

The 14th Annual Hoover Invitational

www.hooverinvitational.org

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Hoover Reservoir, Westerville, Ohio

**Mapquest and GPS address: Sunbury Rd and Walnut St, Westerville, OH,
43081**

or 135 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville, OH 43081

- **A fully buoyed 7 lane race course!**
- Start platforms for accurate starting and timing.
- A starters platform with speakers
- More PA speakers
- 4 x 48-foot docks
- Results immediately posted to HooverInvitational.org...Results

Benefits of attending the Hoover:

Two minutes from the interstate

Lots of hotels within an 8 mile radius

No wait port-a-jons

2000 meter 7 lane course, all lanes fully buoyed (buoys every ten meters)

Starting platforms (all seven lanes)

Starters platform at lane 4 with PA system

Four full length (48 ft) docks

Results tweeted after each heat/event. Simply subscribe to HooverInvite@twitter.com and you will have the results of each race before they are even printed.

Steaming video of the start (on www.ustream.tv and on large screen TV in spectator area)

See the start on your smart phone!

Big regatta amenities - with small regatta entry fees

Boat trailer lot adjacent to staging area (docks)

Regatta:

- 2000-meter sprint competition for high school age students in novice and varsity categories.
- All races will be conducted under USRowing “Rules of Racing.” **This is a USRowing registered regatta, and as such, all participating crews must be organizational members of USRowing.**
- The race is open to all youth and scholastic programs.
- Coxswain/Coaches meeting is at 7:00am at the Walnut St and Sunbury Rd shelter house
- Shuttles will be running starting 6:30am from the lower dam parking lot to Walnut St lot.

Rules and Definitions:

- Novice: Began rowing after April 20, 2011.
- Lightweight: Men 160 lbs.; Women 130 lbs.
- Varsity: Any rower not eligible as a novice.
- Second Varsity: Crews are only eligible if a first varsity boat is entered in the same type of event (we will make exceptions for new programs- **please check with regatta director before entering**).
- **New this year: we are running qualifying headraces for Mens & Women's Novice 4+s and 8+s.** Please notice that we have A and B events in both categories. You **MUST** have an A entry in order to enter a B entry. If you enter a B entry and don't have an A entry, your entry will automatically be moved to the A entry (no exceptions). Coaches, please seed your squads accordingly, as the fastest boat goes into the A category and all the others into the B category. The top 6 boats from each head race will row a sprint final in the afternoon.
- **We reserve the right to combine the A and B categories if participation is limited.**
- Hot seating boats or rowers requires a minimum of 60 minutes separation, but is always done so at your own risk. We can not wait for your crew! We strive to run an ‘on-time’ regatta. Please check the tentative schedule to ensure that you can make all necessary accommodations for the double use of boats, oars, and athletes.
- Please provide bow numbers if you have them. There are a limited number of extra bow numbers available.

Coxswains:

- **Coxswains MUST know how to back into a start platform! Please practice with your coxswains and crews the techniques of using a starting platform, including the pointing of their bows – i.e., having two scull with bow’s oar or three scull with two’s.**
- **Coxswains (strokes of bow-coxed boats) must also know that they need to have their hands in the air while they are adjusting their point at the start.**
- **New ruling from USRA- They officially no longer recognize ‘hands’ at the start. We still encourage coxswains to do this. It will be covered at the C&C meeting.**

Rules of Race Course:

- As soon as a crew is clear of the dock, proceed north toward bridge.
- **!!DO NOT ROW THROUGH BRIDGE!!**
- Watch for marshals to send boats toward the starting line.
- All crews should come to a stop 100-150 m after finish and immediately head west to begin cool-down towards docks.
- **Please use caution near the dam**

Registration and Weigh-Ins: Weigh-ins will begin at 6:45am on Saturday. All boats must weigh in together as a boat. There is no time restriction on weighing in. Coxswains do not need to weigh in. We will also have a ONE HOUR weigh in window on Friday evening from 6:00 – 7:00pm. It is recommended that boats weigh in as early as possible in order to allow for re-hydration.

