

Regatta Bulletin

Regatta date: Saturday, August 1, 2009.

Location: The Schuylkill River Rowing Course, Kelly Drive, Philadelphia, PA.

Entry Deadline: Entries, entry fees and competitor waivers are due on Monday, July 27, 2009. After that date, entries will be accepted at the discretion of the regatta committee on a "lane available" basis.

Host Organization: The Fairmount Rowing Association

www.fairmountrowing.org

Mailing Address: Should not need this as all registration should be done on Regatta Central, and this is now a USRowing Registered regatta, so we will accept the USRowing electronic waiver.

Quaker City Masters Regatta

c/o Fairmount Rowing Association

#2 Boathouse Row

Kelly Drive

Philadelphia, PA 19130

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Regatta Headquarters: The Canoe Club parking lot and the Fairmount boathouse. Registration will open at 7:00 am at each site and remain open all day. **All competitors must stop by before racing to check in** and get their shirt and lunch ticket. Heat sheets will also be available.

ALL EVENTS 1,000 METERS

RACING STARTS AT 9:00 AM

Coach and coxswains meeting: There will be a meeting at **8:00 a.m.** Saturday morning at the Canoe Club parking lot to review any scratches and schedule

changes. All crews will be responsible for any information discussed at that meeting.

Course: The racecourse runs from the St. Joseph's boathouse to the grandstand on the famed Schuylkill River. There will be six lanes and stake boats at the starting line.

Boat Traffic Pattern: Traffic on the Schuylkill goes upstream on the west bank of the river, and downstream on the east bank. Crews launching from the Canoe Club dock (east side) should paddle up the east side through Strawberry Mansion Bridge and then cross to the west bank on the upstream side of the bridge. Warm-up area is between Strawberry and the Twin Stone Bridges. Crews are advised not to go above the Twin Stone Bridges as there are submerged boulders there. Crews launching from Boathouse Row should be aware of the waterfall on the west bank across from the boathouses.

Upon finishing the race, crews should paddle through Columbia Bridge. If coming back to the Canoe Club, cross the river to the west bank, paddle back through the bridge and past Peter's Island. You may cross back to the east side when there is not a race coming down and then proceed in lane 0 to the Canoe Club dock. If you think you may have won the race, wait downstream of Columbia for the officials to inform you, then paddle through the bridge to the grandstand dock. After receiving your steins, you may paddle back up lane 0 to the Canoe Club.

Racing format: We will use a finals-only format, with awards to the winners of each race.

Awards: Quaker City Masters Regatta beer steins will be awarded to first place finishers in each race. **They will feature a slightly different logo this year, to reflect our 10th anniversary.** Winners will be informed on the water as soon as the handicaps are figured in. The winning crew should pull into the awards dock at the grandstand to receive their steins.



Racing Schedule: The Regatta Committee retains the right to alter the regatta schedule by the addition or elimination of races or combining of age categories as necessary to conform to the number and pattern of entries received.

For your planning purposes: We plan to start races 6 minutes apart. Note that each event can have multiple races depending on the entries.

After the entry deadline, heat sheets will be posted on www.boathouserow.org and Regatta Central.

Age handicaps: Age handicaps published in the USRowing 2006 edition of the Rules of Rowing will be applied in races that combine age categories. Single-age category races will not be handicapped. Handicaps will be applied at the finish line.

Definitions: A master is a competitor who has attained or will attain the age of 27 during 2006. A = 27-35; B = 36-42; C = 43-49; D = 50-54; E = 55-59; F = 60-64; G = 65-69; H = 70 and over. Average age of the crew determines eligibility. The age category of a masters crew shall be determined by the average age of the crew, rounded down to the highest contained integer. Time handicaps will be applied in any masters event that combines two or more categories. A competitor's age is determined as of December 31, 2009.

Any line-up changes on race day must be reported to Regatta Headquarters at least two hours prior to race time in order to compute the age handicap. You will need to fill out a change card. Line-up changes prior to race day may be done online through Regatta Central.

AA Rowers: An AA category rower is a rower between the ages of 21-26. This age category is not considered to be a masters category, but because some people of this age may wish to participate, we will accept AA entries. AA rowers may only compete against other AA rowers. AA rowers cannot be in boats in the other age categories. If we get two or more AA entries in an event, we will run an AA heat with a stein awarded. If only one AA entry comes in for an event, we will try to put that boat into an A race, but it will be counted as a separate event and there will not be an award for the AA boat.

