

HEAD OF THE OKLAHOMA

CENTENNIAL REGATTA

-2006-

EVENT OVERVIEW

The Head of the Oklahoma is an innovative Centennial event that combines beauty and pageantry of the sport of rowing and the adrenaline-fueled intensity of sprint racing in a unique two-day festival. The Head of the Oklahoma will be held on September 30 – October 1 and will feature several exciting new components and crews from across the nation. The featured event for the 2006 Head of the Oklahoma is the introduction of night racing on the Oklahoma River. The Head of the Oklahoma will be the first regatta in the United States to feature night racing. Four 100 foot light arms will extend over the Oklahoma River sprint course to create a dramatic new environment for racing.

The Head of the Oklahoma will also feature:

- **a new art show overlooking the Oklahoma River**
- **expanded children's activity area with rides and exhibits**
- **"The Regatta Experience" educational entrance**
- **a picnic area overlooking the finish line**
- **wine tasting**
- **premium seating along the sprint course and two VIP areas with river shuttles**
- **an expansive expo tent with commemorative gifts and delicious food from popular local eateries**
- **The Regatta Walk family fitness activity with special prizes for all finishers**
- **a kayaking and interactive area for guests**
- **two stages featuring live music and dance performances**
- **roving entertainers**
- **a evening concert**
- **ample free parking and shuttles**
- **tours of the beautiful new \$3.5 million Chesapeake Boathouse.**

RACING

The Head of the Oklahoma features a challenging 2.5 mile head race course. Beginning near the west edge of the basin, the head race course traverses through several bridges and turns before straightening midway through the course at Regatta Park for a straight 2000 meter path to the finish line. The head racing will feature events for collegiate, masters, and juniors crews involving single, double, pair, four, quad, and eight style racing shells. The top three finishers from each head race event will be awarded medals. Rowers will also qualify in the head race event to compete in the 500 meter super sprint events.

The 500 meter sprints will take place following the head race events on both Saturday and Sunday. The Saturday 500 meter “Nightsprints” will occur in the evening under the lights. Top finishers in the 500 meter super sprint will be presented with commemorative custom awards. The excitement of the night 500 meter super sprints will be complemented by fireworks, play-by-play commentary, spotlights, and more to create an energized environment for the competitors and spectators.

REGATTA INFORMATION

PRACTICE: The Oklahoma River head race course is open for practice from 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, September 30. The course will be open from 9:00am to 7:00pm on Friday, September 29.

BOAT STAGING: Please keep all boats and oars in the designated staging areas and clear of marked pathways and docks. All boat staging will occur around the Chesapeake Boathouse and the canal area. A limited number of a-frame racks will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

REGISTRATION AND WEIGH-INS: Registration and weigh-ins will take place at the Regatta Registration area located in the east end of the Chesapeake Boathouse. Packets will be distributed and weigh-ins completed on Saturday between 9:00am to 12:00pm. Packets may also be picked up from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Friday at the boathouse.

TRAILER PARKING: Trailer parking will occur in designated areas along Byers Avenue and in the Regatta Park parking lot.

BUS/ATHLETE PARKING: Free bus and athlete parking will be located in designated grass lots east of the Chesapeake Boathouse. Parking in these designated areas is limited to a first-come, first-serve basis. Once designated lots are full, athletes will be directed to public parking.

ENTRY FEES: 8+, \$60.00; 4+, \$50.00; 4x, \$45.00; 2x/2-, \$35.00; 1x, \$25.00

The entry fees will provide athletes access to all premium regatta activities (see below).

REGISTRATION: All regatta registration will take place utilizing Regatta Central. Entries will open Monday, August 7th and will close Friday, September 22nd at midnight. Please see www.regattacentral.com for registration information.

ATHLETE DINNER: The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce will host a FREE athlete dinner in Regatta Park that will be available to athletes from

4:00pm to 9:00pm at the pavilion inside Regatta Park. The dinner will feature pasta, salad, bread, and drinks.

