

The Covered Bridge Regatta

Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15, 2012

Sponsored by
Oregon Association of Rowers
University of Oregon Crew

Welcome to the Covered Bridge Regatta held at Dexter Lake!
We look forward to seeing you again or having you race with us for the first time.

Time: Saturday Coaches' and Coxswains' Meeting 6:15 AM. First Race 7:30 AM.
Sunday C&C Meeting 7:00 AM. First Race 8:00 AM.

Place: Dexter Lake, 20 minutes east of Eugene on Hwy 58

Races: 2000 meters Junior, Collegiate, Open; 1000 meters Masters

Cost: Entries received and paid by April 6th: \$10 per seat (singles \$20, coxswains free)
Additionally, we must collect an Oregon State Parks Usage fee of \$1.00 per athlete.

Late entries & fees will be accepted only on a space-available basis and at 1.5x the original fee (\$15 per seat, \$30 for singles).

Medals with neck ribbons awarded for first, second and third places.

Register through www.regattacentral.com

Schedule, news, updates and results at RegattaCentral and at www.oarowing.org
News and timely results are available by following OAR_CBR on Twitter.

Dexter Dash... and Dinner
FRIDAY EVENING masters 500 m SPRINT relays and DINNER!!!!
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Details below

Register for the Dash by email to DexterDash@oarowing.org.

Ed Offchiss Memorial Trophy

The Ed Offchiss perpetual trophy, presented to the winner of the men's masters single, commemorates our friend and sculling buddy.

Junior and Collegiate Team Points Trophies

Trophies for Collegiate and Junior teams will be awarded for team 'efficiency' (Points earned per event entered. Minimum three events).

Regatta Format

The Covered Bridge Regatta is a USRowing Registered Event. USRowing licensed referees will officiate. Team USRowing membership is required. Individual, USRowing membership is not. (See "Waiver Forms," below)

The race course is accurately surveyed to 2000 meters and each lane will be completely buoyed along at least one side. Additional, larger buoys outside the course lanes will mark every 250 meters. Masters race on the *last* 1000 meters of the race course. The course will allow up to six lanes and events with more than six entries will be raced as separate events, without finals. At the discretion of the regatta director and the chief referee, certain events will allow up to eight lanes. Events with less than three entries will be canceled, or combined with another event. With the exception of single sculls, teams are limited to a maximum of two entries per event. The race schedule will be finalized Monday, April 9th and posted at RegattaCentral.com and the OARowing.org websites. A tentative order of events is provided at www.RegattaCentral.com.

Events will be run on ten-minute centers, so efficiency is paramount to keeping the regatta on schedule. Boats must be launched at least 30 minutes prior to your start time and be in the staging area five minutes prior to start time. We will not delay an event so an athlete or boat can 'hot seat.' The OAR rowing club's dock space and access will not accommodate all competitors. Visiting teams are expected to rig boats and beach launch from the large grassy area next to the parking lot and concessions in the marina area. (see "Parking," below)

All boats must be equipped with and will be inspected for bow balls and heel tie downs. Crews must provide their own bow numbers. All participants are asked to immediately report any distressed shell and/or rowers in the water witnessed during their row to and from the race course.

2012 Rules of Rowing will apply, however, the following rules *will not* be enforced:

2-409 Racing Cadence; 3-104 Minimum Weight of Boats; 3-203 Oar Colors;

4-109 & 110 Weighing of Coxswains and Weighing of Competitors

Rules pertaining to coxswain weight limits and weigh-ins *will not* be enforced. We ask that you honor these limits.

A 'novice' sweep rower is defined as being within two years of starting to sweep row.

Coaches' and Coxswains' Meetings

These meetings will be held Saturday morning, promptly at 6:15 AM and Sunday morning at 7:00 AM in the picnic shelter near the parking lot. There will be time allowed for questions and scratch/adds after remarks by the chief referee and the regatta director. Any required insurance waiver forms that were not mailed in or completed on-line will be collected at this time.

Insurance and Waiver Forms

This is a USRowing registered regatta and we are using USRowing regatta liability insurance. Participants who are members of USRowing and have signed a Release of Liability online do not have to sign a waiver form for this regatta. All other participants are required to sign a waiver, either on paper or online at RegattaCentral. Both the USRowing link and the printable waiver form are available through the RegattaCentral website.

Directions

From I-5, take Hwy. 58 (exit 188A) east, 13 miles to Dexter Lake.

Turn left at the white covered bridge, to Lowell.

Turn left at Boundary Rd. (becomes Pengra Rd.), then travel 0.8 miles to Lowell State Park.

