



# Jack Speakmon Memorial Regatta

Sunday, October 30th, 2022

Hosted by Greater Columbus Rowing Association

The Greater Columbus Rowing Association is proud to host the thirty-ninth annual Jack Speakmon Memorial Regatta in Columbus on Sunday, October 30, 2022. Established in 1983, The Speakmon 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.

**WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS IN MAINTAINING THE PARK'S NATURAL BEAUTY BY OBSERVING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT.**

If the grass is extensively damaged again, we will not be allowed to host regattas at Griggs anymore, so PLEASE help us out by following the rules:

- No parking in the frisbee golf course
- Parking will be offered at two places:
  - 1600 Dublin Rd lot (100 spaces available)
  - On the park road, north of Fishinger Bridge, on the **RIGHT SIDE** of the road, but **NOT IN THE GRASS**.
- All teams are to refrain from using straw per the direction of City of Columbus Watershed Department.
- **NO BUS WILL DRIVE IN/THROUGH OR ALONG THE GRASS FOR ANY REASON. VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED AND/OR TOWED AND REQUIRED TO PAY ANY DAMAGE TO THE PARK.** Ask Race organizers for assistance if needed navigating the parking lot.

## Regatta Site

Griggs Reservoir Park (2933 Riverside Dr, Columbus, OH 43221)

## CHECK IN

All coaches or other parties responsible for each club must check in to confirm registration and receive race packets on **Sunday starting at 6:00 AM** in the Lashutka Center. All fees must be paid and waivers signed prior to receiving the race packet. NO PAPER WAIVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

## COACHES/COXSWAIN MEETING

The C&C meeting will be virtual on **Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM.** Link will be posted on the Regatta Central race website and emailed via Regatta Central. It will be recorded for viewing afterwards.

## TEAM UNLOADING

Teams may arrive and begin unloading anytime **after 6:00 PM Saturday, and before 7:30 AM Sunday.** No vehicles will be permitted to drive down the hill after 7:30 AM. If you are car topping your single and arriving after 7:30 AM Sunday, please email the regatta director ([gcraregattadirector@gmail.com](mailto:gcraregattadirector@gmail.com)) for options.

## HOSPITALITY VIP SUITE

Enjoy a warm room, food, drinks, snacks inside the Lashutka Building! The deck provides the perfect opportunity to watch racing events for you and your family members. The Hospitality Suite will be open from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM with come and go access. The suite also boasts indoor warm toilets to be used exclusively by guests purchasing the \$25 ticket! Tickets may be purchased in advance at [Hospitality Suite Ticket Sales](#) or at the door via Cash, Check, Credit Card and Paypal. Hospitality Suite tickets are non-refundable.

## MESSAGE TENT

We have partnered with Momentum Sport Massage to provide pre- and post-race massages. Same-day sign ups are allowed but reserve your spot today by texting 614-313-6777! Massages can be 15-30 minutes in length, priced at \$20 per 15 minutes. Payment accepted via venmo or credit card at the time of massage.

## PARENT/CHILD 2X RACE

Will be 1000 meters. From just south of Fishinger Bridge to the finish line.

# ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY RULES

This is a USRowing event so while all rowing clubs are invited to participate, all clubs must be organizational members of USRowing and unaffiliated rowers must be organizational members of USRowing and unaffiliated rowers must have an individual membership to USRowing.

## CLASSIFICATIONS

The following classifications are used at this regatta:

PARP: Inclusive, Adaptive and Para-Rowing athletes are welcome to row in a 1x or 2x, Men, Women's and Mixed races. PR3 Mix 2x Crew may include a maximum of one Rower whose impairment is visual, and that Rower may be either PR3-B1 or PR3-B2.

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.

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.

Masters: Rowers who will have attained age 27 on or before December 31, 2022. Rowers who will have attained the age of 21 on or before December 31, 2022, 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, 2022, may enter these events. Seasoned sweep rowers who began sculling after January 1, 2022, may enter novice sculling events. Seasoned scullers who began sweep rowing after January 1, 2022, may enter novice sweep events.

## 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.

## **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.

## **ENTRIES**

All entries, payments and waivers must be submitted on-line at Regatta Central ([www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com)). Regatta Central will accept entries and payments until 11:59 EDT Tuesday October 25, 2022.