CHAPEL SERVICE: A special church service will be presented by OCU on the Chesapeake Boathouse stage area of Regatta Park from 8:00am to 8:20am.

COACHES AND COXSWAIN MEETING: The coaches and coxswain meeting will be held promptly at 12:30pm on the Chesapeake Boathouse stage.

OPENING CEREMONIES: Opening Ceremonies will be held at 1:00pm on the Chesapeake Boathouse stage.

AWARDS: Awards will be distributed in a ceremony following the head race events each day. Awards for the sprint races will be presented immediately following the sprint races on the Chesapeake Boathouse stage. Special awards will be awarded for the following categories at the conclusion of the racing on Sunday:

- Norick Cup – All points winner for the men’s collegiate events
- Ackerman Cup – All points winner for women’s collegiate events
- Club All-Points - All points winner for the top scoring rowing club based on combined results from men’s and women’s junior, open, and masters events
- Commodore’s Cups – Winners of the men’s and women’s collegiate/club eights

A Men’s and Women’s Team Points trophy will be awarded to the collegiate teams, in doubles, pairs, fours, and eights achieve the greatest total points using the following scoring system:

Collegiate

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
8+	100	80	65	55	40	0
4+	90	70	55	45	30	0
N8+	80	60	45	35	0	0
N4+	70	50	35	25	0	0
2x/-	60	40	25	15	0	0
1x	50	30	15	5	0	0

An all-point trophy will be awarded to the clubs based on their combined performance in all open, club, master, and junior events based upon the scoring matrix below:

Club

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
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8+	100	80	65	55	40	0
4x/+	90	70	55	45	30	0
2x/-	60	40	25	15	0	0
1x	50	30	15	5	0	0

Points will also be awarded for top finishers in the Nightsprints or Supersprints at one-half the value awarded for head race events as detailed above.

ATHLETE LUNCH: Food will be available from vendors throughout Regatta Park.

REFRESHMENTS: Free water, Powerade and fruit will be available at the athlete's hospitality area located in the Regatta Park pavilion.

FIRST AID: First aid will be available in the west end of the boathouse.

COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE: Commemorative Head of the Oklahoma Centennial Regatta apparel will be available at prices starting at \$13.00 for a t-shirt. Sweatshirts and polos will also be on sale. Full color commemorative programs and posters will also be on sale in the regatta expo area. Quantities are limited.

RACE COURSE/ REGATTA RULES

TRAFFIC PATTERN: Please see [course map](#) for specific traffic-related information. All rowing will be conducted in a counter-clockwise traffic pattern with racing occurring from west to east. Please use caution when passing through the many bridges that cross the course.

LAUNCHING: All participants are expected to launch a minimum of 40 minutes of the event in which they are entered. Any changes to the launch times will be announced. Announcements will not be made calling crews to the water. Events will not be held for late crews. Please let the dockmaster know if you will need to hot seat. Please ensure your crews are prompt on the dock and observe a 90 second dock time.



CONTROL COMMISSION: All crews are expected to check in at the Control Commission tent prior to launching. The crew will be given direction as to which

dock to use for launching and will check for a properly affixed bow ball and heel ties on each shoe.

BOAT LIGHTING: Regatta staff will provide lights for all boats entered in night races. Boats are prohibited from launching without the required lighting.

VIRTUAL SPECTATOR TECHNOLOGY: Select events will be designated as “Row Track” events and special global positioning units will be placed by regatta staff in all boats entered in the event.

RACE BIBS/BOW MARKERS: Race bibs and bow numbers will be contained in your entry packet that should be picked up Friday evening or Sunday morning. All waivers must be turned in to receive the packet. All boats must have the bow number displayed during the race and the race bibs should be worn on the back of all bow seat rowers. PLEASE PLACE THE BOW NUMBERS IN THE MARKED RECEPTACLE AT THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR RACE located near the recovery dock.

