



Welcome to the
The 30th Annual Jack Speakmon Memorial Regatta
Griggs Reservoir - Columbus, Ohio
Saturday, October 12, 2013

hosted by the Greater Columbus Rowing Association.

Regatta highlights:

- 2.4 mile head-style competition for oarswomen and oarsmen
- New race course for 2013. Please see course maps for further detail
- Singles, doubles, pairs, quads, fours and eights events
- Junior/high school, open, masters, lightweight and novice events
- Collegiate category for NCAA compliance
- Masters AA category rowers can row in masters events (as long as boats average 27)
- Mixed categories shall be defined as no less than 50% women. Coxswains may be of either gender.
- The Speakmon Cup will be awarded to the top out of town team by points.
- Medals awarded for first, second and third place finishers in all High School events. First place medals will be awarded in Open, Masters, Rec. and Collegiate events.
- All entries and payments (including waivers) must be made on-line using Regatta Central (www.regattacentral.com) by the deadline.
- Entry window closes at midnight, Sunday, October 6, 2013
- Coaches / cox meeting 7:30am
- A final event schedule will be issued to all crews once the entry window closes. However, the event schedule will not be compressed closer than those times listed in the event schedule.
- No late entries will be accepted.

Important Web site:

- General Regatta Information: www.regattacentral.com
- News and updates will be published in the “news” section of the www.regattacentral.com page

Please review following materials carefully. Entries, payments and waivers must be submitted through Regatta Central by midnight on Sunday, October 6, 2013. GCRA looks forward to hosting your crew in October!

Regatta Director
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EVENTS:

Fifty four (54) events will be run. The following schedule is tentative.

Event#	Time*	Event
Saturday, Oct 12		
1	8:25 am	Womens Collegiate 2-
2	8:30 am	Mixed Open 4x
3	8:35 am	Mens HS 4+
4	8:45 am	Mens Masters 1x
5	8:55 am	Womens HS 4+
6	9:05 am	Womens Masters 4+
7	9:10 am	Womens HS Ltwt 8+
8	9:15 am	Womens Masters 1x
9	9:20 am	Mens Open 2-
10	9:25 am	Mens Open Ltwt 4+
11	9:30 am	Mens Open 4+
12	9:35 am	Mens Open 2x
13	9:40 am	Mens Masters 4+
14	9:45 am	Womens Open Ltwt 1x
15	9:50 am	Womens Collegiate Frosh/Novice 8+
16	9:55 am	Womens HS Novice 8+
break	10:00 am	15 Minute Break
17	10:15 am	Mens HS Novice 4+
18	10:30 am	Mens Rec 4+
19	10:35 am	Womens Open 1x
20	10:40 am	Mens HS Ltwt 8+
21	10:50 am	Mens Open Novice 8+
22	10:55 am	Mixed Open 2x
23	11:00 am	Mixed Masters 2x
24	11:05 am	Womens Rec 4+

Event#	Time*	Event
25	11:10 am	Womens Open 2-
26	11:15 am	Womens Open Novice 8+
27	11:25 am	Mixed Masters 8+
28	11:30 am	Mens Masters 2x
29	11:35 am	Mens Open Novice 4+
30	11:40 am	Womens Collegiate 4+
break	11:45 am	Lunch break - 1 hour
31	12:45 pm	Womens HS Novice 4+
32	12:55 pm	Womens Masters 4x
33	1:00 pm	Womens HS 4x
34	1:10 pm	Mixed Rec 8+
35	1:15 pm	Mens Open Ltwt 1x
36	1:20 pm	Mens Collegiate Frosh/Novice 8+
37	1:25 pm	Womens Open and Open Ltwt 4+
38	1:30 pm	Mens HS Novice 8+
39	1:45 pm	Mens Open 1x
break	1:50 pm	15 minute Break
40	2:05 pm	Womens Open 8+
41	2:10 pm	Womens Collegiate 8+
42	2:15 pm	Womens Open Novice 4+
43	2:20 pm	Womens Collegiate Novice 4+
44	2:25 pm	Womens Open 2x
45	2:30 pm	Womens Masters 2x
46	2:35 pm	Mens Masters 8+
47	2:40 pm	Womens Masters 8+
48	2:45 pm	Womens HS 8+
49	3:00 pm	Womens Rec 8+
50	3:05 pm	Mens HS 4x
51	3:10 pm	Mens Masters 4x
52	3:15 pm	Mens HS 8+
53	3:25 pm	Mens Open 8+
54	3:30 pm	Mixed Open 4+

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Definitions:

- 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
- 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.
- Open - Any rower or crew
- Recreational - Rowers who row in programs that practice three times or less per week
- Masters - Rowers who will have attained age of 27 on or before December 31, 2013. Rowers who will have attained the age of 21 on or before December 31, 2013 can also participate in masters events at this regatta, but the average age of the rowers in the boat must be at least 27. An age handicap system will be implemented. Any master's entrant failing to indicate a birth date on the entry form will be entered as a 21-year-old competitor
- Novice - Any rower who started rowing after January 1, 2013 may enter these events. Seasoned sweep rower who began sculling after January 1, 2013 may enter novice sculling events. Seasoned scullers who began sweep rowing after January 1, 2013, may enter novice sweep events
- Lightweight - Men- 165 lb. individual maximum / Women-135 lb. individual maximum. Lightweight weigh-ins will be on the honor system
- Frosh – The Frosh category is provided for collegiate freshman rowers. These rowers may compete regardless of high school rowing experience.

