

Dear Head of the Lake Community,

[Registration](#) for HOTL 2023 opens tomorrow, Thursday, September 21.

Important HOTL 2023 What's New information (including new and revised events) is on the [HOTL Regatta Central News Page](#).

Registration Guidelines

Dates to Know (all 12 noon PDT)

- **Thursday, September 21:** Registration Opens. The regatta is limited to 450 entries.
- **Monday, September 25:** Acceptance and notification of guaranteed and queued entries begins. Fees are due at time of acceptance.
- **Monday, October 9:** Deadline for guaranteed entries to submit application. After this, applications from those crews will be placed in the general queue.
- **Monday, October 16:** Scratch deadline. After this, no refunds. Refunds for entries scratched before October 16 will be issued *after* October 16.
- **Wednesday, October 18:** Registration closes. Entries will still continue to be accepted to replace scratches.
- **Wednesday, November 1:** No pending entries accepted past this date. Age divisions will be combined at the discretion of the registrar. All crews may continue to make changes to line-ups until race day.

Registration is application only. Applications will be accepted and notified starting **Monday, September 25**.

Guaranteed entries (for crews that finished in the top 50% of their event in 2022, and 2x and 1x that did not get to row in 2022 due to weather cancellation; see rules below) will be accepted starting **Monday, September 25**. Their places will be reserved through **Monday, October 9**. After this deadline, applications from these crews will go into a queue with other entries and will be accepted as space allows.

Non-guaranteed entries will be placed in a queue based on the order in which applications are received. We will start accepting entries from the non-guaranteed queue on **Monday, September 26**. Registration closes at 12 noon on **Wednesday, October 18**.

Guaranteed Entries

- All **Collegiate** entries are **guaranteed** as long as application is made by **Monday, October 9**. Collegiate applications received after **October 9** will be accepted as space allows.
- The top 50% of Junior and Master and Open finishers from 2022 are guaranteed entry as long as application is made by **Monday, October 9**.
- Master 1x, Open 1x, Master 2x, and Open 2x crews applying for guaranteed entry based on results from 2022 must retain the same lineup. This restriction is not enforced at time of entry but will be enforced at time of acceptance. If you are registering in one of these events, do not select the guaranteed application if the line-up does not match the 2022 line-up.
- In other events, including the Junior 1x and 2x, guaranteed entries belong to the club and can have different line-ups from the qualifying race.
- [2022 Guaranteed Entry List by Event](#) and [2022 Guaranteed Entry List by Club](#)
- Masters guaranteed entries are *not* restricted to the same age group in which they qualified in 2022. If you finished in the top 50% of your age group in an event, you can use your guaranteed entry for that event within any age group in which you are now eligible to race.

After noon on **Monday, October 9**, the guaranteed entry deadline, we will continue to accept applications only as space allows and existing entries are scratched.

After registration closes at noon on Wednesday, October 18, we will continue to accept applications based on the number of scratches we receive.

SCRATCH DEADLINE IS noon on MONDAY, OCTOBER 16. No refunds will be made for scratched registrations after that time.

We will stop accepting entries from the queue at **12 noon on Wednesday, November 1**, when schedules go to press.

Refund policy: If you scratch before noon on Monday, October 16, you will receive a refund. If you scratch after this date, refunds will not be issued. If your event is cancelled due to weather conditions, you will not be issued a refund.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know.

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