

# 36th Annual Chicago Sprints Regatta

July 9th and 10th, 2016

Lincoln Park Lagoon - 2341 N. Cannon Drive

Chicago, IL 60614



## **Racing Schedule**

Racing will start at 8:00 AM Saturday and Sunday, with the first race boats launching 10 minutes prior to race start. Boats will be launched 10 minutes prior to the start of races throughout the day. Due to the tight racing schedule, we will be vigilant about running the regatta on time, so please be prepared for your race 20 minutes ahead of schedule.

Announcers will do the standard “first call, second call, last call” announcements at 25 minutes prior, 20 minutes prior, and 15 minutes prior, respectively. Crews should not launch at first call, but should view first call as the alert that they should prepare to approach the dock. The racing schedule will be set by Friday, and we cannot accommodate changes after that. You can view the full schedule at [HereNow.com](http://HereNow.com).

## **Weigh-Ins**

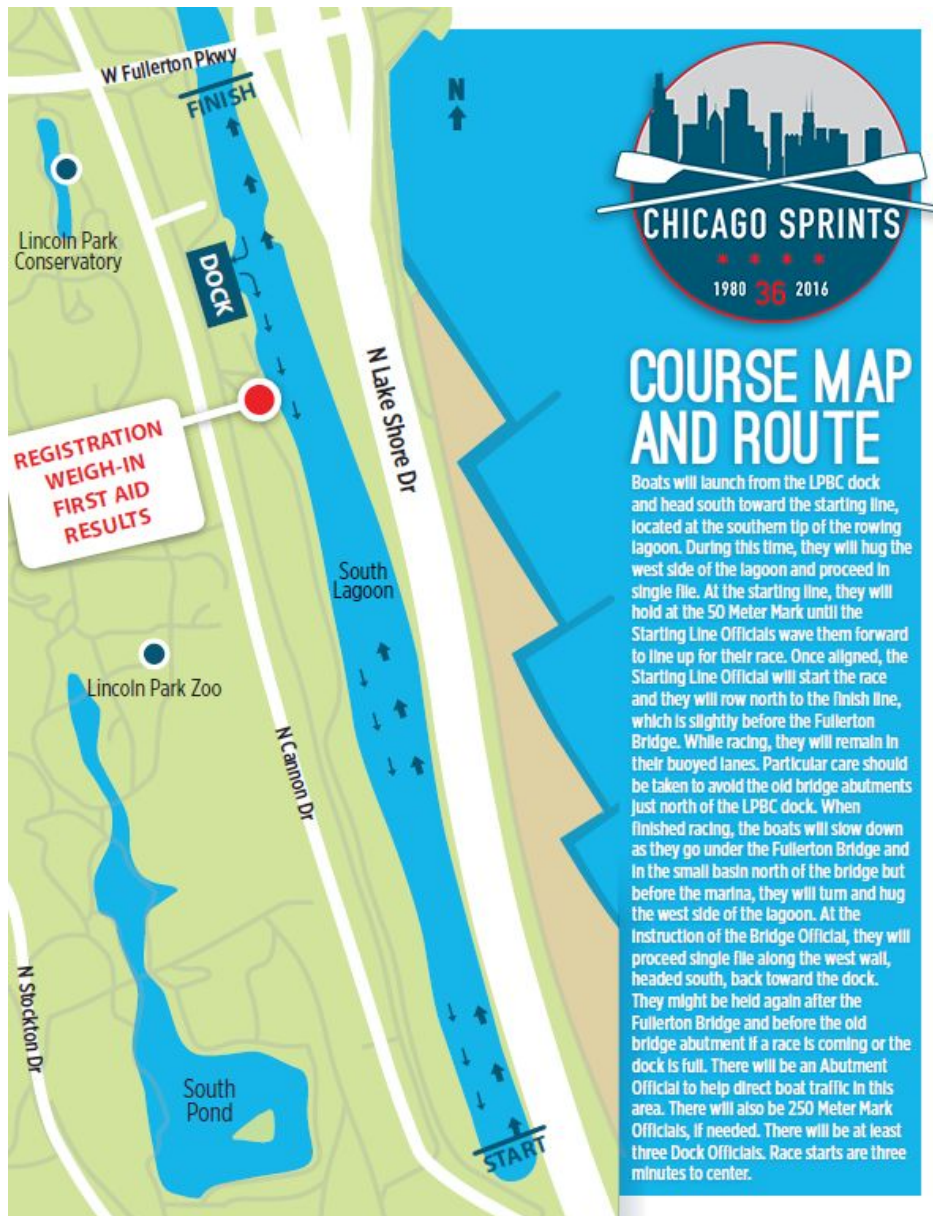
Men's max weight is 160 lbs. Women's max weight 130 lbs. No crew averages. Lightweights must weigh in before racing. Lightweights may weigh-in to be issued their blue wristband up to an hour before their race. Lightweight weigh-in will be available each race day at the registration tent starting at 7:00am, and will also be available from 4:00pm - 7:00pm on Friday, July 8th. Coxswains are **not** required to weigh in.