Entries that are not complete or are not paid in full by the entry deadline will be removed. Late Entries: accepted until 9:00 AM Friday October 28, 2022

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

All regatta-related questions to: [GCRAREGATTADIRECTOR@gmail.com](mailto:GCRAREGATTADIRECTOR@gmail.com)

## **ENTRY FEES**

The list of fees is as follows:

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

Scratched entries are eligible for a full refund if the scratch information is received by 8:00PM, Friday, October 28, 2022. No other refunds shall be made. Crews failing to launch (DNS) are subject to a \$50 fee and must be paid at Registration prior to launching other boats.

## **SEEDING**

The order of the participants in the event will be randomly assigned.

## **CLOTHING STANDARDS**

Costumes are welcome. If borrowing oars, please notify launch personnel for identification on the water.

## **COMPOSITE CREWS**

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

## **ADAPTIVE EVENTS**

Inclusive, adaptive and para-rowing events will be highlighted during the lunch break this year, with 1x and 2x. Please contact Helmut Berthold, [gcraparp@gmail.com](mailto:gcraparp@gmail.com), to coordinate your event. We want the adaptive races to be as inclusive as possible to celebrate the athletes. We also have equipment available for your use if transporting your equipment is a concern.

# COURSE AND RULES

All USRowing rules for Head Races will apply. These include: safety equipment, bowballs, show heel ties, sealed decks, boats and oars in good working order.

## COURSE

The course is approximately 4,700 meters (2.919mi) long and will be partially buoyed; details will be discussed in the virtual C&C meeting. The start is located just south of the Hayden Run Bridge, and the finish lies in between the Launch and Recovery Docks. Spectators can view the race from the East shoreline, all along the Griggs Reservoir Park. 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.

**Coaches should not plan to use any rowers/equipment in events that are less than 90 minutes apart.**

## 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. NO boats are to row North of the Hayden Road bridge. There will be Marshals to direct your crew.
- 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 it 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.
- If one or more rowers are 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 always shown. 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.

## **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.

## **STARTING PROCEDURE**

Races begin at 9:00 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. Do not 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 firmly attach your correct bow number to the bow of your boat and the shirt bib to the bow rower or 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 seconds behind the preceding boats. Individual start times will be recorded for each boat as it crosses the start line.

## **DOCKMASTER**

Dockmasters oversee 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.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

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

## BOW NUMBERS

- Coxswain shirt numbers/bibs 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 provided at the launch dock. Crews without both bow and bib numbers will not be permitted to launch.
- Crews with the incorrect bow/bib 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.
- Boats must have their appropriate bow marker secured on their shell. A penalty of 30 seconds may be assessed for a missing bow marker.

## 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.

There will be no protests considered for broken equipment. Once the crews enter the starting chute, they accept the start as is. If there are problems with equipment, please direct your coxswains/crews to ask the race officials for help. There will be limited boat parts (nuts, bolts, oarlocks, oar collars and wrenches) available at the starting area.

## 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 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.

## PENALTIES & FEES

- Missing bowmarker at Start/Finish= 30 second penalty
- Interference or unsafe passing/racing = 30 second penalty
  - Unsportsmanlike conduct (includes foul language on land or water, failing to abide by race officials directions, etc. = **Disqualification**)
- Any person, who, in the opinion of the race organizers, is being abusive, uncooperative, or unreasonable with race organizers, volunteers, city officials or other team personnel may be excluded from the remainder of the day's events and asked to leave the park. Further penalties may be assessed in the event of extreme circumstances.

**Finish Line Operations will be located between the Recovery and Launch Docks - COWBELLS, HORNS OR NOISEMAKERS OF ANY SORT ARE PROHIBITED**

# PARKING

*Maps will be posted on Regatta Central*

**There is absolutely no parking at Frisbee Golf Course**

SHUTTLE BUSES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON RACE DAY FROM 7:00 AM TO 5:00 PM.

Due to safety concerns per the City of Columbus Police Department, no personal cars or buses will be allowed to drive down Griggs Park Drive from 2933 Riverside Drive (“Cop Hill”) to Nottingham Rd.

Parking or driving on the grass on either side of Riverside Drive is strictly prohibited. Cars parked in unauthorized areas in the park, merchant lots or on side streets may be ticketed and towed.

There is no stopping, entering or parking at the entrance to the Lashutka Center.

High School Crews attending the Blake Haxton Invitational Regatta on October 29th should refer to the Trailer and Tent instructions from that regatta. These teams can leave their equipment in place for both regattas.

