



Saturday, October 13, 2012

Host: The Stanton Rowing Foundation, Inc.

A Non-profit 501(c)(3) Organization

You are cordially invited to join the competition and fun of the
24th Annual First Coast Head Race.

In this brochure you will find information on the 24th Annual First Coast Head
Race, events and instructions on how to participate.

If you have any questions or need information, please contact the
Regatta Director at: rowcoachjax@gmail.com Or 904-553-7557

Please check the website below for changes and updated information:
www.fchr.org



General Information

Regatta Location (GPS Address): 5920 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, FL 32211

Registration Deadline (including payment and ALL paperwork) – October 8, 2012

Entry Method

Step 1

Register entries and your team's information on the Regatta Central Website.
www.regattacentral.com

Pay online at Regatta Central or mail a check with your paperwork.

Step 2

Entry packets must include the following forms and other paperwork.

1. Copy of Registration Confirmation Email/Invoice from Regatta Central
2. Payment if sending a check (payable to **Stanton Rowing Foundation**)
3. Alphabetical list of competitors
4. Medical information form in event order

Step 3

MAIL all the paperwork and check to:

First Coast Head Race
Stanton Rowing Foundation
ATTN: Ted Riedeburg
1133 River Bank Court
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

Completed entry packets must be received no later than October 8, 2012.

Entry Changes

Any changes that need to be done after registration closes can be requested by sending an email to the regatta director at rowcoachjax@gmail.com

Race Fees

Registration Fees and Completed Packet must be received by October 10, 2011. Due to site limitations, the local organizing committee has placed a cap on the number of teams and/or the number of boats that can be entered. All entries will be taken on a first-come first-served basis. When your entries are received and accepted, an email will be sent to the contact person listed.

Entry Fees

Singles:	\$40
Doubles:	\$60
Pairs	\$60
Fours/Quads:	\$75
Eights:	\$90

CAP: \$1000.00 for team/club entries received on the same registration form.
Make checks payable to **Stanton Rowing**.

Scratch Policy

Scratches made after the coaches and coxswains meeting should be reported to registration at least one hour prior to the start of the race. A \$25.00 scratch fee will apply to each entry scratched after the meeting. Crews will also be charged \$25 if they are a no-show at the starting line.

NCAA Compliance

Colleges should review the event categories with their NCAA Compliance Office to assure collegiate athletes are in compliance with NCAA rules.

Handicapping

Masters handicapping will follow US Rowing guidelines. A factor of 4.8 will be used for the full course and a factor of 2.8 will be used for the short course.

Shortening the Course

Should bad water conditions at the start occur, we will shorten the course for safety. Typically the starting line would be moved approximately 500 meters north of the University Blvd. Bridge, shortening the course by about half.

Multiple Entries

When making entries in an event, a team's fastest boat shall be designated 'A' and so forth.

Alumni Eights

Persons who attended the same academic institution (named at the time of entry application) who are not currently enrolled at the institution in question and have graduated from that high school team (scholastic or club) or college.

2012 First Coast Head Race Schedule of Events – Times are Approximate								
Time	Event	Description	Categories		Time	Event	Description	Categories
8:00	1	M1X	Championship		10:20	41	W8	Championship
	2		AA Master			42		Masters
	3		Master			43		Youth
	4		Senior			44		Collegiate Novice
	5		Veteran			45		Youth Novice
	6		Youth		11:10	46	M4+	Championship
	7		Youth Ltwt			47		Masters
	8		Novice			48		Youth
	9		Youth < 15			49		Youth Lightweight
8:30	10	W1X	Championship			50		Collegiate Novice
	11		AA Master			51		Youth Novice
	12		Master		Break			
	13		Senior					
	14		Vet		1:30	52	2X	Adaptive
	15		Youth			53	2X	Adaptive
	16		Youth Ltwt		1:45	54	Mixed 8	Open
	17		Novice			55		Master
	18		Youth < 15			56		Alumni
9:00	19	M2-	Champ			57		Youth
	20		Master		2:00	58	Mixed 4X	Open
	21		Youth			59		Master
9:15	22	W2-	Champ			60		Youth
	23		Master		2:00	61	Mixed 2X	Open
	24		Youth			62		Master
9:30	25	W4X	Champ			63		Youth
	26		Master		2:15	64	Mixed 4+	Open
	27		Youth			65		Master
	28	M4X	Champ			66		Youth
	29		Master		2:30	67	W4+	Championship
	30		Youth			68		Masters
9:50	31	M2X	Championship			69		Youth
	32		AA Master			70		Youth Lightweight
	33		Master			71		Collegiate Novice
	34		Youth			72		Youth Novice
	35		Youth < 15		3:20	73	M8+	Youth Novice
10:05	36	W2X	Championship			74		Collegiate Novice
	37		AA Master			75		Masters
	38		Master			76		Youth
	39		Youth			77		Championship
	40		Youth < 15					