Coxswains: Can be any age or sex. But yes, they must be registered entrants.

Mixed crews: Mixed crews shall be composed of an equal number of men and women.

Corporate Mixed 8 event: All rowers, excluding coxswain, must be employed by the company under whom they are rowing. However, composite boats are allowed.

Recreational Singles: Class 1 boats are 19 ft. 0 in. maximum length, 40 lbs. minimum weight. Example: Alden Ocean Shell. Class 2 boats are 22 ft. 0 in. maximum length, 38 lbs. minimum weight. Examples: Maas Aero, Martin Trainer, Alden Star. Class 3 boats are 25 ft. 2 in. maximum length, 38 lbs. minimum weight. Examples: Maas 24, Vespoli Comp. A single shell that is longer than 25 ft. 2 in. or that weighs less than 38 lbs. is not considered recreational. Length is measured bow to stern, along the deck, excluding the bow ball, if fitted. Weight is

measured on a dry, fully rigged boat, excluding electronics, safety and personal gear.

Weigh-ins: Lightweight men shall weigh no more than 160 lbs. Lightweight women shall weigh no more than 130 lbs.

Weigh-ins will be held starting at **7:00 am the morning of the Regatta and continue all day**. Competitors can weigh-in at either the Canoe Club parking lot or the Fairmount boathouse.

Entries: All entries this year will be done through Regatta Central. Visit regattacentral.com to register. You can call them at 614-360-2922 with any questions. Since this is now a USRowing Registered Regatta, we will accept the USRowing electronic waiver, also available on Regatta Central.



All waivers must be completed before racing.

If fewer than two entries are received or if all the entries are from the same club, at the discretion of the regatta committee, the event may be scratched. Clubs will be notified of scratched events.

No competitor may represent two different clubs in the regatta. **Boats composed of members from various clubs should register as composite crews on their entry form.**

Entry fees: Each participant must pay a registration fee of \$35. Each registrant will receive a regatta shirt, lunch, and may enter an unlimited number of races.

Fees are non-refundable after July 27, 2009. All fees will be paid through Regatta Central.

Late Entries: After July 27, entries will be accepted at the discretion of the regatta committee on a "lane available" basis. To request a late entry, send an e-mail to regatta@fairmountrowing.org.

Scratch fees: Entry fees will be refunded if the scratches are made before July 27, 2009. Those scratching after that time will forfeit their entry fees.

Heat Sheets: Will be posted on the internet a few days before the race and may be subsequently updated. **Competitors are advised to pick up a heat sheet at the racecourse the morning of the regatta.**

Lunch: Lunch will be provided to all competitors and volunteers at no charge. Lunch will be served in a tent at the Canoe Club parking lot beginning at 11 am. We will keep it open during the afternoon racing until ~3:00 or until we run out of food. Spectators may purchase lunch for \$7 and water for \$1. It will be an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Post-race Reception: All competitors and volunteers are invited to join us at the Fairmount boathouse for pizza (by **Peace-A-Pizza**), beer, and soft drinks, beginning after the last race is completed. Come fill up your new Quaker City stein with ale from **Philadelphia Brewing Company**.

Results: Complete regatta results will be posted on the Schuylkill Navy website at www.boathouserow.org. The regatta uses RaceDay regatta management software and the Finish Lynx system, which provides photos of the finish.



Bow markers & bow balls: No shell may launch without a bow ball and no shell may race without its appropriate lane number affixed to its bow. We ask crews to bring their own set of bow markers. However, we will have a limited number of bow numbers for use.

Uniforms: All crews must wear matching shirts. "Matching," means identical in style, color, and detail, including any insignia. Composite crew members should race in their respective club colors.

Dispute resolution: All questions of eligibility, qualification, or interpretation of the regatta rules will be referred to the Regatta Committee whose decisions will be final.

Protests: Referees should be notified on the water if a crew has a protest. Note however that protests also have to be put in writing at registration when the crew is back on land.

Vendors/Advertising: All manufacturers, clubs, and sellers of rowing related equipment and goods are welcome to apply for vendor space. For more

information, please contact Mike Bowers at 1-800-321-5312, rowing@fairmountrowing.org.

Photographs: Photographs of the regatta will be posted on www.fairmountrowing.org. Also look for photographs of the regatta on Row2K.com.