



Regatta Package

General Information

Host: Georgian Bay Rowing Club

Date: September 7, 2024

Location: Gull Lake Rotary Park, Gravenhurst Ontario
450 Brock Street, Gravenhurst Ontario P1P 1H4

Please see page 5 for important communication details (WhatsApp).

Course Description:

The Muskoka Fall Classic is a 3000 metre head race, with a course marked by buoys every 250 metres. This event will offer wet and dry launch options. The distance from the launch to the starting area is 3.0 kms - this serves as warm up and race length. The regatta course is on a public lake, so it is not possible to control other boats on the water. Effort has been made to communicate with local cottagers. Rowers are expected to stay to one side of the buoys that delineate traffic moving to the start line and rowers who are racing.

Launch and Start Times (approximate):

Divisions 1

Launch: 8:30 Race Start: 9:15

Division 2

Launch: 9:40 Race Start: 10:40

Division 3

Launch 10:50 Race Start 11:50

- Lunch Break and Announcements - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Division 4

Launch: 1:00 Race Start: 2:00

Division 5

Launch: 2:10 Race Start: 3:10

Rowers may not launch before the launch times for their Division. Announcements will be made to call rowers to launch, including through WhatsApp.

Should weather conditions become unsafe for racing, the Chief Umpire may delay or cancel the regatta. Due to the costs of preparing and hosting this regatta, it is impossible for the club to offer refunds in case of cancellation due to weather.

To Register Your Entry

1. Enter your events at Regatta Central
2. Make your payments online through Regatta Central
3. Regatta Central will add Rowing Canada and Row Ontario seat fees to all entries
4. Entry Deadline: September 1, 2024 at midnight

Entry Regulations

- Two or more entries are required in each event to ensure a race. If there is only one boat in an event, the event will be considered to be an exhibition event and no prize awarded
- Competitors must be named to a boat; all boats must have full crews
- Each club shall be responsible for the provision of its equipment as well as conduct & physical fitness of all its competitors. Uni suits must be up at all times and/or a t-shirt must be worn.
- Races will be every 20 seconds except between the end of singles and beginning of eights, and possibly other crews depending on the umpire's judgement, where a longer interval will be observed/recorded.

Other rules of the regatta

- Photo ID will not be required. However, rowing in place of another rower is not permitted, unless for medical reasons.
- There are no weigh-in facilities and therefore coxswains will not be weighed nor are there weight restricted categories.
- The course is a 3.0 km head race without lanes. Rowers are expected to stay to one side of the buoys that delineate traffic moving to the start line and rowers who are racing.
- As the regatta course is on a public lake, it is not possible to control other boats on the water. Effort has been made to communicate with local cottagers.
- If a boat flips during the race, the rower(s) may get back in and resume racing. If outside assistance or contact is made, even with a safety boat, the entry will be excluded.

Exceptions

2.1 (some competitors may compete for more than one club). This will allow for more entries and this will benefit smaller clubs that may not be able to otherwise compete.

2.3 (Proof of Age and Identity) -no proof is required

2.4 (Coxswains). Age categories will not apply to coxswains. This will allow for flexibility for smaller clubs.

2.5/2.6 (Weigh ins for coxswains). Coxswains will not be weighed in.

2.8 – No Masters Age Adjusted Time system will be applied

Age Categories

Age categories will be as follows:

- U15
- U19
- U23/Senior
- Masters (21 - 49)
- Grand Masters (50+)
- Senior Grand Masters (60+)

Regatta Fees

Entry Fees (CAD) are as follows:

- Singles - \$55 plus seat fees
- Doubles /Pairs - \$70 plus seat fees
- Fours/Quads - \$95 plus seat fees
- Eights - \$140 plus seat fees

Scratch/No Show Fees:

All crews entered in the draw, who do not launch, will be assessed a \$50 fee for a “no show” or “scratch” penalty.

Name Change Deadline:

Name changes must be made no later than Friday, September 6, 2024 at 12 pm.