Volunteers

There are less than 100 members in OAR and the regatta takes about 1000 volunteer-hours to put on. If you can volunteer as a beach master, launch driver or in another capacity, please contact Kit kitstaples@yahoo.com

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit (AISPP)

The State of Oregon has instituted a program to fight aquatic invasive species. As part of this program all boats of 10 feet or more overall length are required to carry an AISPP when operated in Oregon waterways. If you or your club is located in the State of Oregon, you are responsible for obtaining and carrying this permit in each of your boats. Failure to carry a permit may result in a \$142 fine for each offense. The permits cost \$7. The regatta committee has obtained permits for our guests from out of the state of Oregon. These permits will be held by the regatta committee and, if you are from out of state, you will not be required to actually carry a permit in your boat. AISPP for motorized craft from the State of Oregon are included in your annual registration fee. Motorized craft from out of state will be required to obtain and carry a permit. The regatta committee will not provide these. Further details and permits are available online at <http://www.boatoregon.com/>

Parking

There will be limited parking at Lowell State Park for trailers, large buses, team vans. Due to increased participation, some trailers, etc. must be parked offsite after unloading. Please reserve a parking spot by emailing j_juhlin@efn.org (or call Jon at 541-517-6693). All other vehicles (including tow vehicles) of participants and spectators must park in the town of Lowell, which is a 10-15 minute walk from the park. A free shuttle bus will run between the park and town on Saturday only. *There is no parking on Pengra road.* Trailers and boats may be left overnight in the park's parking lot adjacent to the launch area. The gate will be locked at 9:00 PM each night. The lot will be supervised, but equipment is left at your own risk.

Trash and Recycling

The Lane County Master Recycler Program is helping our regatta to go green this year. Please reuse or recycle at the barrels located around the park. We ask that teams do their share to *use* these receptacles and the trash bins, especially before departure. Thank you!

Camping at Dexter Lake

There is very limited camping space at Lowell State Park. Camping in tents or RVs is allowed Friday and Saturday, April 13th and 14th, only. Oregon State Parks requires the regatta to collect a \$2.50 per person per night camping fee, payable at registration at www.RegattaCentral.com. Camping permits will be included in your team's registration packet. Tent camping is limited to the oak grove area. No camping on the beach. No open fires.

Dexter Shores RV Park/Camping, 39140 Dexter Rd., (541) 937-3711 (across the lake).

Food

During the regatta, Hideaway Bakery will be selling a hearty lunch and snacks in the marina area on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be a wide range of food choices that will please anybody from athlete to spectator. Food service will start at 6:00 AM Saturday.

Accommodations in and around Eugene/Springfield

This year's host hotel is the *Quality Inn and Suites*, located at 3550 Gateway St., Springfield, OR, two blocks from I-5 at exit 195A. They are offering a double queen room for \$89 when you register by referring to the 'Covered Bridge Regatta.' Visit their website at www.choicehotels.com/hotel/or164

You can find information on additional hotels in the area at www.visitlanecounty.org

Low-cost lodging for junior teams and their chaperones is available at nearby Lowell High School. Forms are available at www.OARowing.org. Get additional information by calling Sonja Casarez, Administrative Assistant Lowell School District at 541-937-2124

Several families in the town of Lowell have offered low-cost housing near the race course. Accommodations include a private bedroom and breakfast for \$50 per person per night. Contact Ruth George for details (541-937-2078 or bgeorge818@aol.com).

Regatta T-shirts & paraphernalia

Short sleeved, organic cotton T-shirts will be available for purchase for \$25.00 each. A variety of other items including hats, bags and safety whistles will also be available for purchase. Credit cards will be accepted.

Contacts

CBR entries & information:	www.RegattaCentral.com
Anita Larson, Regatta Director	regatta@oarowing.org
Kip Keller, entry coordinator	regatta_entry@oarowing.org
Dash entries & information	DexterDash@oarowing.org

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The Dexter Dash ... and Dinner

Friday April 13th - late afternoon

5:00 PM Friday, brief ALL rowers & coxswains meeting - under the picnic shelter

6:00 PM start of the 500m relay

6:30 PM dinner by South Fork Catering - under the picnic shelter

Dash Relay: The main focus of the Dash is fun and camaraderie. Relay teams will consist of eights-only this year. Boat, seat and relay-team assignments will be made by the regatta directors at the coxswains/rowers meeting. All boatings will be assigned at the meeting. Sweep rowers without enough teammates to field an eight are encouraged to enter and will be incorporated into lineups at the meeting. Clubs are asked to make available a coxswain and eight-oared shell for every four sweep rowers they enter.

Dinner: A **scrumptious lasagna dinner** (included in your \$20 per person entry fee) will be offered immediately following the racing, under the picnic shelter. A vegetarian entrée alternative will be available. Non-rowing spouses and friends are welcome at the dinner for \$12 per person and should be noted on the entry.

Entries: Send an email to DexterDash@oarowing.org (subject line 'DASH') with the following information:

Name of club and contact information.

Number of rowers participating (x \$20 each)

#coxswains,

ports,

#starboards,

#either-side

Name(s) of coxswains

Names of most experienced stroke-pair

Number of non-rowers/non-coxswains for dinner (x \$12 each)

Total dollar-value and date of check mailed to :

DexterDash c/o Oregon Association of Rowers

P.O. box 11963

Eugene OR 97440

Make checks payable to O.A.R. – DexterDash

Questions should be directed to DexterDash@oarowing.org with the subject: 'DASH.'