Food: There will be a food vendor on site. Tim Horton's will be selling coffee and donuts. Dan's Deli will be selling cart vendor (Dan's Deli) food and we will also have a kettle corn vendor. Restaurants in the immediate are the Bel Lago (near the starting line) and Subway (at Windsor Bay shopping center). **Please plan on bringing water, as we do not have a source to fill water containers.**

Awards:

- Medals will be awarded for 1st – 3rd place in all FINALS events
- The High Team Points Trophy will be awarded to the team with the highest point total. A modified Barnes scoring system will be utilized.

Registration:

Entries: All entries should be done online at www.regattacentral.com. Day-of entries will not be accepted. **Entries must be submitted online by midnight on Monday, April 16, 2012.**

Entry Fee's:

8+ - \$70

4+ and 4x - \$60

All waivers and fees should be received no later than TUESDAY, April 17, 2012.

Make checks payable to: **Westerville Crew**

Mail to: Westerville Crew

4111 Executive Pkwy

Suite 305

Westerville, OH 43081

Contact:

Trish Chase, Regatta Director

614-565-9198

tchase@medtuity.com

Waivers:

• Coaches: your athletes may submit their waivers online, saving you the hassle of dealing with paper waivers. You will need to distribute the roster code assigned to your team by USRowing. Here are instructions to distribute to athletes and parents:

1. Go to <https://rosters.usrowing.org/>
2. Enter your Club Code given by your team administrator
3. Enter two of the following: Name, birthdate, or USRowing Member ID
 - Choose your name from the populated list
 - If your name is listed more than once, choose the “paid membership” number over “waiver-only” number
 - If your name is not listed at all, “create new member”
4. View and update your profile
5. Submit your waiver

If you have any questions regarding waivers and compliance, please call the USRowing office at 1-800-314-4769. You may also contact RegattaCentral for technical assistance at 614-360-2922 or via email at support@regattacentral.com.

Schedule:

Coxswain’s Meeting: 7:00

Heats begin at 8:00am

Saturday, Apr 21

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| 1 | Mens Varsity 8+ |
| 2 | Womens Ltwt 4+ |
| 3 | Mens 4x |
| 4 | Mens Novice 4+ A HeadRace |
| 5 | Mens Novice 4+ B HeadRace |
| 6 | Womens Novice 8+ A HeadRace |
| 7 | Womens Novice 8+ B HeadRace |
| 8 | Mens JV 8+ |
| 9 | Womens JV 4+ |
| 10 | Mens Ltwt 8+ |
| 11 | Womens Varsity 4+ |
| 12 | Womens Ltwt 8+ |
| 13 | Womens 4x |
| 14 | Mens Varsity 4+ |

15	Mens Novice 8+ A HeadRace
16	Mens Novice 8+ B HeadRace
17	Womens Novice 4+ A HeadRace
18	Womens Novice 4+ B HeadRace
19	Mens Ltwt 4+
20	Womens JV 8+
21	Womens Varsity 8+
22	Mens JV 4+

This is the order of events for heats and finals. If there is a final only event, that event will run during the afternoon finals schedule and will not run during the morning. Final only events are typically the lightweight events and quads events.

The M&W Novice 4s and 8s will run head races to qualify. The top 6 in each head race will advance to a sprint final in the afternoon. **Coaches, you are responsible for making sure that your coxswains and crews can back into a start platform and can scull to keep their line.**

Parking and Drop Off:

Spectators: The tents should be set-up south of the Walnut Street shelter house only. Parking for spectators is available in the upper and lower dam lot (Smokeburr St. and Sunbury Rd) and later at the Windsor Bay shopping center. There will be two shuttle vans to assist beginning at 6:45am.

Boat trailer, food trailer and bus parking:

Boats trailers: will park at the **Boat Ramp lot** just north of Walnut Street and the north end of the Walnut Street lot. The Boat Ramp lot (the one farther north) is now our primary lot. The Walnut Street lot is our secondary. The launch docks are farther north (same place as last fall). The City has been doing a lot of park beautification which means that there are drainage ditches surrounding most of the lots along with fencing. We will have designated areas for rear loaded boats to park, so that you can get your boats out without walking on water.

