

G C R A Greater Columbus Rowing Association

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2019



WELCOME TO THE 36TH ANNUAL

JACK SPEAKMON MEMORIAL REGATTA

Hosted by Greater Columbus Rowing Association

The Greater Columbus Rowing Association is proud to host the thirty fifth annual Jack Speakman Memorial Regatta in Columbus on Sunday, October 27, 2019. This regatta features some of the fastest crews in the rowing community, from High School, Collegiate, Masters and Adaptive classes, competing on the waters of the Scioto River at Griggs Reservoir.

Established in 1983, The Jack Speakman Memorial Regatta has become one of the most popular and challenging fall rowing events in the Midwest. Possessing a sincere interest in water activity, Jack served as one of the City's liaisons with the Columbus Waterways Safety Committee, resulting in safer boating practices and a wider range of allowed activities.

The course curves along the natural riverscape of the Scioto River and is set against a colorful backdrop of peak fall foliage. With walking paths along the river's edge for multiple observation opportunities, the Speakman is both a participant and spectator's delight.

New in 2019:

- Parent Child Row – For fun- 2000M
- Hospitality ten is now a Suite in a building with patio viewing! Get tickets early they will sell out fast!

Returning from 2019:

- Henley-style starts
- Costumed rows welcome!
- Medals for 1st through 3rd places
- Vendors Row
- Food Trucks
- Adaptive athletes will participate in mid-day events on a shortened course lined with spectators.
- Hospitality Suite - \$40 gets you all-day access to warmth, comfort, food and goodies courtesy of GCRA volunteers.
- Lightweight events
- Hydration Station bring your water bottles!
- Parking improvements to ensure protection of the waterway and the rehabilitation efforts underway by the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

We hope to see your rowers, coaches, and supporters here on October 28th to showcase the great rowing venue that GCRA and Upper Arlington Crew get to enjoy everyday. Our goal is to provide you with the best fall racing experience in the Midwest! Please contact our Regatta Director at gcraregattadirector@gmail.com with any questions or special needs. The information in this packet details the regatta information, including the rules that will apply at the regatta.

See you on the water!

Laurie Gunzelman

President GCRA 2019

Speakman Regatta Director

ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY RULES

CLASSIFICATIONS

The following classifications are used at this regatta:

Collegiate	Students must be enrolled in college during the current academic year. This category has been created to provide a category for those schools which must comply with NCAA regulations. This category is not open to high school programs or other potential NCAA prospects.
Frosh	The Frosh category is provided for collegiate freshman rowers. These rowers may compete regardless of high school rowing experience.
Junior/High School	Students must be enrolled in High School during the current academic year. Scholastic (same schools) and youth (composite) crews may enter these events. Junior/High School rowers are allowed to participate in the High School and open categories. However, individual Junior rowers are restricted to competing in a total of two events.
Masters	Rowers who will have attained age 27 on or before December 31, 2018. Rowers who will have attained the age of 21 on or before December 31, 2018 can also participate in masters events at this regatta, but the average age of the rowers (coxswain age not included) in the boat must be at least 27.
Mixed Crew	Must have an equal number of each gender rowing in the boat. Crews with uneven numbers of each gender can row exhibition. Coxswains can be either gender and does not count towards the number of each gender rowing in the boat.
Novice	Any rower who started rowing after January 1, 2019 may enter these events. Seasoned sweep rowers who began sculling after January 1, 2019 may enter novice sculling events. Seasoned scullers who began sweep rowing after January 1, 2019, may enter novice sweep events.
Open	Any rower or crew. Crews with rowers who may not fit the master or junior categories (such as a father-son double, a men's 8 of varying ages, or 19- or 20-year-olds not in college) or any crews who wish to compete in this category.
Lightweight	The weight limits are as follows: Men: 160; Women: 130 There are no official weigh-ins at this regatta. It is on the honor system

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HANDICAP

An age handicap system will be implemented. All rowers competing as masters will receive a handicap in the results. Any master's entrant failing to indicate a birth date on the entry form will be entered as a 21-year-old competitor. This regatta follows the formula and process for handicaps established by US Rowing adjusted for the approximate length of the course.

Entry Applications shall be accepted only from USA residents that are either individual members of USRowing or members of a USRowing-member institution, and from foreign nationals that are in good standing with their nation's FISA-recognized governing body.

ENTRIES

All entries, payments and waivers must be submitted on-line at Regatta Central (www.regattacentral.com)

Regatta Central will accept entries, payments and waivers until midnight EDT on October 20, 2019. After that date, entries will be viewable only.

Entries that are not complete (i.e. incomplete info or incomplete waivers) or are not paid in full by the entry deadline will be removed.

Late Entries: No late entries will be accepted.

