



Hamilton Double Dam Regatta

**Youth, High School,
Masters, Collegiate, Open
3,800m Head Race**

October 22, 2011

Presented by



Come and see how great the Great Miami is at the Hamilton Double Dam Regatta! We've included more sculling events, added more dock space and are planning fun family activities to complement the racing including;

- Hunt for a geocache along the Great Miami River Recreational Trail. Its a modern treasure hunt! Read up on the growing adventure [here](#).
- Hit the concessions booth for crafts and games for kids sponsored by the Hamilton Underground Buzz and the Fitton Center for Creative Arts.
- Take a stroll on a historic walking tour in some of Hamilton's oldest and most beautiful neighborhoods.
- See [images](#) of previous GMRC events on our website.
- Check out news articles about our events at the [Hamilton Journal News](#).

Come Race in Hamilton

Located in Southwest Ohio, the City of Hamilton is centrally located between the Cincinnati and Dayton metropolitan areas.

The Course. The Great Miami River in downtown Hamilton provides a superb venue for rowing. The area between the Hamilton Low Dam (lower dam) and the Two-Mile Low Dam (upper dam) is an untapped rowing resource with limited power boat access. The river has high man-made levee walls that are soft and easily absorb wakes.

Unparalleled Spectating. The levee provides a very sheltered canal-like river. Leave your binoculars at home, the view of the race course is perfect in Hamilton. Additionally, the levee shelters the water so that the course only gets rough or unrowable when the wind conditions are very severe.

Housing Options. We can offer a variety of housing options for incoming teams. Stay at Hamilton's new [Courtyard by Marriott](#) and watch the races from your hotel window, or let us help you find cheap housing at local churches or YMCA camps.

Welcoming Community. Hamilton is designated as '[The City of Sculpture](#)' and is home to a brilliant inventory of sculptures reflecting the community's commitment to the arts. If you enjoy outdoor art exhibitions, Hamilton is the place to be.

Bikes and Easy Trailering. Bring your bike! With it you can follow the races from the Great Miami River Recreational Trail on the east and west sides of the river. Trailer parking and access is easy. While we do operate in a city center, we are centrally located adjacent to State Rd 129. No trailer ballet is required here!

We hope to see you on the water in Hamilton this fall. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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EVENTS OFFERED

	1x	2x	4x	4+	8+	Ltwt 4+	Ltwt 8+	Novice 4+	Novice 8+
Masters/Open Men	x	x	x	x	x				
Masters/Open Women	x	x	x	x	x				
Masters/Open Mixed		x		x	x				
Open Mixed								x	x
Youth Men		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Youth Women		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Collegiate				x					

COURSE

The 3,800 meter course is on the Great Miami River. The starting line is south of the City Boat Ramp and runs north to a point south Black Street Bridge. The race course maintains 2/3rds of the eastern bank of the river and runs north against the flow. Crews can use either the middle or eastern bridge spans while on the course.

WARM –UP

The warm-up lane is the western 1/3 of the river. Boats should launch with their bow headed south. The warm-up lane runs under the western bridge piers of the Rail Road Bridge and Columbia Bridge.

There is NO passing at the Rail Road Bridge — the first bridge that crews encounter after leaving the dock.

ALL boats will launch from the Great Miami Rowing Center dock located in its regular position near the Main/High Street Bridge.

ENTRIES

All competitors may participate in multiple events. However, competitors are responsible for allowing sufficient time to race in one event, land, re-queue, and launch in time for an additional event. Competitors will not be allowed to land or launch out of order. Hot-seating of athletes and/or boats is strongly discouraged but is allowed if ample time is available for the athletes and/or boats.

Entries must be received with entry fee no later than Saturday, October 16, 2011 at midnight PDT.

Entries are to be submitted online via Regatta Central (www.regattacentral.com). Registration is open from August 18th to October 16th. Late entries can be accommodated but they are subject to a \$25 late fee per entry.

Masters competitors must submit date(s) of birth for all competitors during the entry process. Crews with missing or incomplete date of birth information will race as a 27-year-old rower.

Confirmed entries will be posted on www.regattacentral.com.