Buses: will park/drop off at the curb lane **NORTH of the Walnut St. light.** Buses please DO NOT pull in any of the parking lots. Cones will be placed along the northbound lane on Sunbury Rd on Friday afternoon. Please let a Hoover Invite staff member know if you need assistance.

Food trailers: All food trailers will be required to park curbside south of the Walnut St light (near the tents). There will be cones set up along Sunbury Rd on Friday afternoon. This is ideal parking for the food trailers as it is right next to the tent area.

NO OTHER VEHICLES will be allowed to park at the Walnut Street lot OR the boat ramp lot.

Vehicles dropping off rowers and supplies: must do so on Sunbury Rd curbside (lane will be closed) **just south of the Walnut St light. That area will be marked drop off zone. No vehicles may remain unattended in this area.** Vehicles will not be permitted to pull into the parking lots to drop off.

Directions:

From Toledo

- 1) Take Route 23 South from Toledo to I-270 East
- 2) Take I-270 East to **Exit 30** (SR 161 East, “New Albany” Exit)
- 3) Take SR 161 East, New Albany to **first** exit (Sunbury Rd.)
- 4) Turn Right (north) onto Sunbury Rd.
- 5) Regatta site is on your right at Walnut Street (about 2 miles)

From Cincinnati

- 1) Take I-71 North through Columbus
- 2) Take 670E
- 3) Take I-270 North to **Exit 30** (SR 161 East “New Albany” Exit)
- 4) Take SR 161 East to the **first** exit (Sunbury Rd.)
- 5) Turn Right (north) onto Sunbury Rd.
- 6) Regatta site will be on your right at Walnut St. (about 2 miles)

From Cleveland

- 1) Take I-71 South from Cleveland
- 2) Take I-270 East to **Exit 30** (SR 161 East, “New Albany” Exit)
- 3) Take SR 161 East to the **first** exit (Sunbury Rd.)
- 4) Turn Right (north) onto Sunbury Rd.
- 5) Regatta site will be on your right at Walnut St. (about 2 miles)