## Coxswain and Coaches Meeting

The Coxswains and Coaches meeting will take place at 7:15am inside the boathouse gate on Saturday Morning. Event officials will be available for additional information on Sunday morning.

## Race Course

A 1,000 meter buoyed race course, with a floating start, runs from the south end of the marina to the north end, and finishes at the 1,000 meter marker, just prior to the Fullerton Ave. Bridge.



## **Changes to Events**

Please be aware that the schedule may change, depending on the number of entries and scratches. If heats for any events are necessary they will be raced first, with Semifinals and Finals scheduled in the afternoon. The regatta committee also reserves the right to delay or advance the starting times of any event. Under no circumstances will last minute race day entry additions be added to the schedule. All and any changes to the events will be made under the discretion of the Regatta Director.

## **Scratches**

If any boat is being scratched from an event after the close of registration, registration officials should be notified at least one hour before that event's posted starting time. There will be no refunds for late scratches.

## **Launching and Dock Master**

Enter the gate to the dock area stern first. The Dock Master has absolute authority over the dock area. Shells will be inspected for quick-release shoe retainers, bow balls and coxswains opening. Crews will be expected to launch within a two minute window on the dock. Please ensure your oars are ready to place directly into the boat and push off immediately. Strap feet into shoes once you are off the dock and on the water. Due to high lake levels, please be prepared to walk through a small amount of water while walking to the dock.

## **Equipment Adjustments**

All equipment adjustments must be made outside of the gated launching area, before collecting bow numbers and proceeding to the launch area.

## **Bow Numbers**

Bow numbers will be handed to crews as they enter the dock area gate to launch boats for racing. Bow numbers will be retrieved from boats as they exit the launching area.

## **Waivers**

Chicago Sprints is registered with USRowing and accepts the once-a-year USRowing waiver. To do an online submission:

1. Contact your club's administrator and request your club's USRowing Club Code.
2. Follow this link to USRowing's website: <http://www.usrowing.org/membership/>
2. Choose "Sign Waiver" option under "Members" if you are already a member.
3. If you are not yet a USRowing member, please select "Join" and join US Rowing as a Basic or Championship level member to be assigned a member number.
4. Follow the instructions to renew your waiver or join and sign your waiver.

Individual and Unaffiliated USRowing members and Non-USRowing members may alternatively submit a paper waiver.

If you prefer to submit a paper waiver or are unable to submit an online waiver you may [download](#), sign and submit a paper waiver to the regatta prior to your races.

### **Launch and Return**

All boats will Launch and Return at the dock within the Boathouse gate, on the Boathouse side of the lagoon.

### **Hot Seating**

The Dockmaster will make reasonable attempts to accommodate hotseating in races with four or more races between them. Please give notice to the Dockmaster when leaving the dock that your boat requires hotseat access after its race. The Dockmaster has final say on all hotseating decisions.

### **Protest Procedure**

The protesting boat's coxswain must announce initial protests to the racing officials while the boat is still on the water. A formal protest must be filed with the Chief Referee within one hour after the crew lands. The protest must be filed in writing and convey the facts of the objection and the relief sought. The written protest must be submitted along with \$50 cash or check. An objection not made in writing with accompanying deposit will not be heard. The Chief Referee will consider each protest as time allows. Pending a decision regarding the protest, no results will be posted for the event under protest. All decisions made by the Chief Referee are final. The \$50 deposit will be returned to the crew if their objection is upheld.

### **Results**

Results will be posted immediately once a race is confirmed as official by the Referees on [HereNow.com](http://HereNow.com), under the Chicago Sprints 2016 listing; this is viewable on phones, tablets, and computers. There will be a screen at the Registration Tent to allow for in-person viewing of the most recent races, but no printed copies of results will be posted. The direct link to the results will be posted on Regatta Central and [lpboatclub.org](http://lpboatclub.org) as well.