## BOAT TRAILERS

Trailers with boats will be allowed into the park to unload **between 6 PM and 9 PM on Saturday** and **before 7:30 AM Sunday**. Enter at the Griggs Reservoir Park entrance at 2933 Riverside Drive, Columbus, OH 43221 and travel down the hill just past the UA/COR Crew Boatyard, towards the river. Parking directors will be onsite assisting with parking. **Access to the park will be closed after 7:30 AM.**

Overflow boat trailers may be parked up the hill by the UA Crew Boatyard. Boats will be offloaded, rigged and launched from UA docks. Please bring ground chucks and slings.

The regatta site area will have overnight security patrol after 9:00 PM on Saturday, however GCRA is not responsible for theft or vandalism of equipment. Please do not leave anything expensive that can be easily stolen (walk away with) at the trailers or tents.

## TOW VEHICLE PARKING

Located in the Nottingham Road lot at the intersection of Nottingham and Riverside Drive.

## TENT SITES

Tent sites are marked and must be within the individual area. ALL TENTS MUST HAVE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ON SITE if cooking. Columbus Fire requires specific egress lanes. Teams are not permitted to spill over into the egress/walkways. CFD will be on-site to do inspections. No team may set up any total tent site larger than 400sq ft. All teams are to refrain from using straw per the direction of City of Columbus Watershed Department.



## **CHUCKWAGONS CARRYING TENTS AND TEAM SUPPLIES**

Enter at the Griggs Reservoir Park entrance at 2933 Riverside Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43221. Volunteers will be there to assist with parking and moving the tent supplies up to the tent sites.

Chuck wagons will be backed in at an angle facing north on the asphalt drive below and North of Latshutka with only the rear axle in the grass (per the City of Columbus).

Arrivals AFTER 7:30 AM Sunday, should enter at the Nottingham lot and wait for instructions from parking volunteers. Teams are to set up within the marked tent spaces. Due to Columbus Fire requirements, there is to be no overflow into the walkways and egress lanes.

## **BUSES are ONLY ALLOWED AT NOTTINGHAM LOT.**

**Buses are prohibited from unloading athletes along Riverside Drive and at COP HILL.**

**Buses are prohibited from even entering Cop Hill**, there is just not enough room for them and they back up traffic.

Unload athletes in the Nottingham Rd Parking lot at the intersection of Nottingham Rd and Riverside Dr. Athletes should be prepared to walk ¼ mile to the launch area. At departure, bus drivers are to pick up the rowers in the same lot.

**NO BUS WILL DRIVE IN/THROUGH OR ALONG THE GRASS FOR ANY REASON. VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED AND/OR TOWED AND REQUIRED TO PAY ANY DAMAGE TO THE PARK.**

Ask Race organizers for assistance if needed navigating the parking lot.

## **PRIVATE CAR (ROWER / PARENT / VOLUNTEER) PARKING**

1. Available on the **East side lane of Griggs Park Drive** (park road running parallel between the Scioto River and Riverside Drive), **NORTH of Fishinger Bridge**.
  - a. This will be parallel parking.
  - b. **Vehicles are not permitted to park and/or drive in the grass per the City of Columbus. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed.**
  - c. There will be a shuttle service, with specific shuttle stops marked by signs. Please wait by these, the shuttle will be told to NOT stop unless at these marked spots, as to not back-up traffic. This park road will remain OPEN to the public.
2. Additional parking is available at **1600 Dublin Rd**, a business lot that has allowed us to use 100 spaces. Please look for volunteers to direct you where to park and wait for the shuttle at the designated marked spot.
  - a. Please lock your cars and don't leave valuables in them, as it will not be monitored. GCRA is not responsible for any theft or damage.

## HANDICAPPED PARKING

1. Cop Hill (2933 Riverside Drive)
2. Nottingham Road SOUTH lot (parking attendant will let you through the traffic barrier)

Volunteers will be available to transport handicapped visitors to the site via Golf Carts.

Note: The Columbus rowing community 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.

## WATER

SAVE MONEY, SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT. Skip buying the plastic water bottles and use reusable water bottles!

You can fill up your water bottles, or team water jugs, at Lashutka. Hooked up to the building's hoses we will have RV water filters attached, 1 hose for water jug refills, and a multi-spigot water fountain.



## RECYCLING

You'll notice blue recycling containers next to the trash containers this year.

PLEASE PLACE THE APPROPRIATE PLASTICS AND ALUMINUM CANS IN THE LABELED RECYCLING CONTAINERS.



## SITE CLEAN UP

Each team is required to clean up their own area. All trash must be bagged and placed curbside at the road's edge for pick-up. DO NOT USE the dumpster located outside of the Lashutka Center.

## LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items will be in the Lashutka Center at Registration and announcements will be made for important items.

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