Entry Fees are:

1x = \$40
2x = \$45
4x /+ = \$50
8+ = \$65

Waivers will be accepted through Regatta Central's on-line system. Directions for on-line submission of waivers can be found at www.regattacentral.com. Login to Regatta Central or become a New User by clicking on the "Join Now" link and following the steps to create a new account. Under "My Affiliations" make sure you have listed the team(s) you are associated with. Then, in the "My Roster" box click on "Instructions for US Rowing Waiver Submission" and follow the directions. Please feel free to contact Regatta Central Support at 614-360-2922 M-F 9am-5pm EST or e-mail support@regattacentral.com.

Paper waivers (available as a pdf file under the "Join/Renew" tab at www.usrowing.org) may be sent to the Registration Chair: 426 Main Street Hamilton, OH 45013

All waivers must be available on-line or received by October 16th.

COMPETITORS' TENTS

Competitors may put up tents for protection from the elements. The tents must be set up on the grass lawn along the river.

REGISTRATION

Scullers and crew representatives must check in with Regatta Registration by 9AM on the day of racing.

All scratches must be reported at least one (1) hour prior to an event. You will be charged a scratch fee.

BOW MARKERS

Bow markers will be given out at the Control Commission. Bow markers must be affixed on the bow of the racing shell by way of an appropriate holder.

SAFETY

- All shells must be equipped with a bow ball.
- Each set of shoes within the shell must be equipped with properly-secured heel tie-downs.
- A boat in which the body of the coxswain is enclosed or partially enclosed within the hull of the boat shall conform to the following requirements:
 - The opening through which the coxswain enters and exits shall be at least 2.30 feet (70 cm) long when measured along the longitudinal axis of the boat. For a length of at least 1.64 feet (50 cm), the opening shall be as wide as the inner hull of the boat itself. The inner surface within which the coxswain's body rests shall be smooth and free of any obstacles, devices, or other structures that would hinder quick exit.

REFUNDS

The Great Miami Rowing Center will NOT refund scratches communicated to the Registrar beyond the October 16th entry close date.

RESULTS

After the race, official results will be available on the Great Miami Rowing Center web site at www.greatmiamirowingcenter.com as well as other rowing websites.

Additionally, they will be available within an hour of each race at the Results Board at the Control Commission.

2011 RULES AND REGULATIONS

It is the responsibility of all competitors to be familiar with the Racing Rules that follow as well as those Rules of Rowing as published by US Rowing that may be applicable to the Regatta. The Hamilton Fall Classic is a USRowing Registered Regatta.

COACHES', COXSWAINS', AND SCULLERS' MEETING

A mandatory meeting will take place 90mins before the start of the first race Saturday morning at the Control Commission Tent. A time for the meeting will be posted with the finalized schedule in the week prior to the event.

HAMILTON FALL CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS

All competitors must be eligible for the event division in which they are competing. Any crew containing an ineligible competitor will be violating the rules and will be disqualified from the Regatta.

Failure to comply will cause the results of the competitor(s) to be excluded.

MASTERS

In accordance with USRowing Rules, a master is a competitor who has attained or will attain the age of 21 during the current calendar year.

Age is determined by the competitor's age as of December 31, 2011, rounded down to the nearest whole number. Average age of a boat will be used for multiple-competitor boats. Masters events will be divided into as many separate USRowing Masters categories as possible. The Hamilton Fall Classic retains the right to combine categories if less than three entries have been received in any one category.

Masters crew shall be comprised exclusively of Masters Rowers, but the coxswain need not be a Master. Masters crews shall be classified by age according to the following categories:

- (AA) 21 to 26 years,
- (A) 27 to 35 years,
- (B) 36 to 42 years,
- (C) 43 to 49 years,
- (D) 50 to 54 years,
- (E) 55 to 59 years,
- (F) 60 to 64 years,
- (G) 65 to 69 years,
- (H) 70 to 74 years,
- (I) 75 to 79 years,
- (J) 80 and over.

