



**2016 Route 66 Invitational Regatta
Verdigris River, Catoosa, OK
Regatta Information and Registration Packet**

Location

Tulsa Rowing Club's 25th annual sprint rowing event, the Route 66 Regatta, will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 on the Verdigris River at Rogers Point Park in Catoosa. The venue is located northeast of Tulsa along US-66. The race course is on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, a scenic waterway with ample rowable water.

Event Description

This is a 1900 meter (against the current) Sprint race on a straight course with on the Verdigris River. Spectators on the south bank of the river will see high school and masters club crews race in a full day of rowing beginning at 7:10 a.m. and running until 5 p.m (approx.). Crews from numerous states including Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas will compete. Spectators will see all classifications of boats racing, from the single rower to the fast eight-person sweep rowing shell. There will be a floating start. US Rowing Rules will apply.

Boat Preparation

- 1) Protective bow balls are required on ALL shells for safety purposes. Crews are expected to provide their own bow balls. Boats without bow balls WILL NOT be allowed on the water under ANY circumstances.
- 2) All shoes must have heel tie downs that do not allow the heel to raise more than three inches above the foot board to which it is anchored. As of June 2013, US Rowing does not permit the use of C2 stretchers (modified or not).
- 3) Port hole covers must be used where intended by the boat manufacturer. Boats lacking port hole covers WILL NOT be allowed on the water.
- 4) Crews are expected to provide their own bow markers (1-5).

Boat Staging on Race Day

Crews should follow the directions of the dock master. Dock time will be limited to two minutes. Hot seating must be kept to a minimum. You should schedule your athletes and equipment so that your boats will be at the starting line on time. Races WILL NOT be delayed.

Barge Traffic on Race Day

The race course is located on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, and occasional slow-moving barge traffic MAY BE present on race day. Typically, a barge passes early (7:00 am) and sometimes in the afternoon. Rowers should be attentive to instructions from the dockmaster and referees concerning barge traffic. Boats in the process of launching will be held in the launching cove 10-15 minutes to allow the barge to pass. Boats on the main waterway will be asked to move to the shore

to permit the barge to pass. **Coaches should discuss these scenarios with coxswains and rowers so they will be prepared.** Under no circumstances will an event be started with barge traffic present. See video for what do in the event that a barge comes by: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCz-sIKgWJI>

Facilities

Ample parking is available for trailers and tow vehicles in the Rogers Point parking lot. Trailers will be allowed into the park on Friday for staging and boat rigging in designated areas. Security will be provided overnight.

Water and restrooms will be provided at the regatta site in the park.

Emergency Responders

Medical/first aid EMT responders will on call on an as-needed basis, and are stationed within a 5 minute response time.

Food

Race day food will be available from Route 66 Regatta food vendors located at the park.

Awards Description

Medals will be given for first, second, and third place crews in each classification provided that there are four crews in an event. Medals for events will be awarded after official times have been posted. A representative from the winning team will be required to sign for the medals. In those events that have less than four entries, medals will be awarded to the crews/athletes in all but the last place finisher in that event. For example, in events with only three entries, only the top two places will be awarded with medals. Medals may be picked up throughout the event in the command center in the back of the University of Tulsa boathouse.

Entries/Registration

All entries must be completed through Regatta Central at www.regattacentral.com. Entry deadline is Saturday, April 16th, 2016. Late entries will not be accepted. Under no circumstances will additional heats be added to an event.

Junior races will be limited finals only. Opportunities for A boats to race each other, B boat, C boats etc. will be available. Masters races will be scheduled as appropriate.

Juniors events will be capped at one entry per event. In the event that a team has more than one boat in an event, entries will be permitted and allowed at the discretion of the regatta committee. Masters events will be capped at 1 entry per team. If spaces are available after the registration deadline, those events will be opened for additional entries.

Waivers must be signed by all competitors (or legal guardians if under 18). Individuals without a signed waiver will not be allowed to compete.

