



Welcome to the
The 31st Annual Jack Speakmon Memorial Regatta
Griggs Reservoir - Columbus, Ohio
Saturday, October 11, 2014

hosted by the Greater Columbus Rowing Association.

Regatta highlights:

- 2.4 mile head-style competition for oarswomen and oarsmen
- New race course for 2014. Please see course maps for further detail
- Open, masters, lightweight, mixed and adaptive 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.
- First place medals will be awarded in all 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 5, 2014
- Coaches / cox meeting 7:30am
- 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.
- Updated maps for the venue and the race course will be in the “venue” section of www.regattacentral.com page.

Please review following materials carefully. Entries, payments and waivers must be submitted through Regatta Central by midnight on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

GCRA looks forward to hosting your crew in October!

Regatta Director

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EVENTS: (please check www.regattacentral.com for any updates)

		40' before race time		End of
Event #	Event Start	End of launch window		weigh in:
	7:30 AM		Coaches and Coxswains Meeting	
1	9:00 AM	8:20	Mens Open 1x	
2	9:00 AM	8:20	Mens Open Novice 1x	
3	9:00 AM	8:20	Mens Open Ltwt 1x	7:20
4	9:05 AM	8:25	Womens Open 1x	
5	9:05 AM	8:25	Womens Open Novice 1x	
6	9:05 AM	8:25	Womens Open Ltwt 1x	7:25
7	9:10 AM	8:30	Mens Collegiate 1x	
8	9:15 AM	8:35	Womens Collegiate 1x	
9	9:20 AM	8:40	Mens Masters Ltwt A-J+ 1x	7:40
10	9:20 AM	8:40	Mens Masters AA-B 1x	
11	9:25 AM	8:45	Womens Masters Ltwt A-J+ 1x	7:45
12	9:25 AM	8:45	Womens Masters AA-B 1x	
13	9:30 AM	8:50	Mens Masters C 1x	
14	9:35 AM	8:55	Womens Masters C 1x	
15	9:40 AM	9:00	Mens Masters D 1x	
16	9:40 AM	9:00	Womens Masters D 1x	
17	9:45 AM	9:05	Mens Masters E 1x	
18	9:45 AM	9:05	Womens Masters E 1x	
19	9:50 AM	9:10	Mens Masters F-J+ 1x	
20	9:50 AM	9:10	Womens Masters F-J+ 1x	
21	10:00 AM	9:20	Mens Open 4+	
22	10:00 AM	9:20	Mens Open Ltwt 4+	8:20
23	10:00 AM	9:20	Womens Open 4+	
24	10:00 AM	9:20	Womens Open Ltwt 4+	8:20
25	10:10 AM	9:30	Mens Collegiate 4+	
26	10:10 AM	9:30	Mens Collegiate Novice 4+	
27	10:10 AM	9:30	Womens Collegiate 4+	
28	10:10 AM	9:30	Womens Collegiate Novice 4+	
29	10:20 AM	9:40	Mens Masters 4+	

30	10:20 AM	9:40	Mens Masters Novice 4+	
31	10:20 AM	9:40	Womens Masters 4+	
32	10:20 AM	9:40	Womens Masters Novice 4+	
33	10:30 AM	9:50	Mens Open 2x	
34	10:30 AM	9:50	Mens Open Ltwt 2x	8:50
35	10:30 AM	9:50	Womens Open 2x	
36	10:30 AM	9:50	Womens Open Ltwt 2x	8:50
37	10:40 AM	10:00	Mens Collegiate 2x	
38	10:40 AM	10:00	Womens Collegiate 2x	
39	10:50 AM	10:10	Mens Masters 2x	
40	10:50 AM	10:10	Womens Masters 2x	
41	11:00 AM	10:20	Mens Adaptive 1x	
42	11:10 AM	10:30	Womens Adaptive 1x	
43	11:20 AM	10:40	Mixed Adaptive 2x	
44	11:30 AM	10:50	Mixed Adaptive (no restriction on class, shell etc)	
45	12:00 PM	11:20	Mixed Open 4+	
46	12:00 PM	11:20	Mixed Collegiate 4+	
47	12:00 PM	11:20	Mixed Masters 4+	
48	12:10 PM	11:30	Mixed Open 2x	
49	12:10 PM	11:30	Mixed Collegiate 2x	
50	12:10 PM	11:30	Mixed Masters 2x	
51	12:20 PM	11:40	Mixed Open 4x	
52	12:20 PM	11:40	Mixed Collegiate 4x	
53	12:20 PM	11:40	Mixed Masters 4x	
54	12:30 PM	11:50	Mixed Open 8+	
55	12:30 PM	11:50	Mixed Collegiate 8+	
56	12:30 PM	11:50	Mixed Masters 8+	
	12:45 PM		Lunch Break	
57	1:45 PM	1:05	Mens Open 2-	
58	1:45 PM	1:05	Mens Open Ltwt 2-	12:05
59	1:45 PM	1:05	Womens Open 2-	
60	1:45 PM	1:05	Womens Open Ltwt 2-	12:05
61	1:50 PM	1:10	Mens Collegiate 2-	
62	1:50 PM	1:10	Womens Collegiate 2-	
63	2:00 PM	1:20	Mens Masters 2-	
64	2:00 PM	1:20	Womens Masters 2-	
65	2:20 PM	1:40	Mens Open 4x	
66	2:20 PM	1:40	Mens Open Ltwt 4x	12:40
67	2:20 PM	1:40	Womens Open 4x	