Categories

- **Championship**
The top-level boats that may be entered by clubs, colleges or elite programs. No Youth Rowers.
- **Collegiate Novice**
1st year collegiate rowers.
- **Youth**
A competitor who does not attain the age of 19 during 2012, or who has been continuously enrolled this academic year in at most a secondary school program, seeking a diploma. No collegiate rowers.
- **Youth Lightweight**
Women: 130 pounds or less Men: 160 pounds or less
- **Youth < 15**
Rowers 14 and under, born after October 15, 1998.
- **Novice**
Rowers with less than one year sculling and/or sweep experience. Coxswains need to be experienced for this course, so coxswains are exempt.
- **Mixed**
50% Male and female rowers in the same boat
- **Open**
Any Rower
- **Alumni**
Persons who attended the same academic institution (named at the time of entry application) who are not currently enrolled at the institution in question.
- **AA Master**
21 – 26 years of age. Inclusive as of December 31, 2012
- **Master 1X, 2X, 2-, 4X***
27 – 42 years of age, inclusive, as of December 31, 2012
- **Master 4+ and 8**
21 years of age and up, inclusive, as of December 31, 2012
- **Senior Master***
43 – 59 years of age, inclusive, as of December 31, 2012
- **Veteran Master***
60 years of age and above, inclusive, as of December 31, 2012

***You Can Not Row Down**

****Experienced Coxswains may run novice boats****

****Novice coxswains should not attempt this course****

Check In

Check in will begin Friday October 12, 2012, 4:45 pm – 6:30 pm, and continue on Saturday October 13, 2012 beginning at 6:00 am. A team coach must check in for the entire team. Masters' Clubs, notify your members of this.

Waivers

All competitors must sign the **FSRA liability waiver** from NOARA. Competitors under the age of 18 must sign **and** have a parent or guardian sign a minor's waiver. Please sign your waiver online by following the link below. We will cross reference your list of athletes online at the online verification site so we **MUST** have a list of your athletes prior to registration with your paperwork due on October 8, 2012. **This is the only acceptable waiver for the First Coast Head Race.** If your team is not in the database, choose "unaffiliated" from the drop down menu. http://www.noara.org/index.php?option=com_chronocontact&chronoformname=waiver_fl_scholastic

Friday Practice

Trailers may not enter the site until 4:30 PM. The site will be available for practice (weather permitting) Friday afternoon starting at 5:00 pm. Only teams that have cleared the registration process will be allowed on the water. Make sure all your forms are in. All boats must be off the water by 6:45 pm. No Exceptions. Teams will be assessed a warning for returning late to the dock. **Each Boat** of a warned team will start the race day Saturday with a warning!

Lightweight Weigh-In

Weigh-in for members of lightweight crews will take place on Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for the morning events. Scales will re-open from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for the afternoon event. The entire boat must be present for weigh-ins. Please have your completed lightweight forms at weigh-ins. Coxswains do not have to weigh in. Rowers will only get one chance to weigh-in.

Coaches, Coxswains, and Scullers Meeting

The Coaches, Coxswains, and Scullers Meeting is set for Saturday, October 13th at 7:00 am near the registration tent.

Bow Cards and Back Numbers

Bow cards and Race Bibs for Bow-seat and the Coxswain will be provided. Bow Cards must be returned at the completion of the race. Lost Bow Cards are subject to a \$10.00 fee. Boats racing without Bow Cards will be disqualified. Tape them on. Race bibs are not required for the Coxswain or Stroke in a Bow-coxed Four, **tape the race bib to the stern deck instead.**

Seeding

Seeding of Races will be at the discretion of the LOC. Factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, last year's finish in the First Coast Head Race and the 2012 spring regattas including the national, regional, state, and local races. All "A" entries will proceed "B" entries and so on. There will be no rearrangement of teams in an event for coaches' preference or need, including **Hot Seating.**

Awards

Medals will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes. Medals will be available near the registration area approximately one hour after the event, unless the race is protested. Only coaches may sign for and pick up team medals.

Events with two boats – Gold Only
Events with three boats – Gold and Silver
Events with four or more boats – Gold, Silver, and Bronze

Trailer Parking / Boat Storage

The State of Florida Children and Family Services Parking Lot will be used for Boat Storage. Please plan on arriving after 4:30 pm Friday. **No trailers or vehicles may enter the site until after 4:30 pm Friday.** There is limited room near the race site to wait for the correct time to enter. Please plan your travels accordingly. Trailers will be placed in the site on a first come – first serve basis. After parking the trailer, tow vehicles must unhook and move to the adjacent parking lot. For the safety of all participants, all trailers must remain until the end of racing on Saturday. Security will be provided Friday night; however, leaving boats, including car-topped boats, is at your own risk.