Registration packets can be picked up at the Registration Tent beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 23rd.

There is no rain date scheduled for this event. This event will be cancelled if there are unsafe rowing conditions.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are charged per entry. The fee schedule by boat is listed below:

Eights: \$85.00

Fours/Quads: \$55.00

Doubles/Pairs: \$35.00

Singles: \$25.00

Payment in full is required before midnight EST on April 16th, 2016. Entries and payments must be made through www.regattacentral.com

Entry fees will not be refunded in the event the race is cancelled due to weather or water conditions on race day. Entry fees are not refundable after April 16th. There must be a minimum of two entries to constitute a class.

Additional entries may be accepted the day of the race between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. and must be accompanied by fees. Additional entries will not be accepted if the entry causes the need for extra heats. A \$10 late fee extra charge per entry will be charged for all late entries on race day.

Hot seating must be kept to a minimum. You should schedule your events so that your boats will be at the starting line on time. Races WILL NOT be delayed.

Coaches/Coxswains Meeting

The coaches/coxswains meeting will be held at 6:15 AM, Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 at the University of Tulsa Boathouse. All coaches, coxswains, bows, and single rowers are required to attend. This meeting will include course regulations, conditions, changes in schedules or procedures, and updated scratches. A wrist-band will be issued to all in attendance to insure compliance.

The race course is located on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, and occasional barge traffic MAY BE present on race day. All coaches, coxswains, bows, and single rowers are required to attend this meeting to hear safety instructions about barge traffic.

The first race begins at 7:10 AM (approx.). Races are scheduled 10 minutes apart with a mid morning break and a lunch break. Adjustments may be made by the officials or regatta committee as necessary.

Tentative Schedule of Events

6:15 AM Coaches/coxswains Meeting

6:30 AM First Call

7:10 AM First event begins. Races will be run 10 minutes apart, with adjustments made by officials as needed.

11:50 AM Lunch

12:10PM Racing Resumes

Lodging

Area hotels are listed at www.regattacentral.com under the lodging tab for this regatta.

Descriptions of Event Classifications

Junior rowers are considered novice rowers if they began rowing after July 1st, 2015.

Master: A Master is a competitor who has attained or will attain the age of 21 during the current calendar year (AA-J). A competitor thus becomes a Master on January 1 of the year of his or her 21st birthday. A Masters crew shall be comprised exclusively of Masters rowers, but the coxswain need not be a Master. A Masters crew competing in the AA category (age 21-26) may not compete in any category other than AA or A. If a crew competes in the A category with AA rowers, it must attain an average age such that it is eligible to compete as an A (or above) age category crew

Lightweight Classification

Lightweight weights are as follows:

Male Rowers: 150lbs

Female Rowers: 130lbs

There will be no weigh in on race day. Coaches are expected to follow the rules and the expectation is that rowers competing in lightweight events at the Route 66 regatta will also be competing the same athletes in lightweight events at Central Districts.

Directions & Parking

Traveling Eastbound on I-44

Follow signs for I- 44 E/OK-66 E toward Joplin. Take exit 241 on the left to merge onto OK-66 E toward Catoosa/Claremore. FOLLOW POSTED 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT THROUGH CATOOSA.

Proceed through Catoosa for approximately 4 miles and watch for Verdigris River Bridge. Turn right just before bridge into Rogers Point Park.

Traveling Westbound on I-44

Take exit 248 to merge onto OK-266 W toward Port of Catoosa/Claremore Take the OK-66 E ramp. Turn left onto OK-66 W. Continue across Verdigris River Bridge and turn left into Rogers Point Park.

Ample parking is available at Rogers Point Park. Trailers should proceed to lower parking lot to unload, then move to upper grassy area. If teams choose, trailers can be unloaded on the grass above and north of the parking lot. Busses should park on roadway next to University of Tulsa boathouse.

Regatta Course Map and Site Map

The regatta course map and site map can be downloaded from the overview page on RegattaCentral.com ([click here](#))