68	2:20 PM	1:40	Womens Open Ltwt 4x	12:40
69	2:30 PM	1:50	Mens Collegiate 4x	
70	2:30 PM	1:50	Womens Collegiate 4x	
71	2:40 PM	2:00	Mens Masters 4x	
72	2:40 PM	2:00	Womens Masters 4x	
73	2:50 PM	2:10	Mens Open 8+	
74	2:50 PM	2:10	Mens Open Ltwt 8+	1:10
75	2:50 PM	2:10	Womens Open 8+	
76	2:50 PM	2:10	Womens Open Ltwt 8+	1:10
77	3:00 PM	2:20	Mens Collegiate 8+	
78	3:00 PM	2:20	Mens Collegiate Novice 8+	
79	3:00 PM	2:20	Womens Collegiate 8+	
80	3:00 PM	2:20	Womens Collegiate Novice 8+	
81	3:20 PM	2:40	Mens Masters 8+	
82	3:20 PM	2:40	Mens Masters Novice 8+	
83	3:20 PM	2:40	Womens Masters 8+	
84	3:20 PM	2:40	Womens Masters Novice 8+	

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Definitions:

- **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
- **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. Please see the link on the USRA web site for more info:
<http://usrowing.org/Libraries/Masters/mhandchart.sflb.ashx>
- **Novice** - Any rower who started rowing after January 1, 2014 may enter these events. Seasoned sweep rower who began sculling after January 1, 2014 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. Weigh in is at the Shelter house #3, no later than 1 hour before the event start time.

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 5, 2014. 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: GCRAREgattadirector@gmail.com

Entry Fees:

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

Scratched entries are eligible for a full refund if the scratch information is received by midnight, Sunday, October 5, 2014. 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 11, from 6:30-11 am at the shelter house #3.

RULES:

- General Rules- United States Rowing Association Rules of Racing shall apply, unless otherwise noted.
- Shirt Numbers- shirt numbers for rowers in the bow seat 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 will not be part of your registration package. Bow numbers will be handled by the dockmaster. Bow numbers will be attached to your bow clip by the dockmaster at the time you launch. You must launch during your assigned launch window. If you miss your launch window, you will not be allowed to launch!!!!

Bow numbers must be returned to the dock area after racing!!!!

- 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 40 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.
- 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 Bridge. The police will not allow standing or observing of the race from Fishinger Road 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 shelter house #3 Saturday morning, October 11th at 7:30a.m. A race schedule, a map of the course and general rules will be available at Regatta HQ.

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. Signs will be posted to assist you. There is no parking fee. Please note that if you park in any undesignated areas you may be ticketed and towed. Parking on the grass will result in a ticket or being towed and will jeopardize future regattas.

Trailers with boats will be allowed into the park to unload on Friday, October 10. They will also be allowed into the park to unload boats on Saturday morning.

REGATTA CONTACT:

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

HOTEL INFORMATION:

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 the Marine Park Police Station. Turn right into the park. This entrance is on the opposite side of the road from the Marathon station.
- 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. If you need to drop off equipment or participants, turn right at the Marine Park Police Station first. You will have opportunity to stop briefly in the drop off zone.

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.

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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).

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