From Dayton

- 1) Take I-70 East to 670 EAST
- 2) Take I-270 North to **Exit 30** (SR 161 East, “New Albany” Exit)
- 3) Take SR 161 East (**Exit 30**, “New Albany”)
- 4) Take **first** exit (Sunbury Rd.)
- 5) Turn Right (north) onto Sunbury Rd.
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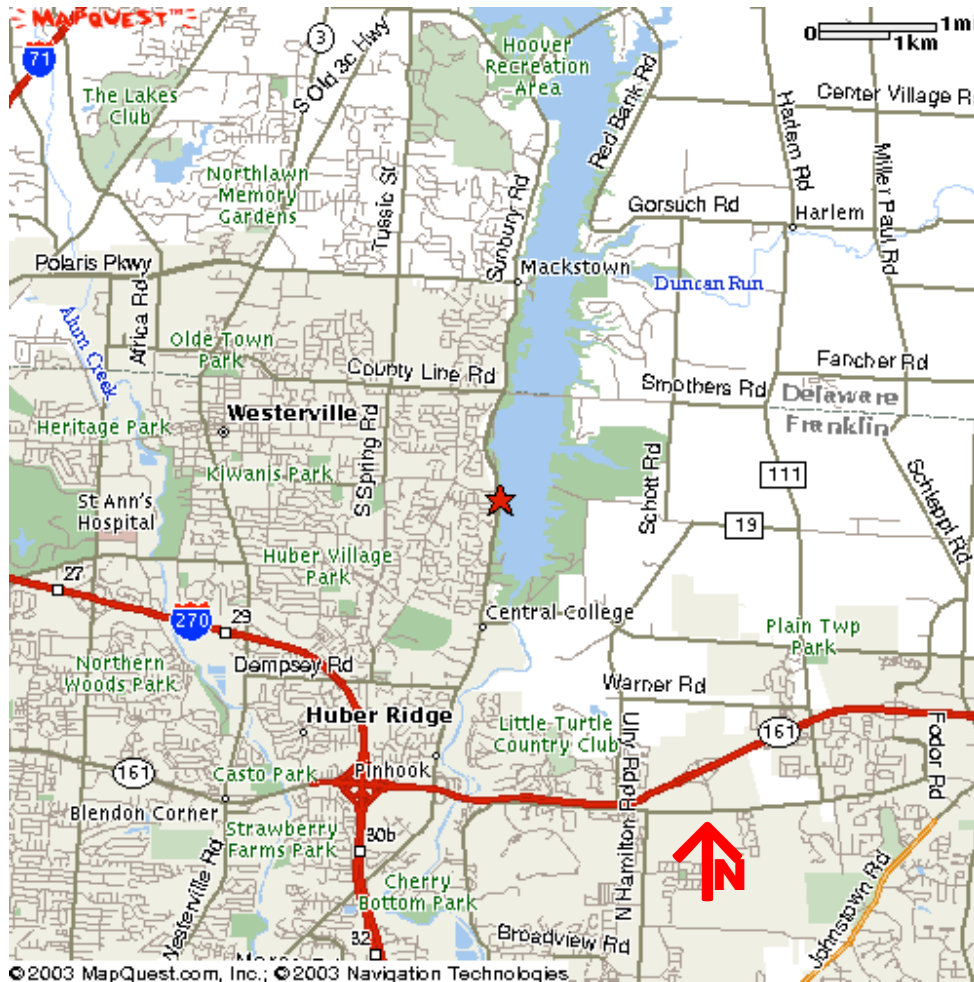
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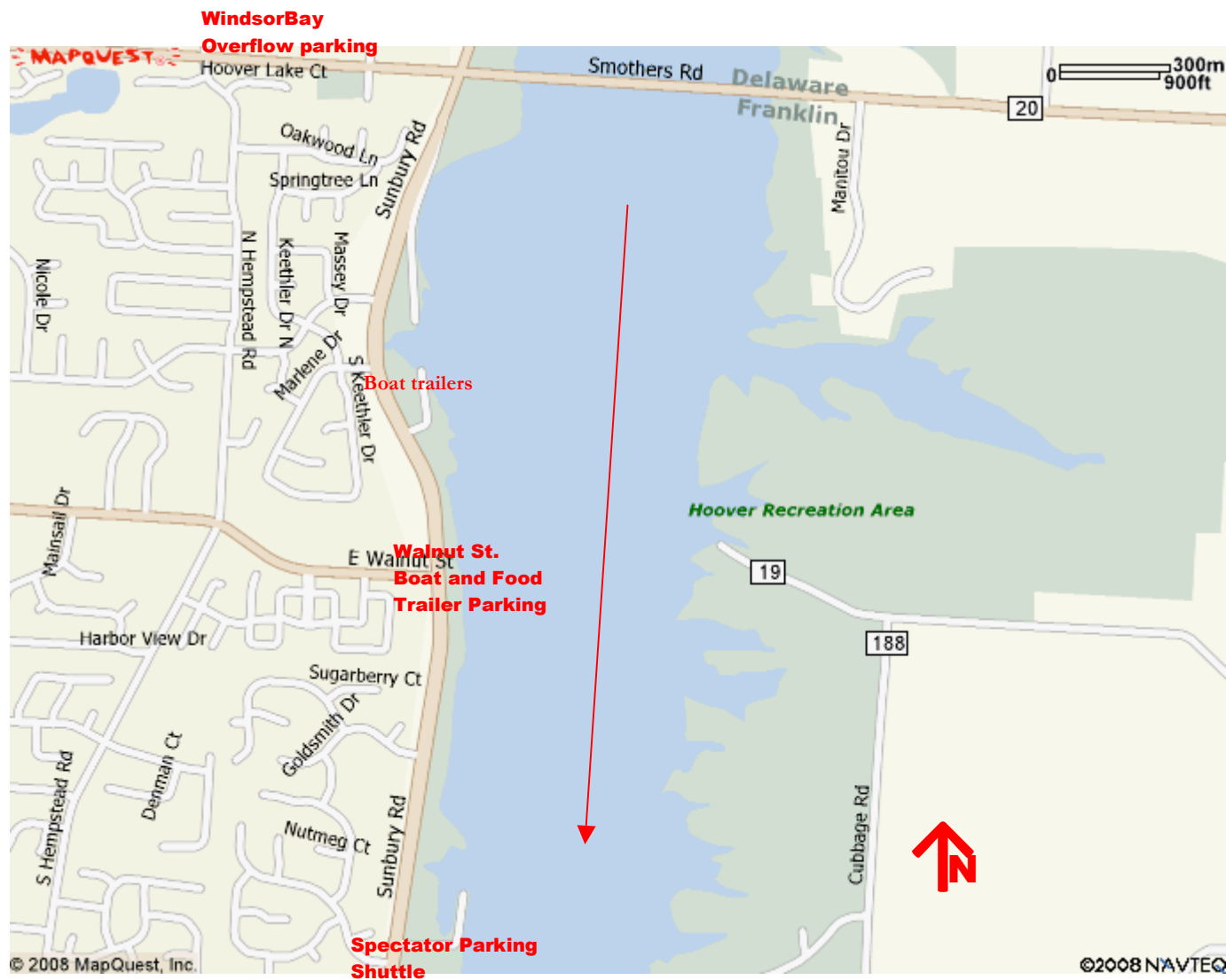
- 1) Take I-70 West to I-270 North (on the east side of Columbus)
- 2) Go about 8 miles on I-270 North
The freeway will split as you near the Easton Exit. Bear right, following the signs for SR 161 East “New Albany” **Exit 30**
- 3) Take SR161 East to the **first** exit (Sunbury Road)
- 4) Turn Right (north) onto Sunbury Rd.
- 5) The regatta site will be on your right at Walnut St. (about 2 miles)

