***RowOn Small Boat Regatta***

Saturday May 14, 2022

**Hosted by the Welland International Flatwater Centre (South Course)**

***OFFICIAL REGATTA INFORMATION PACKAGE***

**Regatta Chair:** Grant Boyd

**Chief Umpire:** Tom Blacquiere

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

After more than a year without racing the RowOn Small Boat Regatta (RowOn SBR) is the ideal event for rowers of all ages and abilities to test themselves over 2000m. The 2022 regatta will serve as the on-water measure for U19 athletes attempting selection to the RCA U19 Team. Performance at the RowOn SBR will also play a role in determining which aspiring Canada Summer Games athletes will be invited into the Final Selection camp.

# REGATTA INFORMATION

The RowOn SBR is a Time Trial, to Finals (A, B, C +) regatta for Singles (1x) and Pairs (2-). **\*New for 2022 - Semi-finals\***

Please see Regatta Central for a course map. All athletes and crews will follow the posted warm up, racing and cool down flow pattern.

Row Ontario reserves the right to cancel the regatta if changes in COVID restrictions, no longer permit us to run a safe regatta. In this situation, refunds will be in full. The regatta may also be canceled or modified if the number of entries dictate such.

# EVENT LIST

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals will be awarded in the following categories.

U17 Women & Men

U19 Women & Men

U21 Women & Men

U23 Women & Men

Senior Women & Men

For a gold, silver, and bronze medal to be awarded in a category, there will need to be a minimum of four boats that race in that category. If there are only three boats, only a Gold and Silver will be awarded. If just two boats, only the Gold will be awarded.

All 1x will race as one event, and all 2-’s will race as one event. All entries (1x & 2-) for time trials will be seeded at the discretion of and to the best ability of Row Ontario, recognizing that there has been no racing for 2 years, the plan is for up to one [1] minute intervals between boats in the Time Trials.

Coaches are asked to rank all their entries (per event 1x’s and 2-’s) A, B, C, D etc. regardless of age category to assist us in developing a rank order start list for the time trials.

# PROGRESSION FORMAT

Following time trials, the top 18 men’s and women’s 1xs and the top 12 men’s and women’s 2-s will be seeded into Semi-finals. All other Athletes and Crews will be seeded directly into Finals by gender & boat class. Results of the Semi-finals will determine seeding in Finals A-C (1xs) and A-B (2-s).

Top 18 Semi Final Lane assignment for 1x [placing in time trial]

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Lane 1 | Lane 2 | Lane 3 | Lane 4 | Lane 5 | Lane 6 |
| SF1 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 18 |
| SF2 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 17 |
| SF3 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 16 |

1st and 2nd in each semi-final progress to A Final

3rd and 4th in each semi-final progress to B Final

5th & 6th in each semi-final progress to C Final

Top 12 Semi Final Lane assignment for 2- [placing in time trial]

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|  | Lane 1 | Lane 2 | Lane 3 | Lane 4 | Lane 5 | Lane 6 |
| SF1 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| SF2 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 11 |

1st, 2nd, 3rd in each semi-final progress to A Final

4th, 5th & 6th in each semi-final progress to B Final

# COMPETITION - SCHEDULE INFORMATION

## COACHES MEETING: Friday May 13th at 7pm via Zoom

There will be no Coaches Meeting the day of the regatta.

ALL clubs/schools are required to have at least 1 representative at the coaches meeting, for instructions from the Regatta Chair and Chief Umpire, as per Rule 8.6 of the 2018 RCA Rules of Racing.

The Zoom link for the meeting will be shared with all clubs no later than Wednesday May 11th.

Clubs/schools that do not sign in at the coaches meeting will not be permitted to race. The Club/school representative in attendance is responsible for conveying all information from the coaches meeting to all participating athletes and coaches. All participants are expected to be familiar with the information conveyed at the coaches meeting.

Hardcopies of the draw will not be distributed. The draw, progressions and results will be available online in Regatta Central and through WhatsApp.

The minimum interval in the Time Trial will be as per the Rules of Racing.

The minimum race interval in finals will be 6 minutes.

Athletes and crews will be permitted to launch no earlier than 60 minutes prior to their posted start time and no later than 45 minutes prior to their posted start time.

**Potential Draft Schedule**

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| **Start time** | **Event** | **Launch time** |
| 8:00 am | 1x Time Trials [Men/ Women] followed by 2- Time Trials [Men/Women] | 7:15 am |
|  | **BREAK** |  |
| 12:00 noon | 1x Semi-finals followed by 2- Semi-finals | As required |
| 1:30-3:30 pm | 1x Finals (D and lower in reverse order) followed by 2- Finals (D and lower in reverse order) | As required |
| 4:00 pm | 1x and 2- Finals (C,B,A) |  |

### Regatta Virtual Office Hours

Any issues, questions, or concerns can be addressed by calling (226) 926-9374. This number will active from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Friday May 13th and from 6:30am onward on regatta day.

## Course Practice Times

The course will be available for practice from 4:00pm – 7:00pm Friday May 13th, 2022.

# ELIGIBILITY

All events are open to participants from any Row Ontario Member Club in good standing or an athlete from a member club in good standing with their respective PRA and RCA. Athletes and coaches must be listed on their Club’s Regatta Central roster.

