

Hosted by Cooper Rowing Club Sponsored by Cooper Rowing Foundation

Information Packet

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Dear Coaches, Athletes, Parents, and Friends:

Cooper Rowing Club is proud to host the 4th annual *Catch the Cooper regatta* which will be held **Saturday**, **June 23**, **2012** on the Cooper River in Camden County, NJ.

The regatta is open to Masters rowers and to junior clubs/high school teams. The Masters 1000 meter course will be the same as for the USRowing Masters National Championships previously held on the Cooper River. Junior events will be 2000 m.

Please find enclosed:

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- 7. Volunteer information
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Regatta Information

Date: Saturday, June 23, 2012

Location: Cooper River, Camden County, NJ

Events: Masters (1000 m) and Junior (2000 m) sculling and sweep

Start time: 9:00 am

Coach/Coxn meeting: 8:00 am at Finish Line

Registration

This is a **USRowing Registered Regatta**.

Registration is online at **Regatta Central** <u>www.regattacentral.com</u>.

Contact Eileen Normoyle at normoyle@gmail.com with any registration problems.

Registration will be available on race day if there are open lanes, will open at 7:00 am and remain open throughout the day.

Waivers

Submit USRowing "2012 Release of Liability" through Regatta Central with your registration.

Entry Fees

Submit entry fees through **Regatta Central** <u>www.regattacentral.com</u> as part of registration.

Eights	\$90.00
Fours/quads	\$75.00
Doubles/pairs	\$50.00
Singles	\$30.00

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Awards

Danzeisen Cup Men's Masters single

CRC Cup Women's Masters single

Connie Mac Cup Mixed Master's 8 Community Challenge

Medals to the winner of each flight.

Venue Information

The race course

Cooper River Park's Olympic-distance 2000-meter straightaway has drawn praise from international rowing experts who say its sheltered, narrow course provides ideal rowing conditions. Cooper River Park has hosted numerous major rowing events, including the Olympic trials and the Intercollegiate Rowing Association championships.

- Buoyed course
- Stake boats (tentative)
- Spacious viewing area
- Plenty of space for team tents





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Hotels

Crowne Plaza

Cherry Hill, NJ 800-496-7621 Walking distance to course.

Holiday Inn

Cherry Hill, NJ 08022 856-663-5300

Rules and Regulations

In addition to the rules of **USRowing**, the following rules will apply. Complete rules of **USRowing** are available in PDF form on their website **www.usrowing.org**.

- 1. There will be no refunds unless the event is cancelled in advance. Coaches will be notified of event scratches no less than two days before the regatta.
- 2. All entries must be accompanied by proper entry fee.
- 3. All teams must check in at the registration desk when they arrive. At that time they can clean any bars on their entries such as late fees or missing waivers. The registration desk will be open at 7:00 am throughout the race day.
- 4. Rowers in Novice events must have less than one year of rowing experience.
- 5. Each crew MUST provide their own bow number for their assigned lane.
- 6. There must be two crews entered or the event will be canceled.
- 7. The dock master must be notified of all hot-seat boats before the boat goes out for its first race.
- 8. The event schedule is subject to change depending on the number of entries received.
- 9. Awards will be awarded to all first place finishers.
- 10. Each boat must be equipped with a bow ball and foot release straps.
- 11. Masters entries will be separated into age categories depending on the number of entries and their age. Masters age categories will follow the USRowing categories and handicaps.



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Directions

From the West:

Pennsylvania Turnpike east to the Valley Forge exit. At Valley Forge take I-76 (Schuylkill Expressway) east to Philadelphia. Stay to the left after passing the Girard Avenue Exit. Exit at I-676 (Vine Street Expressway). Follow signs for Ben Franklin Bridge. Go straight ahead after the tollbooth to Admiral Wilson Blvd/Route 30. Do not bear right onto I-676.

Go about one mile and then take the right branch at top of overpass onto Route 130 South. Immediately get in the right lane, and take the jug handle for North Park Drive. Follow North Park Drive about 1.5 miles and trailer only parking is to the right, just before you come to Cuthbert.

From North or South:

Exit New Jersey Turnpike at Exit 4. Go right onto NJ Route 73, North. Exit from Route 73 onto NJ Route 38, West. Exit from NJ Route 38 at Cuthbert Blvd. Go south on Cuthbert Blvd. (Collingswood, Oaklyn).

Pass first traffic light on Cuthbert Blvd. Turn right at the next road onto South Park Drive. Follow South Park Drive to Route 130 and turn right onto Route 130. Take the next right onto North Park Drive. Follow North Park Drive about 1.5 miles and trailer only parking is to the right, just before you come to Cuthbert.

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From Route 38 South, take Route 130 South. Take the jug handle for North Park Drive. Follow North Park Drive about 1.5 miles and trailer only parking is to the right, just before you come to Cuthbert.

From South:

From I-95 north follow signs to Walt Whitman Bridge (past Philadelphia International Airport and the Philadelphia Naval Base). On bridge stay in right lane and take first right as you come off the bridge. Follow signs to NJ Route 130 north. Stay on Route 130 through one circle (Collingswood Circle). After going under an RR bridge watch for Cooper River on the right (it looks like a lake, not like a river). Take first right after passing the river (the first traffic light). This is North Park Drive. Continue for 2,000 meters. Trailer parking is at the end of the course on the right. **Trailer parking is to the right.**

From North:

From I-95 south follow signs to Betsy Ross Bridge (just past Bridge Street Exit). When you come off the bridge follow signs to NJ Route 130 south. Stay on Route 130 for a few miles to a major intersection. Pass through the intersection still staying on Route 130. At the next traffic light you want to turn left but you must exit from the right (it's a jug handle). This is North Park Drive. Continue for 2,000 meters. **Trailer parking is at the end of the course on the right.**



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Parking and Equipment Storage

The trailer parking area is located on the south side of North Park Drive near Cuthbert Blvd. Only trailers are to be parked here. Trailers are prohibited from entering the parking area prior to Noon on Friday, June 22, 2012. There is a large parking lot at about the 1,000-meter mark on the course. This is for cars, vans and buses. Curbside parking is permitted in legal areas. However, the curb area along North Park Drive between the small bridge and Cuthbert Blvd. is for loading or unloading only. Others will be ticketed.

Spectators

Please take a moment to read the Camden County Park Commission-Cooper River Park Rules which are on the South Jersey Rowing Club website www.southjerseyrowing.org

- Do not drive on the ball fields.
- You may set up your tents before Friday evening or Saturday morning.
- Please use care when using a grill. Properly dispose of coals and waste after you are finished.
- Please leave your area as you found it. It is your responsibility to properly dispose of trash. If you need extra garbage bags come to the finish line and we will provide them for you.
- No tent shall be within 100 feet of the finish line. All tents must be 100 feet from the banks of the river. You cannot set up tents on the ball fields. No vehicles are permitted next to your tent you will be towed by the park police.