- **Trailers:** Go 100 meters north of the Walnut Street stop light and turn right into the parking lot. If lot is full, you will be directed back to the Walnut St lot..
- **Buses:** Park and unload curbside, NORTH OF Walnut Street on Sunbury Rd, then proceed to the lot at Windsor Bay shopping center (near Sears). There will be cones set

up on Friday around noon to enable safe exiting of the buses.

- **Passenger Cars:** Look for regatta parking signs. There will be shuttles at the upper and lower dam parking lots (the 1st light that you will come to when you see the water, when traveling from the south) at Smokeburr and Sunbury Rd. If these lots are full, the shuttles will go to Windsor Bay shopping center, Sunbury Rd & County Line Rd, (which is north of Walnut). Spectators may also park curbside on the WEST side of Sunbury. No spectator vehicles on the EAST side of Sunbury. No spectator vehicles on the EAST side of Sunbury.





Hotels Near Hoover Reservoir:



Wingate @ Polaris: www.wingate.com **Special Regatta Rate**

8505 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH 43240; 614-844-5888; 800-228-1000

Location: Conveniently located off I-71 at the Polaris exit, just minutes from the Polaris Fashion Place Mall, Magic Mountain Family Center and many restaurants and entertainment venues.

Hotel offers: Free Hi-speed internet, microwave and small refrigerator, Hot Breakfast, free parking.

6 miles (12 minutes) from Hoover Reservoir.

Regatta rate is \$89.00 (ask for Regatta Rate when calling)

Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Polaris Special Regatta rates

8535 Lyra Drive, Columbus, Ohio, USA 43240

Tel: +1-614-846-8884 Fax: +1-614-846-8444

Special regatta rates are \$99. Just use the code: 'regatta' when registering

6 miles (12 minutes)

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Thank you for attending the 13th Annual Hoover Invitational!