Technical questions regarding use of Regatta Central should be directed to: support@regattacentral.com (please no regatta-related questions)

All regatta-related questions to: GCRAREgattadirector@gmail.com

ENTRY LIMITS

Our event permit only allows for 500 entries. Entries are on a first come, first serve basis. If the entry limit has been reached, your entry will go on the waiting list. We will notify your team contact if scratches occur and your entry is accepted.

ENTRY FEES

The list of fees is as follows:

Eights:	\$90
Fours:	\$70
Quads:	\$70
Pairs:	\$50
Doubles:	\$50
Singles:	\$35

Fee cap: \$1,000.00 per club. Note: to receive this fee cap all entries must be submitted under one account per club. No late entries will be accepted.

Scratched entries are eligible for a full refund if the scratch information is received by midnight, Sunday, October 20, 2019. No other refunds shall be made.

SEEDING

The order of the participants in the event will be randomly assigned with weighting given by the rank provided during registration.

CLOTHING STANDARDS

During the race, all members of a crew should wear shirts of a uniform design and color to help officials in identifying crews. Failure to wear team colors may result in inaccurately recorded racing times. Please notify the dock master if you are using borrowed blades.

COMPOSITE CREWS

Composite crews (rowers from more than one crew in a boat) must register as such and may wear their own team's uniform. Composite crews are not eligible for team points.

The Jack Speakmon Memorial Regatta follows the current USROWING Rule of Rowing unless otherwise noted.

BOW NUMBERS

Coxswain shirt numbers will be provided at check-in to crews who have properly submitted their entry materials (entry forms, signed waivers and fees). Bow numbers will be distributed by the dockmaster as crews launch. Crews without both bow and coxswain shirt numbers will not be permitted to launch.

Bib numbers must be worn visibly on the back of each single sculler or bow rower. Bib numbers must also be worn on the back of all coxswains of stern coxed boats.

Bow markers are the property of the regatta and must be returned to the recovery dock area immediately following the race. A \$50 fee per missing bow marker will be charged to reprint lost bow markers.

RACE TIMES AND BOAT ORDER

It is the Regatta's intention to start crews for each event together and in-order. First call only will be made before each race.

The Regatta will not allow crews that arrive late to the line to race. All crews should allow a minimum of 45 minutes to launch and row to the start line to make their scheduled event. Teams should allow enough time to adjust for weather conditions.

Coaches should NOT plan to use any rowers/equipment in events that are less than 90 minutes apart. Crews wishing to hot seat either boat and/or rowers shall notify the dockmaster at the time of launch and at the time of recovery. The dockmaster will help facilitate hot seating to the greatest degree possible. Hot seating is expected to take no longer than 2-3 minutes. If hot seating includes changing oars, the oars may not be brought onto the dock until the boat is within an arm's length of the dock.

ADAPTIVE EVENTS

Adaptive events will be highlighted before lunch break this year. Please contact Helmut Berthold, hfbertold@gmail.com, to coordinate your adaptive event. We want the adaptive races to be as inclusive as possible to celebrate the athletes. If you have an adaptive athlete(s) that do not fit into the PR1, 2 or 3 classifications, please let us know and we will create an event that is the best match. We also have equipment available for your use if transporting your equipment is a concern.

DOCKMASTER

Dockmasters are in charge of the order and activity of boats at the launch and recovery docks. In addition, our dockmasters are valued members of the regatta staff. Subject to the direction of any referee, boats are requested and required to follow the directions of the dockmaster in determining the order of who launches or docks. Failure to follow the directions of the dockmaster may result in the disqualification of your boat. Abuse of the dockmaster WILL result in the disqualification of your boat with no return of your event fees.

NO COACHES ON THE WATER

No coach is to be on the course in a launch during any race. Any coaches on the water will have their boat or boats disqualified.

PROTESTS

Any protests must be made in writing at the registration tent within 30 minutes of the race's published preliminary results. A \$50 protest fee must accompany a completed protest letter and will be returned if your protest is upheld. Protests will be forwarded to the chief referee for consideration.

SPORTSMANSHIP

All participants, coaches, and spectators are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship. Disrespectful language or behavior may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

SCOREKEEPING AND AWARDS

Medals awarded for first, second and third place finishers in all events. Medals can be picked up at the registration table after the race results are posted as official. Any protested races must be resolved before medals can be awarded. Results of a race will not be finalized until all protests and penalties have been resolved, the time for filing additional protests has elapsed, and the

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scorekeeping team is satisfied that the results are error free. The Speakmon will be using HereNOW to timing for improved accuracy and speed in communicating results.

PARKING AND VIEWING

As this event grows each year, GCRA has assured the police and park representatives that the park will not be damaged by the event, that the park will remain accessible to the public, and that lanes will be maintained for emergency vehicles. In order to achieve these goals, competitors and spectators must comply with the traffic and parking plan described below.