The age category of a Masters crew shall be determined by the average age of the rowers in the crew, rounded down to the nearest whole number. The age of a coxswain shall not be counted. The ages of individual rowers need not fall within the age category, so long as each rower is a Master and so long as the average age of the crew falls within the applicable category.

Handicaps will be applied for all boats using the Standard USRowing handicaps for a 1,000 meter course and will be multiplied by 2.5 to factor for the length of the course. Please see <http://www.usrowing.org/uploads/docs/rulesofrowing.pdf> for more information.

Mixed Boats. Must contain at least equal numbers of women as it includes men (may contain more women than men).

FACILITIES

Portable sanitary facilities will be located at 110 N. B Street, Hamilton, Ohio.

Concessions providing food, beverages, t-shirts, posters and programs will be located on top of the levy.

THE RACE COURSE

The 3,800 meter course is on the Great Miami River. The starting line is just south of the City Boat Ramp and runs north to the Black Street Bridge.

- The race course will be marked with buoys about 50 meters apart.
- Starting marshals located above the start line will assist as crews order themselves by bow marker and event.
- After launching and when finished racing, boats must proceed back to the dock and wait in line for a spot to open on the upstream side of docks.
- All competitors are responsible for being familiar with the course. Please consult the course map in Appendix 2.

COURSE SAFETY

Competitors and coxswains must review the course maps carefully to locate shallow areas and bad water. The river is closed to all boat traffic during the race.

WARM-UP

Each entrant must be in the starting/marshalling area ten (10) minutes prior to their scheduled starting time. The dockmaster will make two calls for launching crews 40 and 30 minutes prior to the start times.

The warm-up lane is located on the western shoreline. The course then takes up 2-3 lanes in the middle and eastern lanes and runs north.

RACING

While racing, boats must stay on the designated buoyed racecourse. Oar blades may go over buoys but the hull of the shell must stay on the course.

FINISH

The finish is clearly marked by two large buoys. Once beyond the buoys, crews must immediately turn and continue towards the dock area.

PROTESTS

All protests must be filed within 30 minutes of the end of the race in which the violation occurred. The crew's coxswain or representative rower/sculler must indicate the crew's intent to file a protest to the course marshal at the finish line or to the dockmaster on shore at the docks/launching area.

Protest forms are available at the Race Control/Communications tent near the finish line. Protest forms must be filed directly with a USRA race official. Have a representative from the protesting crew available during the judge and referee deliberations.

A \$25 filing fee is required at the time a protest is filed. In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited.

AWARDS

All medals or ribbons will be awarded at the Awards Tent located near Control Commission. Gold medals/ribbons will be awarded to the top finisher in each division.

Any events under protest may delay the awarding of medals for that event. All protests will be adjudicated by US Rowing officials at the officials' meeting following the final race of the day. Medals not awarded or retrieved 30 minutes after the last race will be mailed after the event.

CONTACTS AND LINKS

Race Director: Frances Mennone

Race Website:

www.greatmiamirowing.com/hamiltonfallclassic09

Registration:

www.RegattaCentral.com

e-mail: support@RegattaCentral.com

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

Volunteer Parking is available at the Inloes parking lot located at the address below:

157 N B St

Hamilton, OH 45013-3102

Spectator Parking Plenty of street parking along B Street to the north. Plus additional parking is available in several City of Hamilton lots (free of charge) across the bridge from our site. The lots are located at the north east corner of Market and Front Streets and the south east corner of Market and Front Streets. Please see attached parking maps.

Trailers and car topped boats will be parked at the Rowing Center site:

