



Tony Biernacki Sr. Memorial Regatta

Saturday, June 17th, 2023



OFFICIAL REGATTA PACKAGE

Hosted at the Welland International Flatwater Centre (North Course)

Regatta Chair: Kate Savage, Row Ontario	Chief Umpire: Debbie Sage
Safety Advisor: Fraser Mowat, City of Welland	First Aid/Medical Advisor: Lily McGuire, Row Ontario

REGATTA INFORMATION

Historically hosted by Brock Rowing Club, the 2023 Tony Biernacki Sr. Memorial Regatta will be hosted by Row Ontario for the second consecutive year. The Tony B Regatta is a masters event, providing race opportunities for masters athletes in a variety of boat classes.

EVENT LIST & ORDER OF EVENTS

1. Men's 2-	18. Women's D 1x
2. Women's E+ 1x	19. Men's E 1x
3. Mixed Para 1x	20. Men's G+ 1x
4. Men's 8+ D+	21. Women's AA-A-B 4x
5. Men's AA-A-B-C 4x	22. Women's C+ 4x
6. Women's C 2x	23. Mixed 2x
7. Women's D+ 2x	24. Men's D+ 4+
8. Men's 1x 73.5kg	25. Men's F 1x
9. Men's D 1x	26. Women's AA-A-B 2x
10. Women's 1x 60kg	27. Women's 8+
11. Women's AA-A-B 1x	28. Men's AA-A-B-C 1x
12. Women's C+ 4+	29. Men's D 2x
13. Men's D+ 4x	30. Men's AA-A-B-C 4+
14. Men's 8+	31. Men's E+ 2x
15. Women's AA-A-B 4+	32. Mixed 4x
16. Men's AA-C 2x	33. Mixed 8+
17. Women's C 1x	34. Women's 2-
<i>Events may vary or be combined based on entries.</i>	

All events are straight finals. In events with more than 6 entries, the event will be split at the Regatta Chair's discretion, and each race will be considered a final.



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DAY OF COMPETITION – SCHEDULE INFORMATION

- a) Coaches Meeting – Saturday, June 17th at 8am at Control Commission.

ALL clubs 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 2022 RCA Rules of Racing.

As per Rule 8.6 in the Rowing Canada Rules of Racing, the Chief Umpire may penalize a club for failure to attend the coaches meeting, including not permitting the club to race. The Club 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.

Hard copies of the draw will not be distributed. The draw and results will be available online in Regatta Central and through WhatsApp.

- b) Race Times – The regatta will start at 10:00am with the Men’s 2-. Race intervals will be 10 minutes, unless required to be reduced to a minimum of 5 minutes due to weather, entry numbers, etc. There will be a 30-minute break at 12:30pm for a shift change.
- c) Minimum Race Intervals and Expected Launch Times – The minimum race interval will be 5 minutes between finals. Athletes and crews will be permitted to get their bow number no earlier than 45 minutes prior to their posted start time and no later than 20 minutes prior to their posted start time. Wet launching is permitted.
- d) Weigh-in Times – Athletes entered in weight-restricted events must weigh-in at least one hour, but no more than two hours, prior to the posted start time for their race. During that one-hour window, athletes may step on the scale multiple times, if needed. A gauged test scale will be available starting at 7:00am on Saturday, June 17th.
- e) Course practice times – The course will be available for practice on Saturday, June 17th from 7:00am-8:00am.
- f) Regatta Office Hours – Any issues, questions, or concerns can be addressed in-person at the Regatta Office, from 7:00am onward on regatta day, or by calling 905-321-5025. This number will be active from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Friday, June 16th and from 6:00am onward on regatta day.

ELIGIBILITY

All events are open to participants from any Club in the world. Athletes and listed Coaches must be listed on their Club’s Regatta Central roster.



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| a) Ontario Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Registered and active member of a Row Ontario member club in the appropriate role (e.g. Athlete or Coach)Registrations must be activated in the RCA Web Registration System to be valid |
| b) Canadian Participants, outside Ontario | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Registered and active member of a member club in the appropriate role (e.g. Athlete or Coach)Registrations must be activated in the RCA Web Registration System to be valid |
| c) International Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Registered with the appropriate National Rowing FederationComplete the online waiver in Regatta Central by Friday, June 16th. |
| d) Age Categories | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Age is calculated as of December 31st, 2023.Competitors (excluding coxswains) shall not be younger than 21 years of age as of December 31st, 2023.As per the 2022 RCA Rules of Racing, age categories are based on the crew average age (excluding coxswains):<ul style="list-style-type: none">AA: 21-26A: 27 and moreB: 36 and moreC: 43 and moreD: 50 and moreE: 55 and moreF: 60 and moreG: 65 and moreH: 70 and moreI: 75 and moreJ: 80 and moreK: 83 and moreL: 86 and more |
| e) Weight Restricted | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Men – 73.5kg maximumWomen – 60kg maximum |
| f) Coxswains | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Coxswains must meet all eligibility criteria, except those related to age, and are not required to weigh-in. |
| g) Mixed | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mixed events must include no more than 50% male-identifying athletes (excluding coxswains). |
| h) Composite | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Composite crews must include athletes from at least two different Clubs, each of whom meet the eligibility requirements listed above. |
| i) Para | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Para events are open to all rowers who meet RCA Rule 2.12 but are not required to have undergone classification prior to this regatta. |