Team Tents

Team tents are **not** permitted on the grassy area near the launching/landing dock area and the adjacent shore. The area directly along the river will be kept clear for spectators. The tent area is limited to a first come – first served basis. **Team grills are not allowed. No Open Flames.** No team or parent vehicles or food trailers will be allowed to enter the tent area. All supplies must be carried in. Food Trailers will be required to park in the spectator / bus parking lot. Volunteers will be onsite Friday and Saturday to help direct tent placements. The Local Organizing Committee has the final authority to have tent moved or removed.

Spectator / Bus Parking

Directions to the site are available on the website. A \$5.00 parking donation will be collected for Spectator and Bus parking next the Race Site, as a donation for Brooks Adaptive Sports.

Hotels

The Host Hotel is the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk in downtown Jacksonville with plenty of parking available. The address is 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Please contact Gigi Kosalko at 904-421-4481 to book your rooms. There are also other hotels we recommend on our FCHR website (<http://www.fchr.org>).

Merchandise Sales

Sales of merchandise will be permitted only by advanced arrangement with the Stanton Rowing Foundation. For your merchandise to be sold you must contact Ted Riedeburg at rowcoachjax@gmail.com for requirements, forms, and fees. You must also meet any Local, State, or Federal requirements. See those entities for details.

Cancellation Policy

If, in the opinion of the race management, weather or other unforeseen events cause the race course or venue to become unfit or unsafe, the regatta or specific races / events will be cancelled. No refunds will be given.

2012 First Coast Head Race - Regatta Rules

Course

This course is a mirror image of the Head of the Charles; the skill required is very high. This challenging three mile (4.8K) course begins on the St. Johns River, winds down the beautiful Arlington River, and passes under three bridges. This is **not** a course for novice coxswains. Residential neighborhoods and marshes protect the majority of the race waters.

A Course map defining traffic flow will be available at Registration and on the website.

Call of Events

All times are subject to change. Final times will be distributed to registered teams and posted at the Regatta Headquarters.

Events will be called 1 hour prior to the start of the race. It is the responsibility of the crew to be at the marshalling area prior to the published start time. A crew that misses its correct order at the start may be penalized 10 seconds. A crew that arrives at the start after their event has run shall row exhibition only, or be excluded from the race at the starter's discretion.

Changes to Events

Stay alert to the possibility of schedule changes. The regatta committee reserves the right to combine or cancel events based on the number of entries received, or changes in weather conditions. The committee also reserves the right to delay or advance the starting times for any event.

Hot Seating

Allow a minimum of 2 hours for hot seating rowers or equipment. Plan accordingly. Crews late to the start may be penalized or disqualified.

(See Penalties)

Dock Area

The Dock master has absolute authority in the dock area and the course crossover area. Failure to follow instructions will result in assessed time penalties. There will be floating docks and a wet launch/landing area. Be prepared to launch or land at either site. The Organizing Committee will try to make sure the wet launch/landing area is clear of debris; however, please wear boat shoes to be safe.

All boats will be inspected prior to launching. Inspection will include bow balls, bow cards, and shoe heel tie downs. We will be following Rules of Rowing for the length of tie downs. A boat that is entered in multiple events will be inspected each time it is launched.

Equipment Adjustments

All equipment adjustments must be made in the staging area prior to launching.

Team Launch/Land Support

No oars are to be staged in the launch area or left in the landing area. Coaches and team members must support the launching and landing of each team boat.

Launching

Launching occurs at the race course Crossover Area between the second and third bridge (about 2 mile point). The dock master or official will inform you when and where to cross the course. Failure to follow the instructions will result in a time penalty of 60 seconds.

Course Markers

Orange buoys, yellow buoys, flags and banners mark the course. The bridge spans are marked on the columns or overhead (except the Mathews Bridge). Go between the marked columns and through the marked spans. Orange buoys to port and yellow buoys to starboard will form a chute at the approach to each bridge, and at the start and finish. The orange buoys will be on the Coxswain's left (port side) and yellow buoys will be on the Coxswain's right (starboard side) for the entire course. Although the course itself moves from the port to the starboard shore between the 2nd (University) and 3rd (Cesery) bridges, the orange buoys will remain to port after the Cesery Bridge. Cutting or missing any Orange or Yellow buoys will result in an assessed time penalty of 30 seconds.