Regatta Office/Control Commission

The Regatta Office will be located at the Lifeguard Pavillion on the beach and open from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, September 7, 2024.

A phone number has been put on the Safety Map in case of emergency as a backup to satellite radios.

A Whatsapp group (MFC 2024) has been set up to provide outward communication to athletes, umpires and coaches throughout the day. A QR Code will be provided on site as well as on the Course Map which is distributed to all clubs that can be scanned to add the event as a contact.

Dock Marshals

- There will be one Launch Dock Marshal (on launch dock, southernmost dock) who will assign launch dock or beach space and manage the launch procedure and timing.
- There will be one Return Dock Marshal (on a return dock, northernmost dock) who will assign return dock or beach space and will manage the crew return procedure and timing.
- All crews and coaches are expected to immediately follow the directions of these Marshals or the Umpires and respect their decisions.
- FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE DIRECTIONS OF A MARSHAL or an Umpire MAY RESULT IN A TIME PENALTY OF 30 SECONDS AS DETERMINED BY AN UMPIRE.

Racing - TIME PENALTIES

Approaching the Start from the North side of the Island - A 5 second penalty will be assigned to crews who do not follow the traffic pattern (around the South or back side of the island) and attempt to approach the start from the north side.

Late to the start - A 30 second penalty will be assessed to crews with a bow number at or near the front of the Division, who leave their launch time until the very last moment, thus holding up the start of the Division. That is, crews that delay and do not launch within 30 minutes of the designated Start time for their Division will be warned that they may get a 30-second penalty.

Passing under the Bridge is not permitted and will result in a 20 second penalty- If one crew is gaining on another approaching the bridge, then the umpire will give priority to one crew who should move ahead and pass through the bridge first, while the slower crew should give way, and pass through secondarily. That is, that the crews should row through the bridge in single file. A 20 second penalty will be assigned if crews overtake under the bridge.

Crossing the Buoy Line - A 10 second time penalty will be assigned to crews who cross the buoy line

during racing, with **10 seconds for each buoy** on which the hull of the boat passes on the up-lane side of the course.

Not Crossing Finish Line Between Buoys - A **10 second penalty** will be assigned to crews who fail to pass between the two Finish buoys.

Code of Conduct

Behaviour which includes but is not limited to foul, abusive or profane language and/or arm or hand gestures WILL NOT be permitted at the Regatta Site before, during or after any racing. The Georgian Bay Rowing Club's Safe Sport Policy, including the Code of Conduct will be in effect at this regatta. Any behaviour that violates the Code of Conduct by athletes, coaches, umpires, volunteers or spectators may result in immediate exclusion from the Race or future races at the discretion of the Regatta Chair and/or the Chief Umpire.

Coaches & Coxswains Meetings

- A meeting for all Coaches, Coxswains, and bow persons (sculling) will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 7:45 am at the snack bar pavilion. There will be sign-in for each club.
- A Zoom call could be arranged for club coaches on Thurs. Sept. 5 at 7:30 pm.
- All crews will be responsible for knowing the information delivered at the meeting.

Medal Presentations and Results

This regatta is pleased to offer pots of locally made GOLDEN HONEY to the first place winners as a prize. Results will be posted at the snack bar and the lifeguard pavilions as well as through the Muskoka Fall Classic 2024 WhatsApp. The organizing committee will endeavor to award pots as quickly as 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last race of each division. Pots will be awarded at the lifeguard pavilion.

GENERAL RULES

The 2024 RCA Rules of Racing apply to all situations not covered above.

MAPPING

Mapping will be made available through Regatta Central. Copies are accessible via the following link:

Parking and Course Maps:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QEFSEO_TVIGrGofiD1leoFqXSJLmgusx/view?usp=sharing

MUSKOKA FALL CLASSIC 2024 Receive news here:

All participants, competitors and coaches, are requested to use the WhatsApp group for updates on information, including results and any changes to schedule, for example a weather alert during the day.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FupkLOXsh1278BnGyZU2rM>

WhatsApp group