### **Medals**

First and second place finishers are awarded medals. Medals will be distributed from the registration table, just south of the boat house. Winners not claiming their medals by the end of race day will be contacted by email.

### **Concessions and Vendors**

There will be a tent with Sprints merchandise for sale along the path closest to the parking lot, and assorted rowing-related vendors will be set up on a path closer to the lagoon.

LPBC will provide a concessions tent, selling assorted grilled items, individual chip packs, KIND® granola bars, assorted sports drinks, and water. We also welcome all participants and teams to feed themselves and their crews, but grilling is not allowed in Lincoln Park without a Chicago Parks District Permit. There is not a dependable source of potable water in the

immediate area of the lagoon so consider bringing an adequate supply. Bottled water is available for purchase at the concessions tent.

### **Trailer Parking**

Trailers will be permitted access to the regatta site on Friday, July 11 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm, unless otherwise scheduled. Trailers may also arrive on Saturday or Sunday morning after 6:00 am. Due to Chicago Park District requirements, a LPBC representative must be present when pulling onto the lawn. **IMPORTANT: ALL trailers MUST not pull onto the grass without plywood underneath the wheels in order to protect the grass. No trucks or cars may remain on the grass in the trailer area.** LPBC will provide the necessary supplies upon arrival. If your trailer driver is running late or is lost, s/he can call Rick Klein, Rowing Director at 773-490-9301 from noon until 5pm on Friday, and Lydia Hawthorne, Chicago Sprints Committee member at 507-358-9992 from 5pm until 7pm.

Trucks must be detached from their trailer and may be parked either in the Northeast section of the zoo lot (just east of the entrance gate), or outside of the zoo lot entirely if you choose to save money on parking fees. Daily street parking exists on the streets of the park and surrounding neighborhood, but tends to fill early. There is no overnight parking in the Zoo lot, and parking rules regarding overnight/unlimited parking vary widely on the streets in and around the park, so please only park overnight on these streets with extreme caution to avoid ticketing.

**Rowing trailers are not allowed on Lake Shore Drive; the exit underpasses are not high enough to accommodate a trailer so damage to your shells will ensue.** All trucks and trailers should take the Fullerton Ave exit off of 90/94 and head east to the Zoo lot. This is the easiest trailer route to the lagoon. Be advised the road narrows slightly after passing Halsted and there is a lot of pedestrian and bike traffic all along Fullerton. Being cautious and driving slowly will make for a safe and easy trip.

**IMPORTANT:** Trailers should enter & exit the parking gates on the far left side. Please look for signs that point to the gate for trailers/trucks/oversized vehicles. This gate stays open longer and will not come down on your boats. You will damage trailered boats and the exit tollbooth roofs if you do not use the left most gate.

### **Participant/Spectator Parking & Overnight Boat Storage**

A security guard will be provided overnight for both Friday and Saturday nights to keep an eye on boats and trailers; however the regatta, its sponsors, the Chicago Park District, and the Lincoln Park Zoo are not responsible for damage to property left in or around the Boathouse area/lawn. Please do not leave any loose items (toolboxes, cox boxes etc.) unsecured.

Due to weekend events in the Chicago area on July 9th and 10th, parking around Lincoln Park will be in high demand. The Lincoln Park Zoo's lot will likely fill up early both days and street parking around the lagoon will be hard to find. We're advising those racing to plan accordingly.

Paid parking is run through the Lincoln Park Zoo, with the parking lot entrance located at Fullerton Parkway and Cannon Drive (2400 N. Cannon Drive, Chicago, IL 60614). Parking fees are collected at the lot exit.

Parking rates at the zoo:

0–30 minutes: Free  
30 minutes–2 hours: \$20  
2–4 hours: \$24  
4–5 hours: \$30  
5 hours or more: \$35

Metered city street parking is available throughout the area. There are several parking garages within an easy walk of the park.

### **Weather Contingency Plan**

If foul weather requires a delay that prevents the entire race schedule to be run, the following changes may be made:

Semi-finals may be eliminated, with the top two times from the heats advancing to the final. In events with four or fewer entries, gold and silver medals may be awarded based on heat times.

The Regatta will do its best to run all of the heats, however, it is possible that some events are canceled due to weather.

The Regatta Committee reserves the right to select events that can be run depending on time, weather, and safety.

### **Questions during the Regatta**

Please come to the main information tent south of the dock for questions during the regatta.



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