Starting

There is a clockwise circle pattern in the warm-up area. The Starter / Marshall will arrange the crews so that crews cross the starting line at approximately 10 second intervals. Crews should remain near the Start Marshall to hear commands to the start line. A crew must yield to another crew being summoned to the starting area. A crew that misses its correct order at the start may be penalized 10 seconds. A crew that arrives at the start after their event has run shall row exhibition only, or be excluded from the race at the starter's discretion.

Right of Way

A crew is deemed to be overtaking another crew when it has moved to within one length of open water of the crew ahead. On those portions of the course that are straight, a crew being overtaken shall move to the right and allow the overtaking crew to pass. Where the course turns, a crew being overtaken shall move to the outside of the turn and allow the overtaking crew to pass along the shorter path. Nevertheless, passing is not allowed, nor is the crew being overtaken required to yield, in cases where the overtaking crew's position clearly prevents safe passage or where there is insufficient room to yield. In the event a crew does not yield, a 30 second penalty will be assessed.

Passing

Passing is allowed along the entire course **except** the 90 degree turn by the Episcopal dock, or in any unsafe condition, such as the same bridge span. A 60 second penalty will be assessed for unsafe passing.

Return

Quickly clear the finish line, turn and hug the starboard shore. Remain in single file to the launch/landing site. A 30 second penalty will be assessed if you do not move out of the finish line area quickly. Once back to the launch/land area you will be directed to a landing spot.

Protests

Protests for a race must be filed on water at the finish line with an official. You will have one hour from the end of your race to file the written protest with regatta headquarters (near registration) and pay the required \$25 fee (cash only).

**FIRST COAST HEAD RACE
2012**

PENALTIES

1. A crew that misses its correct order at the start may be penalized 10 seconds. A crew that arrives at the start after their event has run shall row exhibition only or be excluded from the race at the Starter's or Marshall's discretion.
2. A crew that fails to yield to a crew being summoned to the starting area, or that otherwise interferes with the staging area, shall be penalized 10 seconds by the Starter or Marshall.
3. A crew that crosses the starting line without its required bow number will be penalized 60 seconds. Be prepared for rough water. Tape the bow marker with duct tape.
4. A crew that fails to yield to a crew having the proper right of way shall be penalized 30 seconds.
5. Where Orange and Yellow buoys mark the boundaries of the course, and in particular mark turns on the course, a crew shall be penalized 30 seconds for each buoy the crew passes incorrectly. A crew passes a buoy incorrectly when any part of its hull passes on the wrong side of the buoy. Oars may cross the buoys without penalty.
6. A crew that fails to adhere to the Dock master's instructions while their boat is on the water, especially in regard to crossing the race course, shall be penalized 60 seconds.
7. Any crew that passes or tries to pass at the Episcopal turn, or any other unsafe passing area (such as under the same bridge span), shall be penalized 60 seconds.
8. Any crew that fails to clear the Finish Line immediately will be penalized 30 seconds.

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Medical Information Form

Organization Name: _____

Contact / Coach's Name and Phone Number: _____

	Last Name	# and Event	Seat	Condition
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- This form must be turned in at registration.
- Please list all conditions that the officials / staff need to know about in event order.
- If you change a lineup and change the seat or event of someone on this list, please inform the Regatta Headquarters.
- Team with no medical conditions should turn in a form with "None" written on it.
- Use multiple sheets if needed.
- To be cleared to race, please turn this sheet in to registration.

These are all the rower medical conditions that I know of.

Contact Signature: _____

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Competitor Listing Form

Alphabetically list all athletes and cross reference with your online waivers to make sure all your athletes have signed the waiver through NOARA.

Name	Name
1.	31.
2.	32.
3.	33.
4.	34.
5.	35.
6.	36.
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10.	40.
11.	41.
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13.	43.
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27.	57.
28.	58.
29.	59.
30.	60.

Organization Name: _____

Contact / Coach's Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact / Coach's Signature: _____

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LIGHTWEIGHT WEIGH-IN FORM

FILL OUT AND BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU TO WEIGH IN.

Weigh-in Guidelines

1. Weigh-in begins at 6:30 am and ends at 8:30 a.m. for the morning events. The scales will re-open from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for the afternoon race.
2. Team coach or adult representative must be present during weigh-in.
3. Reweigh allowed if athlete is within 1 pound of the event maximum.
4. The whole boat weighs in at the same time.
5. Athletes will weigh-in wearing racing uniform.
6. No weight allowance given for items athlete is wearing during weigh-in.
7. Alternates will weigh in with the team.
8. The weigh-in official will notify the regatta director of those who do not make weight.
9. **Boy's weight, 160 lbs., No Average. Girl's weight 130 lbs., No Average.**

Event Number/Name _____

Team _____

Please print or type competitor's names.

First Name

Last Name

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Alternate _____

Alternate _____

THIS COMPLETED FORM IS REQUIRED AT WEIGH IN.