110 N. B Street

Hamilton, OH 45011

OFFICIAL HOTEL

Courtyard by Marriott, Hamilton

1 Riverfront Plaza

Hamilton, Ohio 45011 USA

Phone: 1-513-896-6200

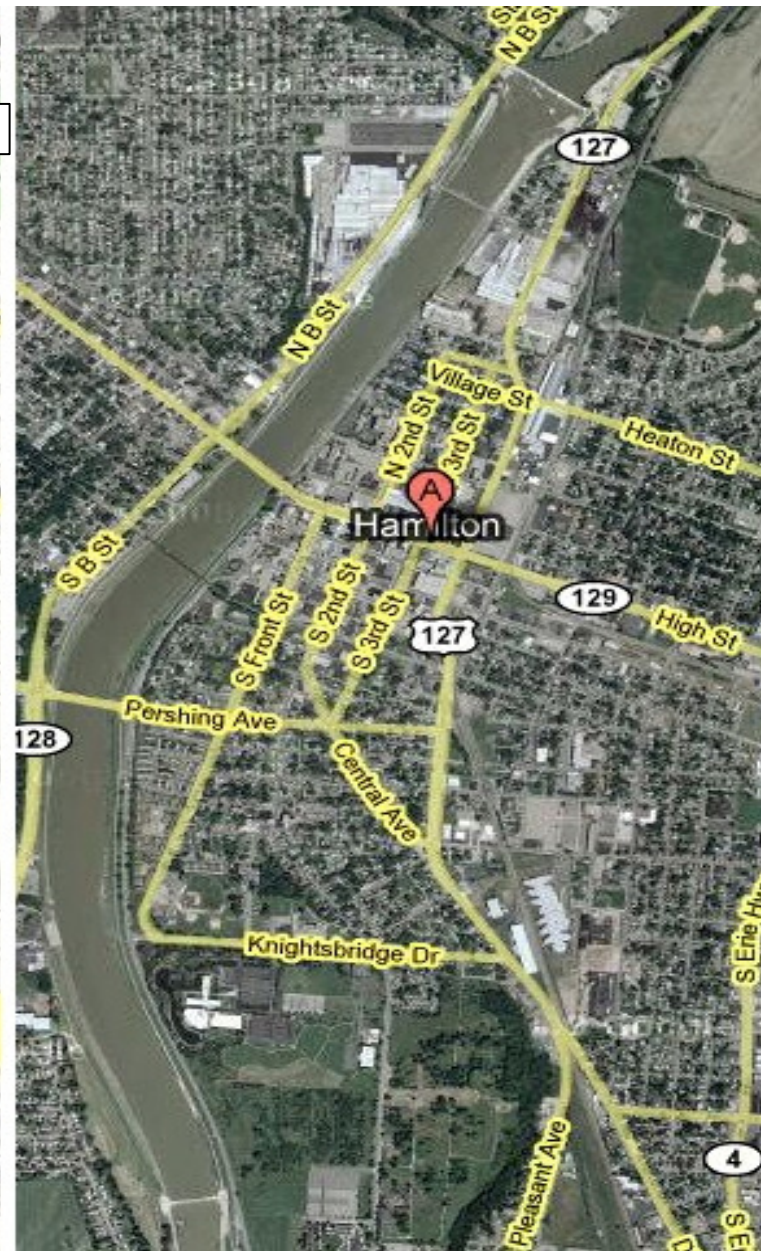
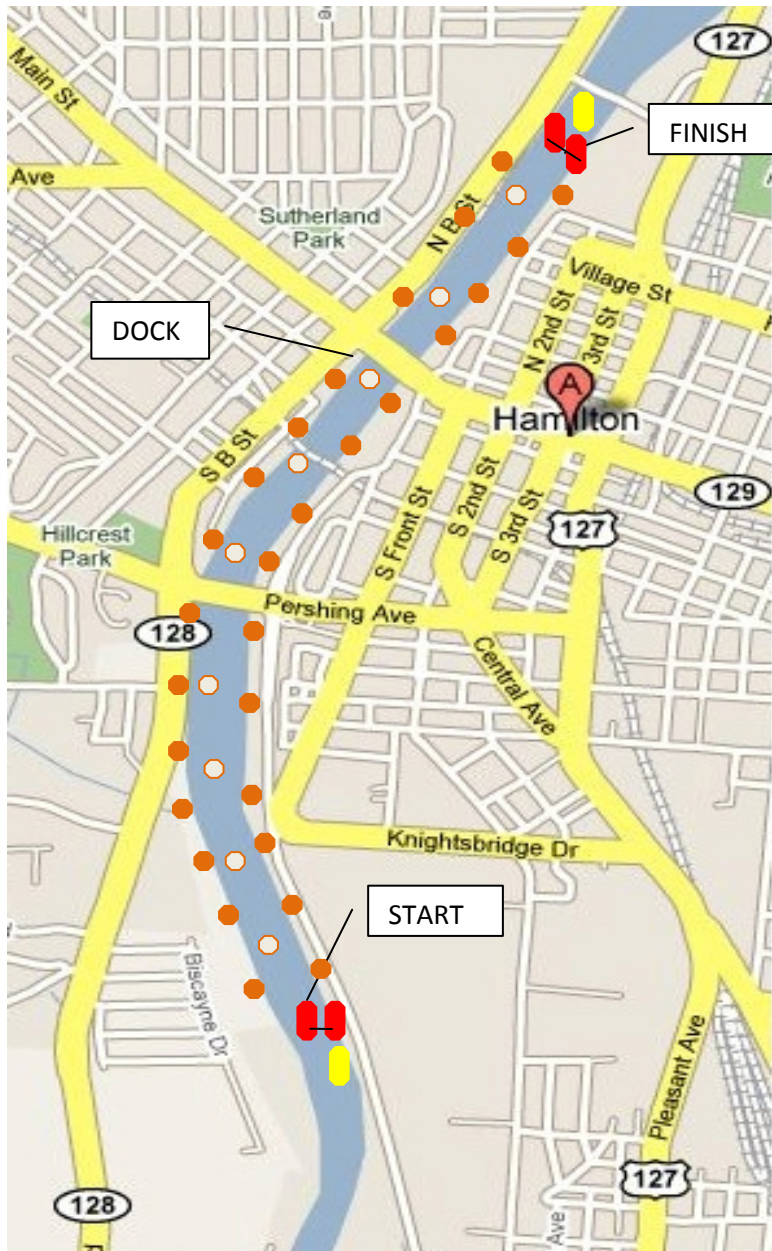
Toll-free: 1-800-606-2813