Masters Age Adjusted Time System

The Henley Masters Age Adjusted Time System will be used. A copy of the Henley Masters Age Adjusted Time System is available on RegattaCentral and in Appendix 9 of the 2022 RCA Rules of Racing.



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ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF AGE AND IDENTITY

As per Rule 2.3, 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 to the Regatta Chair for verification, prior to presenting at Control Commission. 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 Sunday, June 11th 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 draw will be posted on Regatta Central on Tuesday, June 13th. Any further updates will be published on Regatta Central and Regatta Master, and shared via WhatsApp.

a) Entry Fees

Boat Class	Base Entry Fee		Row Ontario Seat Fee	RCA Seat Fee	Total
1x	\$40 +HST	\$45.20	\$2.25 +HST = \$2.54	\$3.85	\$51.59
2-/2x	\$60 +HST	\$67.80	\$4.50 +HST = \$5.08	\$7.70	\$80.58
4x	\$90 +HST	\$101.70	\$9.00 +HST = \$10.17	\$15.40	\$127.27
4+	\$90 +HST	\$101.70	\$11.25 +HST = \$12.71	\$19.25	\$133.66
8+	\$125 +HST	\$141.25	\$20.25 +HST = \$22.88	\$34.65	\$198.78

All fees are stated in CAD funds.

- b) Late Entries – Late entries may be accepted for this regatta. Please contact the Regatta Chair. The cost of a late entry will be 1.5x the cost of the base entry fee, plus seat fees. The late entry fee must accompany the late entry for the entry to be accepted, without exception. Late entry fees must be paid by credit card or club cheque. **CASH and PERSONAL CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- c) Substitutions – Rule 7.6 (Crew Changes Before the First Heat) will apply for all events. The substitute must meet all eligibility and entry requirements as listed above. A \$5.00 Name Change Fee will be assessed for all name changes unless a note from a qualified medical professional is emailed to kate@rowontario.ca by 5:00pm on Monday, June 19th, 2023.

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Substitution requests will only be accepted until 2 hours before the posted start time, within the following windows:

Start	End	Where
June 12 th 8:00am	June 16 th 4:00pm	Via email to kate@rowontario.ca , using the RowOn Name Change Form available on Regatta Central.
June 17 th 6:00am	June 17 th , 2 hours prior to posted start time	In-person at the Regatta Office

d) Scratches

All scratches submitted after the entry deadline will be assessed a \$50.00 + HST Scratch fee. The Club whose crews miss the start of their race for any reason will also be assessed a \$50.00 + HST Scratch fee. Scratch fees will be waived for medical reasons if a note from a qualified medical professional is emailed to kate@rowontario.ca by 5:00pm on Monday, June 19th, 2023.

RCA RULES OF RACING EXCEPTIONS

This regatta will follow the 2022 Rowing Canada Aviron Rules of Racing, with the exceptions (per Rule 1.6) noted below.

2.6 Weighing of Coxswains

- There will be no weighing of coxswains.

9.3 Events with 7 or More Entries

- In events that include multiple age categories (i.e. Women’s A-C 4+), if there are enough in each category, the event will be further divided into age categories, and the events will occur in sequence right after the published time. If unable to break into further event age categories, the Regatta Chair will determine the best division to make two finals.

RESULTS AND MEDALS

Results will be posted online using Regatta Central and Regatta Master, and shared via WhatsApp.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals will be awarded in each of the categories listed in the Event List above. 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.



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PARKING & MOTOR TRAFFIC

The WIFC North Course is easily accessible for both participants and trailers. PARKING AREAS ARE RESTRICTED AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY CITY BY-LAW OFFICERS.

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

COMMUNICATION

Regatta communication will be distributed through WhatsApp. Please join the group at this link.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KCx9ditJmuuBYy5QXNvfef>

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services will be in front of the Athletes Centre. A secondary location for more serious cases will be in the basement of the Athlete Centre.

All questions should be addressed to Kate Savage via email at kate@rowontario.ca.