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| Under 17 | * Open to eligible athletes born in 2006 or later |
| Under 19 | * Open to eligible athletes born in 2004 or later |
| Under 21 | * Open to eligible athletes born in 2002 or later |
| Under 23 | * Open to eligible athletes born in 2000 or later |
| Senior | * Open to all eligible athletes |

## IMPORTANT: I.D. REQUIREMENTS

Identification will only be accepted if it includes the athlete’s birthdate AND photo. If two pieces of identification are required to meet these requirements, competitors are required to show both. A photo of identification on a cell phone will be accepted, so long as it is clear and has no evidence of tampering.

**ENTRY DEADLINES AND PAYMENT TERMS**

All entries and all payment of entry fees will be completed through Regatta Central, without exception. Entries, completed in full, must be submitted online by Monday May 9th at 11:59PM.

Entries will only be accepted with full payment. Any entries for which payment has not been received will be deleted after the deadline.

A preliminary race draw will be posted on Regatta Central on Wednesday May 11th. Any further updates will be published on Regatta Central and Regatta Master.

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### Entry Fees

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| Boat Class | Base Entry Fee  (same as 2019) | | Row Ontario  Seat Fee | RCA  Seat Fee | Total |
| 1x | $65+HST | $73.45 | $2.10 +HST = $2.37 | $3.65 | $79.47 |
| 2- | $130+HST | $146.90 | $4.20 +HST = $4.74 | $7.30 | $158.94 |

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### Late Entries

Late entries will be accepted for this regatta. Please contact the Regatta Chair. If accepted the entry fee will be 1.5 X the regular entry fee plus HST, before seat fees are added.

**Substitutions**

Rule 7.6 (Crew changes before the First Heat) will apply for 2- events. The substitute must meet all eligibility and entry requirements as listed above.

Substitution requests will be accepted during the following times:

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| May 11th 9:00 am –  May 13th 4:00 pm | [grant@rowontario.ca](mailto:grant@rowontario.ca) |
| May 14th two hours before 2- Time Trial. | By calling the Virtual office line |

Substitutions will not be permitted for single scullers.

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### Scratches

There will be no scratch fee for this regatta, however there will be no refunds for scratched entries after the entry deadline.

RCA RULES OF RACING EXCEPTIONS

This regatta will follow the 2018 Rowing Canada Aviron Rules of Racing, with the Exceptions (per Rule 1.6) below:

7.2 Draws: Draws will be made available three days in advance of the regatta not five days.

7.6 Crew changes before the First Heat

There will be no substitutions permitted for single scullers.

Substitution requests must be approved at least 120 minutes (2 hours) before the start of the Time Trial.

# RESULTS

Results will be posted online using Regatta Central and Regatta Master.

# PARKING

Parking will be in the City of Welland lot on Colborne Street, just north of the train bridge. This lot is reserved for athletes, coaches, and other club volunteers. There will NOT be any sort of shuttle service so everyone must plan to walk to the trailer area.

Parking at the boathouse is designated for volunteers, staff, and umpires.

**SITE ACCESS**

Access to the trailer park at the boat house, and docks will only be permitted to athletes, coaches, and designated volunteers.

# SITE AMENITIES

Please note there will be no food vendors at this regatta. Competitors are encouraged to bring their own water; there is access to a water hose at the boat house and there will be bottles of water available in case of emergency at the Start, Finish, and Medical. The municipal water truck will not be present for this event.

There will be no indoor shelter available at the regatta site. The regatta will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Clubs are recommended to bring their own tents in the event of rain/sun etc. Trailer sites will be large enough to accommodate trailers and a shelter structure.

There will be ample portable washrooms on the regatta site for the use of athletes, coaches, and regatta volunteers.

# COMMUNICATION

Regatta communication will be distributed through WhatsApp, including progressions and draws for finals. Please join the group at this link.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jd5sQEjjhNGC4hdromCHei>

# COVID POLICIES

All attendees (athletes, coaches, volunteers, umpires etc.) are recommended to bring their own PPE (masks, gloves, Ziplock bags, hand sanitizer).

Items provided by the regatta such as walkie-talkies will not be shared between volunteers/umpires.

Food, drink, and other personal items (tools, clothing etc.,) should be kept in sealed containers while at the regatta site.

Launch windows have been extended to 60 minutes before race time. This is to accommodate for slow launching off the docks and encourage distancing between athletes. Please plan to line up with 2m between crews while waiting for dock space.

When launching, all personal items (shoes, water bottles, etc.) must be taken in the boat or removed by a coach/volunteer. No items left on docks. Oars must be brought down with the shell, not in advance.

Masks are recommended to be worn. Masks are recommended to be worn when individuals are likely to come within 2m of each other (trailer loading/unloading, docking/launching etc.) and when approaching Control Commission. Although no indoor space will be open at the regatta, if anyone should need to go indoors for any reason, a mask is recommended.

Anyone feels ill with COVID symptoms shall not attend the event. If starting to feel ill during the event, individuals are asked to leave the event, and seek medical attention.

# MEDICAL SERVICES

A clearly marked medical tent, staffed with a certified City of Welland lifeguard, will be located at the finish line on the West shore (finish tower side), with access to a coach boat to assist an athlete on the water with immediate need.

A secondary medical tent, staffed with a certified City of Welland lifeguard, will be located in the compound near the boathouse for any medical needs in that area. All medical staff and regatta officials will have access to a phone to call 911 if required.

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