Hamilton Double Dam


Anticipated schedule/Subject to change. New events highlighted.


Saturday, Oct 22		
1	9:00 AM	Womens Masters/Open 1x
2	9:07 AM	Mixed Open Novice 4+
3	9:14 AM	Mens Masters/Open 2x
4	9:21 AM	Mens Youth 8+
5	9:28 AM	Mens Youth Novice 8+
6	9:35 AM	Womens Youth 4+
7	9:42 AM	Womens Youth/Masters/Open 4x
8	9:49 AM	Collegiate Womens 4+
9	9:56 AM	Womens Youth Novice 4+
10	10:03 AM	Mens Masters/Open 1x
		21 Min Break
11	10:24 AM	Mens Youth Ltwt 8+
12	10:31 AM	Mixed Open Novice 8+
13	10:38 AM	Mens Masters/Open 4+
14	10:45 AM	Womens Youth Ltwt 4+
15	10:52 AM	Mens Youth/Masters/Open 4x
16	10:59 AM	Womens Masters/Open 8+
17	11:06 AM	Mens Youth 2x
18	11:13 AM	Mens Youth 4+
		1 hour Lunch Break
19	12:13 PM	Womens Masters Open 2-
20	12:20 PM	Womens Youth Novice 8+
21	12:27 PM	Mens Youth Novice 4+
22	12:34 PM	Womens Masters/Open 2x
23	12:41 PM	Mens Collegiate 4+
24	12:48 PM	Mens Youth Ltwt 4+
25	12:55 PM	Mixed Masters/Open 8+
26	1:02 PM	Womens Youth Ltwt 8+
27	1:09 PM	Mixed Masters/Open 4+
28	1:16 PM	Mixed Masters/Open 2x
29	1:23 PM	Womens Masters/Open 4+
		21 Min Break
30	1:44 PM	Womens Youth 2x
31	1:51 PM	Mens Masters/Open 8+
32	1:58 PM	Womens Youth 8+
33	2:05 PM	Mens Masters Open 2-



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10 COURSE BOUYS
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8 START/FINISH BOUYS
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2 TURN BOUYS
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20 HAZARD JUGS

Parking Map for GMRC Events

