

# Covered Bridge Regatta

Saturday, April 12, 2008

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**Oregon Association of Rowers**  
**University of Oregon Crew**

Welcome to the Covered Bridge Regatta held on Dexter Reservoir!  
We look forward to seeing you again or having you race with us for the first time.

**Time:** Coaches' and Coxswains' Meeting 6:15 am. First Race 7:30 am.

**Place:** Dexter Reservoir, 20 minutes east of Eugene on Hwy 58

**Races:** 2000 meters Junior  
2000 meters Collegiate, Open  
1000 meters Masters

**Cost:** Entries received by April 1<sup>st</sup>: \$500 per team  
These fees allow for entries in as many races as desired.

Small crews: \$20/seat/event by April 1<sup>st</sup>. (Excluding coxswains.)

**Late entries or fees will be accepted only on a space-  
available basis and at twice the original entry fee.**

Medals with neck ribbons awarded for first, second and third places.

## Registration

All registration for the regatta this year is being handled through Regatta Central. That website is [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com) Payment may be with check, credit card or paypal. Updates to the schedule and other changes are viewable there and at [www.oarowing.org](http://www.oarowing.org)

## Ed Offchiss Memorial Trophy

In memory of our friend and 'sculling buddy' Ed Offchiss, a perpetual trophy will be presented again this year to the winner of the men's masters single.

## Junior and Collegiate Team Points Trophies

Points will be awarded for each Junior and each Collegiate team's highest placing in each event. The respective crews amassing the greatest number of points will be presented with the team trophies.

## Regatta Format

The Covered Bridge Regatta is a USRowing Registered Event. USRowing licensed referees will officiate. Team, but not individual, USRowing membership is required. (See “Waiver Forms,” below)

The race course is accurately surveyed to 2000 meters and each lane will be completely buoyed along one side. Additional, larger buoys outside the course lanes will mark every 250 meters. Masters race the *last* 1000 meters.

The course will allow up to six lanes and events with more than six entries will be raced as separate events, without finals. At the discretion of the regatta director and the chief referee, certain events will allow up to eight lanes. Events with less than three entries will be canceled, or combined with another event. The men’s masters single will be held with heats and a final. With the exception of single sculls, teams are limited to a maximum of two entries per event.

The race schedule will be finalized Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. A tentative order of events is provided at [www.RegattaCentral.com](http://www.RegattaCentral.com) and on the Oregon Association of Rowers website [www.oarowing.org](http://www.oarowing.org)

The regatta will be run on ten-minute centers, so efficiency is paramount to keeping the regatta on schedule. Boats must be launched at least 30 minutes prior to your start time and be in the staging area five minutes prior to start time. We will not delay an event so an athlete can ‘hot seat.’

The OAR rowing club’s dock space and access will not be able to accommodate all competitors. Visiting teams are expected to rig boats and beach launch from the large grassy area next to the parking lot and concessions in the marina area. (see “Parking,” below)

All boats must be equipped with bow balls and heel tie downs. Crews must provide their own bow numbers.

All participants are asked to immediately report any distressed shell and/or rowers in the water witnessed during their row to and from the race course.

2007 Rules of Rowing will apply, however, the following rules *will not* be enforced:

2-409 Racing Cadence

3-104 Minimum Weight of Boats

3-203 Oar Colors

4-109 & 110 Weighing of Coxswains and Weighing of Competitors

Rules pertaining to coxswain weight limits and weigh-ins *will not* be enforced. We ask that you honor these limits.

## Coaches' and Coxswains' Meeting

This meeting will be held Saturday morning, promptly at 6:15 AM in the picnic shelter near the parking lot. There will be time allowed for questions and scratch/adds after remarks by the chief referee and the regatta director. Any required insurance waiver forms that were not mailed in with team entries will be collected at this time.

## Insurance and Waiver Forms

This is a fully registered regatta and we are using US Rowing regatta liability insurance. Participants who are members of US Rowing and have signed a Release of Liability online do not have to sign a waiver form for this regatta. All other participants are required to sign a waiver. Both the US Rowing link and the printable waiver form are available through the Regatta Central website.

## Directions

From I-5, take Hwy. 58 (exit 188A) east, 13 miles to Dexter Lake.

Turn left at the white covered bridge, to Lowell.

Turn left at Boundary Rd. (becomes Pengra Rd.), 0.8 miles to Lowell Park.

## **Parking**

PARKING IS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR. There will be parking at the park for trailers and large buses. Additionally, each team will be issued one parking permit for use at the park. All other vehicles of participants and spectators must park in the town of Lowell, which is a 10-15 minute walk from the park. There will be a drop-off area at the park and a free shuttle bus will run between the park and town. *There is no parking on Pengra road.* Trailers and boats may be left overnight in the park's parking lot adjacent to the launch area. The gate will be locked at 9:00 pm Friday night. The lot will be supervised, but equipment is left at your own risk.

## **Trash and Recycling**

Trash and recycling barrels are located around the park and we ask that teams do their share to *use* these receptacles especially before departure. Thank you!

## **Accommodations at Dexter Lake**

Junior regatta participants, and their chaperones, may once again make use of the Lowell High School gymnasiums for informal overnight accommodations. The High School, located at 65 S. Pioneer St. (two minutes from Lowell Park), will open two gymnasiums, one for boys and one for girls, for a nominal fee of \$6 per person. Please complete and return the Lodging and Dinner Form (available on the website) directly to Lowell High School.

There is very limited camping space at Lowell Park. Camping is allowed Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, only. Camping is limited to the oak grove area. No camping on the beach. No open fires.

Dexter Shores RV Park/Camping, 39140 Dexter Rd., (541) 937-3711 (across the lake).

## **Food**

Once again, a pasta dinner, including bread, salad, beverage and dessert, will be available for \$7 per person at Lowell High School. Meat and vegetarian dishes will be served. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm on Friday evening. The dinner is a fundraiser for the Lowell High senior class. Please print, complete and return the Lodging and Dinner Form (available on the website) directly to Lowell High School.

During the regatta, breakfast and lunch will be available at the Nexus Grill in the marina area. There will be a wide range of food choices that will please anybody from athlete to spectator. Breakfast will start at 6:00 am. The grill is a student based enterprise and proceeds go toward funding after-school programs. Your patronage is appreciated.

## **Accommodations in and around Eugene/Springfield**

The Quality Inn and Suites is this year's "host hotel" for our regatta. When calling for reservations (541-726-9266) mention 'The Covered Bridge Regatta' for the best rate (\$94 Single/Double Occupancy). The Quality Inn is located at 3550 Gateway St, Springfield (exit 195A off I-5). You can find information on additional hotels in the area at [www.visitlanecounty.org](http://www.visitlanecounty.org).

## **Regatta T-shirts & Decals**

This year's T-shirt design will be available to view at the OAR website by March 15th. Short sleeved, 2008 CBR T-shirts will be available for purchase for \$20.00 each. A variety of other items including hats, bags, vintage regatta t-shirts, and regatta patches will also be available for purchase. Credit cards will be accepted.

## **Contacts**

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