Entries:

- All entries, payments and waivers must be submitted on-line at Regatta Central (www.regattacentral.com)
- Regatta Central (www.regattacentral.com) will accept entries, payments and waivers up to midnight on October 6, 2013. 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 questions to: GCRAreghattadirector@gmail.com

Entry Fees:

- Eights: \$80
- Quads/Fours: \$65
- Doubles: \$45
- Singles: \$35

Scratched entries are eligible for a full refund if the scratch information is received by midnight, Sunday, October 6, 2013. No other refunds shall be made.

Entry Limits:

- Our event permit only allows for 600 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.

Race Day Check-in:

Saturday, October 13, from 7-11 am at the check-in tent, near launch / recovery docks.

RULES:

- **General Rules-** United States Rowing Association Rules of Racing shall apply, unless otherwise noted.
- **Bow Numbers-** Bow and coxswain shirt numbers will be provided at check-in to crews who have properly submitted their entry materials (entry forms, signed waivers and fees). Crews without both bow and coxswain shirt numbers will not be permitted to launch. Bow numbers must be returned to the dock area after racing. Shirt numbers are to be worn on the back of the bow person of the boat. In a bow coxed boat, the coxswain number must be worn on the back of the bow rower.
- **Race Times and Boat Order-** It is the Regatta's intention to start crews for each event together and in-order. 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, in order to make their scheduled event. Teams should allow enough time to adjust for weather conditions.
- **Crews wishing to hot seat either boats or rowers shall notify the dockmaster at the time of launch and at the time of recovery. The dockmaster will help facilitate hotseating 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 arms' length of the dock.**
- **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 dockmasters in determining the order of who**

launches or docks. Failure to follow the directions of the dockmasters may result in the disqualification your boat. Abuse of the dockmaster WILL result in the disqualification of your boat, with no return of your event fees.

- Junior clubs are allowed to participate in the high school and open categories.
- 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.
- No Observing of Races from Fishinger or Haydon Run Bridge. The police will not allow standing or observing of the race from Fishinger Road or Haydon Run Bridge.

The Speakmon Cup

GCRA is pleased to award the Speakmon Cup to the top out of town team as determined by total points. A first place finish in any event shall receive 3 points. A second place finish shall receive 2 points. A third place finish shall receive 1 point. Points will be totaled, and the team with the largest number of points will be designated Top Team and receive this beautiful trophy. In the case of a tie, the greater number of first place finishes shall determine which team wins the Cup.

COACHES' AND COXSWAINS' MEETING:

The coaches' and coxswains' meeting will be held at the check-in area near the launch / recovery docks on Saturday morning, October 12th at 7:30a.m. A race schedule, a map of the course and general rules will be available at Regatta HQ.

FRIDAY PRACTICE:

Competitors wishing to practice Friday may do so if they follow these instructions:

- Follow general water traffic pattern of traveling north along the east shore and traveling south along the west shore
- Row within 100 feet from shores
- Cross river only at Fishinger Road Bridge (bridge south of dock which crosses over the registration tent and the river), at "The Wall" (large stone bridge on east shore which crosses a tributary) and just south of Hayden Run bridge (first bridge north of dock which crosses the river)
- Do not travel south of the Fishinger Road Bridge or north of Hayden Run Bridge.
- No rowing after sundown (6:56 pm) on October 12th or before sunrise (7:41 am) on October 13th.

PARKING:

As this event grows each year, GCRA has had to assure the police and park representatives that the park will not be damaged by the event. Competitors are required to comply with the parking plan described below:

On Saturday morning, all competitors and spectators will be required to park in the campground area south of Griggs Dam (approx. 2 miles south of Fishinger 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 or in the merchant lots), 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.

Trailers with boats will be allowed into the park to unload on Friday, October 11. They will also be allowed into the park to unload boats on Saturday morning; however, access to the park will be closed after 8:00am! All trailers and tow vehicles will be directed to park in the parking area just south of the Fishinger Road Bridge. The road into the park is a one-way street and vehicles will be required to exit the park north of the dock area, turn right (south) on Riverside Drive and once again enter into the park at the Nottingham entrance. All other team vehicles (including team buses), spectators, and participants will be required to park in the campground area.

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.

REGATTA CONTACT:

Please direct all regatta-related questions to the Regatta Director, GCRAregattadirector@gmail.com.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Call direct and ask for the Speakmon rate!

Please check on www.regattacentral.com for the most up to date information on hotels.

Directions:

FROM THE NORTH

I-71 south to the outerbelt I-270 west.

Take I-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, pull into the park at Nottingham (first light on Riverside Drive). Turn right into the park.
- 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

I-71 north to the outer-belt I-270 west.

Take I-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, pull into the park at Nottingham (first light on Riverside Drive). Turn right into the park.
- 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

I-70 west through Columbus to the outer-belt I-270 north.

Take I-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, pull into the park at Nottingham (first light on Riverside Drive). Turn right into the park.
- 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

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

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

Turn right off the exit.

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- If towing a boat trailer, pull into the park at Nottingham (first light on Riverside Drive). Turn right into the park.
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Coordinates:

- The entrance to the public parking is 40 ° 0'25" N, 83° 5'1" W
- The entrance to the trailer parking is 40 ° 1'33" N, 83° 5'28" W