. Entry fees will be retained by the Portland LOOP for no-shows and scratches. Entry fees will be refunded for events that are cancelled due to lack of entries (minimum of 2 per event for sweep boats, 3 for sculls).

Entry Packets: Contain a bow number, 2 tyvek numbers to be pinned on the coxswain and bow seat, course map, and launching and racing schedules. Packets may be picked up at registration on Friday night at the ORU Boathouse Erg Room from 4:30 – 6:30pm and on Saturday morning at the coaches and coxswains meeting in the ORU Boathouse Erg Room from 5:30am. Entry fees and waivers must be turned in prior to receiving entry packets.

Friday Evening Special Event: There will **NOT** be a LOOP dinner this year at Oaks Park.

Bow Balls and Bow Numbers: Bow numbers will be included in each crew's race packet, along with matching numbers to be worn by the coxswain and bow seat. Bow balls are required, and boats without bow balls will not be allowed onto the racecourse. The regatta committee will not provide these items. Each shell must meet the USRA Rules of Rowing safety standards.

Boat Storage/Trailer Parking: There is a map of Oaks Park on the LOOP web site that shows trailer parking location as well as boat storage locations, bathrooms, boathouse and erg

facilities, and the site of the Coaches and Coxswains meeting. There will be security for boats and trailers in Oaks Park from Thursday night until Sunday night.

Regatta Meeting. The meeting will be held in ORU's Erg Room on Saturday morning at 6:00am. This is a required meeting for all coxswains and single scullers. In addition there must be a coach or other representative from each club or school present. Roll will be taken. Because of the increased hazard of having boats rowing to the start while racing is taking place, this meeting is mandatory. A sculler from each blind boat and every coxswain for each boat will be given a bracelet during roll call, which must be displayed to the dockmaster in order to launch.

Waivers: included in this packet are the individual (under age 18) and team waivers. Although registration is handled online, the waivers must be turned in during registration or completed and mailed to:

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P.O. Box 230411
Portland, Oregon 97281**

Awards: Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places shall be given for each event. In the masters and championship eights events, the LOOP will award an etched glass trophy to the winning men's and women's entries, in addition to 1st place medals.

In addition, 1st place medals will be given to the fastest lightweight single and double scull in each category.

Masters events will not be handicapped; however, 1st place medals will be awarded to the fastest 50+ boat in all masters events where there are 5 or more total entries in that event.

The winner of the Mixed Masters Eight event will receive, in addition to crew medals, the perpetual Mixmaster trophy, which must be returned prior to the next LOOP.

Accommodations:

Please visit our website at <http://www.portlandloop.org/lodging.htm> for accommodations near the venue. The hotels on this site are offering substantial discounts for LOOP participants.

Portland LOOP Events:

Classification	8+	4+	2x	1x
Junior Men	x	x	x	x
Junior Women	x	x	x	x
Open Men	x	x	x	x
Open Women	x	x	x	x
Collegiate Men	x	x	x	x
Collegiate Women	x	x	x	x
Masters Men	x	x	x	x
Masters Women	x	x	x	x
Masters Mixed	x			
Championship Men	x			
Championship Women	x			

Race Classifications:

“Masters”: Boat average age of at least 40 years, and all rowers must be age 21 or older. A competitor’s age is determined as of December 31 of the current calendar year. The boat age is determined by the average age of the crew, rounded down. The coxswain’s age shall not be counted.

“Juniors”: High school or community rowing programs where the oldest rower will not have attained the age of 19 by the end of the calendar year in which the race occurs.

“Open”: Any non-collegiate rower or crew not otherwise classified or affiliated.

“Collegiate”: Any rower or crew representing a college or university, either as a club or varsity sport.

“Championship”: This event, for eights only, is open to all comers, but is intended for collegiate first varsity boats or crews of similar caliber.

Course Hazards and Penalties:

There are 2 bridges, 4 red navigation bouys, and 1 green navigation bouy on the course, as indicated on the course map. Any incidental hazards, such as snags, will be marked with a red balloon or flag. In addition, there are a number of course markers. Crews going outside of the course at any point will be disqualified.

Crews are required to stay to the east of the red bouys, which are located in Milwaukie Bay at about 2 miles into the race (port oars closest to bouys), and to the west of the green bouy, which marks the finish line (starboard oars closest to bouy).

Crews must go through the east span of the railroad bridge, which is at the ½ mile point in the race. Crews MUST NOT go through the east span of the Sellwood Bridge (between the bank and first bridge abutment), and may only go through the span immediately to the right of it (west) The Sellwood bridge is about 500 meters from the finish line.

Crews may be assessed a 30-second penalty for failing to give way, for going through the east span of the Sellwood Bridge, and for passing to the east of the green navigation bouy. Crews passing to the west of the red navigation bouys will be disqualified.

The course will be covered in detail at the mandatory coaches and coxswains meeting.

Revision date: 8/30/2005

Please check the website as this information is subject to change.

CONTACT US

Contact information is available on the website at <http://www.portlandloop.org> . The email address is info@portlandloop.org .

PORTLAND LOOP REGATTA

ROWING RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (For Participants under the age of 18)

In CONSIDERATION of being the opportunity to participate in any way in the 2003 Portland LOOP Regatta activities, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

4. 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. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.
5. 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" NAMED 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.
6. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Oregon Rowing Unlimited and the Portland LOOP Regatta Committee, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, member, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place. (each considered one 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 expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such a claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND IT'S TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I 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 TO 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: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip

Phone: _____ Date: _____

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 negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue 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: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip

Phone: _____ Date: _____

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