BOAT TRAILERS

Trailers with boats will be allowed into the park to unload between 6 PM and 9 PM on Saturday, October 27th. They will also be allowed into the park to unload boats on Sunday morning. However, **access to the park will be closed after 8:00am!** All trailers and tow vehicles will be directed to park in the designated trailer and tow vehicle parking area just south of the Fishing Road Bridge. All other team vehicles (including team buses), spectators, and participants will be required to park in the parking area south of Griggs Dam ("campground" parking area).

High School Crews attending the Blake Haxton Invitational Regatta on October 27th should refer to the Trailer and Tent instructions from that regatta. These teams can leave their equipment in place for both regattas.

With explicit permission of the parking director, some trailers may be allowed to park along the road in the staging area. These trailers will NOT be allowed to leave the staging area until 5 p.m. due to foot traffic in the staging area during the regatta. If you would like the convenience of closer trailer space, you MUST be able to stay in that space until the end of the regatta.

TEAM FOOD/TENT TRAILERS

Trailers carrying food and tents should travel south on Riverside Drive and slow down in the far right lane to access the Dam Keeper's House area. The access road is between Eastcleft and Zollinger Roads. Assistance with Police presence will only be available from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM on Saturday. Arrivals BEFORE OR AFTER those times should enter at the Police substation parking lot and wait for instructions from parking volunteers (or security personnel after 9:00 PM).

BUS PARKING

Buses will off-load rowers in the Nottingham Road parking lot. Rowers should prepare to walk the 1/3 mile to the launch area. Buses should expect to begin loading rowers at the Nottingham Road Lot beginning around 5:00pm. Valuable items (wallets, purses, cell phones, etc.) should be left on the bus.

PRIVATE CAR (ROWER / PARENT/ VOLUNTEER) PARKING

On Sunday morning, all competitors and spectators will be required to park in the campground area south of Griggs Dam (approx. 2 miles south of Fishing Road). Signs will be posted to assist you. There is no parking fee. Please note that if you park in any undesignated areas (i.e. in the park, in the merchant lots, along Riverside Drive, or on side streets), you may be ticketed and towed. Parking on the grass will result in a ticket or being towed and will jeopardize future regattas. There will be a shuttle service provided to and from the parking lot to a drop-off point just below the staging area. There will also be a group of parking volunteers to direct traffic. Please follow their instructions.

The park road between Nottingham Road and the dam will be closed to cars and buses.

Only emergency vehicles will be permitted along the park road launching area.

Overflow vehicles should enter the lower campground parking lot immediately south of the Police substation hill. Parking volunteers will direct all overflow vehicles. Shuttle buses will be available throughout the day to transport between the lower lot, Cop hill and Nottingham Road lot.

SPECTATOR VIEWING

Races may be observed ONLY from the Eastside riverbanks and walks. Best viewing is on top of Dam Keeper's House hill (last 1300m of racing visible). Additional viewing is available along the east shore south of Fishing Road Bridge. We request that you respect our neighbors that have private property along the Westside riverbanks and refrain from viewing from these points.

HOSPITALITY VIP SUITE

BACK HIS YEAR!!! Hospitality VIP Suite will be available on a first come first serve basis and offers all the conveniences you want without all the work to lug it from you car!! Enjoy a warm tent, food, drinks, snacks and prime viewing at the finish line at Griggs Bay. Perfect opportunity to watch racing events for you and your family members. The VIP tent will have seating available or you may bring your own folding chair. The tent will open from 7:30AM to 4 PM with come and go access. The suite also boasts its own Port o Potty to be used exclusively by guest purchasing the \$40 ticket. Tickets may be purchased in advance at <http://www.columbusrowing.org/event-3056969> or at the door. Space is limited to 75 people, so don't wait! Hospitality Suite tickets are non-refundable.

DIRECTIONS

FROM THE NORTH

1-71 south to the outerbelt 1-270 West.

Take 1-270 to Exit 13 (Fishinger/Cemetery Road).

Turn left off the exit.

Follow Fishinger Road to Riverside Drive (first light after crossing the river), turn right.

- If towing a boat trailer, turn right into the park at the Marine Park Police Substation entrance (second right South of Fishinger Road on Riverside Drive) and park in the Nottingham Road lot (first park entrance South of Fishinger Road on Riverside Drive).
- If coming as a spectator or participant, follow Riverside Drive and Parking Signs to the park entrance south of the Marine Park Police Station and park in the campground area. Shuttle buses will be available to take you to the race site area. Please allow a little extra time to get to the race site.

FROM THE SOUTH

1-71 north to the outerbelt 1-270 west.

Take 1-270 to Exit 13 (Fishinger/Cemetery Road).

Turn right off the exit.

Follow Fishinger Road to Riverside Drive (first light after crossing the river), turn right.

- If towing a boat trailer, turn right into the park at the Marine Park Police Substation entrance (second right South of Fishinger Road on Riverside Drive) and park in the Nottingham Road lot (first park entrance South of Fishinger Road on Riverside Drive).
- If coming as a spectator or participant, follow Riverside Drive and Parking Signs to the park entrance south of the Marine Park Police Station and park in the campground area. Shuttle buses will be available to take you to the race site area. Please allow a little extra time to get to the race site.

FROM THE EAST

1-70 west through Columbus to the outerbelt 1-270 north .

Take 1-270 north to Exit 13 (Fishinger/ Cemetery Road).

Turn right off the exit.

Follow Fishinger Road to Riverside Drive (first light after crossing the river), turn right.

- If towing a boat trailer, turn right into the park at the Marine Park Police Substation entrance (second right South of Fishinger Road on Riverside Drive) and park in the Nottingham Road lot (first park entrance South of Fishinger Road on Riverside Drive).
- If coming as a spectator or participant, follow Riverside Drive and Parking Signs to the park entrance south of the Marine Park Police Station and park in the campground area. Shuttle buses will be available to take you to the race site area. Please allow a little extra time to get to the race site.

FROM THE WEST

1-70 east to the outerbelt 1-270 north .

Take 1-270 north to Exit 13 (Fishinger/Cemetery Road).

Turn right off the exit.

Follow Fishinger Road to Riverside Drive (first light after crossing the river), turn right.

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GRIGGS RESERVOIR

The race is a partially buoyed course. The start is located near the Hayden Run Bridge. The finish lies in front of the Scioto Boat Club. The course is approximately 4,400 meters (2.75 miles) long with spectators viewing from the East shoreline of the reservoir.

COURSE MARKERS

The course is marked by buoys, and will be discussed in the Coaches and Coxswain meeting at 7:00 AM at Latshutka Building. The USRowing Rules of Rowing for Head Races apply to this regatta, except as noted within these rules and regulations or as altered by the LOC in response to conditions.

TRAFFIC RULES

Crews rowing to the start of the race shall proceed North from the launch docks, staying along the Eastern shoreline from the launch docks to the start marshalling area.

After crossing the finish line, crews are to continue rowing another 100 meters in order to make a safe return to the docks.

Boats racing have the right of way over all other boats. Any non-racing boat that interferes with a race will be subject to possible exclusion from its race. Passing is done at the risk of the overtaking crew. However, if a crew is within 1 length and is closing on the crew ahead of them, they are obliged to politely make apparent to the boat ahead on which side it wishes to pass. The boat being overtaken must yield to the overtaking boat, usually toward the bank on straightaways and toward the outside of curves. If, in the opinion of the officials, insufficient room is given, a 30 second penalty may be assessed. However, no overtaking boat should press its right of way to the point of collision or forcing a boat into a dangerous position. Racing boats interfering with other racing boats will be subject to a 30 second penalty or possible exclusion from the race.

Since 2 opposing crews will be starting simultaneously with 20 seconds between starts, there is less opportunity to pass than in many head races. Each crew team will have an individual start time. There are crews nearby to "race" against but the clock is the standard you will be judged by.

If one or more rowers is ejected from a boat during a race, the affected crew must stop and remain with those individuals until all are safely out of the water.

Respect for the safety of other competitors and equipment must be shown at all times. If, in the opinion of the officials, a crew is behaving in a dangerous or reckless manner, that crew may be excluded from its race.

STARTING PROCEDURE

Races begin at 8:00 AM. The final event should be completed before 4:45 pm. Breaks and lunch are built into the schedule and will be used to get back on schedule as needed. Please don't schedule equipment or people in races less than 90 minutes apart. This ensures that boats and crews have enough time to make the 35 minute row to the start comfortably. Boats will not be allowed to row outside their scheduled times, unless directed to do so by officials.

Be sure to have firmly attach your correct bow number to the bow of your boat and the shirt bib to the bow rower and stern coxswain. (Numbers are pre-assigned and included in your club race packet).

Be at the start at least 5 minutes before the official start time of your race. (Allow no less than 35 minutes to row to the start.) This is a flying, Hanley style start, with boats starting side – by side in pairs. Line up in order of your bow numbers, from lowest to highest, with odd numbered boats closest to the buoy line and even numbered boats closest to the shore, unless otherwise directed by the starter or Marshall. A 10-second penalty may be assessed for boats missing their place in the starting order.

Boats may be assessed a 30-second penalty for having an incorrect bow marker or no bow marker. As directed by the starter or Marshall, cross the starting line at race pace about 10 to 20 seconds behind the preceding boats. Individual start times will be recorded for each boat as it crosses the start line.

See Regatta Central for Current Maps