STARTING: The starter will arrange the crews so that crews cross the starting line at approximately 10 second intervals. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CREWS LINE UP IN THE ORDER OF YOU BOW NUMBER PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH RACE.

RIGHT OF WAY: A crew is deemed to be overtaking another crew when it has moved within one length of open water of the crew ahead. On those portions of the course that are straight, a crew being overtaken shall move to the right to allow the overtaking crew to pass. Where the course turns, a crew being overtaken shall move to the outside turn and allow the overtaking crew to pass along the shorter path. Nevertheless, passing is not allowed, nor is the crew being overtaken required to yield, in cases where the overtaking crew's position clearly prevents safe passage or where there is insufficient room to yield. Use extreme caution near the railroad trestle bridge located just west of the boathouse.

PENALTIES

Buoys- White buoys mark the boundaries of the course, dividing the race lanes from the warm-up/traffic lanes. Red buoys alert of approaching hazards. A crew shall be penalized 10 seconds for each buoy the crew passed incorrectly. A crew passes a buoy incorrectly when any part of its hull passes on the wrong side of the buoy.

Start- A crew that missed the correct order of the start will be penalized 10 seconds.

Yielding- A crew that fails to yield to a crew to a crew having proper right of way shall be penalized 30 seconds. A crew that fails to yield to a crew being properly summoned to the starting area, or interferes with the staging of the start may be penalized 10 seconds by the Marshal or Starter.

Bow Number- A crew that crosses the starting line without its required bow number shall be penalized 60 seconds.

STARTING ORDER: Seeding of all entries will be based upon the finishing order from the top five participants from each event at the 2005 Head of the Oklahoma. For all other participants and for new events in the 2006 regatta, the starting order will be by a random draw. Lane assignments for the sprint events will be based upon the finishing order of each corresponding head race event.

EVENT RESTRICTIONS

- **Collegiate Events** – limited to collegiate rowers for women’s events; women’s events exclude all athletes currently enrolled in high school; **see special notice regarding NCAA Rule 13.11.1.2 below**
- **Junior Events** – limited to rowers currently enrolled in high school
- **Master Events** – open to rowers who qualify for a USRowing masters age classification as detailed in Rule 4-104(a)(1) of the 2006 Rules of Rowing, including the AA category starting at age 21. A Masters crew shall be comprised exclusively of Masters rowers, but the coxswain need not be a Master. Time handicaps will be applied pursuant to the USRowing Rules of Rowing.
- **Open Events** – open to all rowers
- **Novice Events** – limited to rowers who began racing within 12 months prior to September 30, 2006.
- **Lightweight Events** – limited to rowers weighing at or below the following maximum weights: Men – 165 lbs; Women - 135 lbs
- **“NGHTSPRINTS” and “”SUPERSPRINTS”** – limited to the top twelve finishers of the corresponding Head Race event for the Collegiate and Club Eights, Junior Eights, and Masters Singles; all other sprint events are limited to the top six finishers of the corresponding Head Race events.

UPDATES/SITE PLAN: Please visit www.chesapeakeboathouse.org for the latest regatta information and regatta site plan.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For more information, please contact Mike Knopp, Regatta Director, at 405-552-4040 or mknopp@chesapeakeboathouse.org.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING NCAA RULE 13.11.1.2

The Head of The Oklahoma Regatta has introduced the rule changes listed above, effective immediately, to address recent changes to **NCAA Bylaw 13.11.1.2 Competition Against Prospective Student Athletes**.

The Head of the Oklahoma encourages the participation of both college and high school athletes, and has made these changes to allow participation by both groups of athletes

while not jeopardizing their ability to compete in future intercollegiate competition. These additions are limited to women's event divisions only because men's rowing is not governed by NCAA Bylaws. The restrictions apply to high school students participating in both school AND club based junior programs.

All high school students are prohibited from participating in all events at the Head of the Oklahoma designated with a collegiate events. These include the following and are in addition to the General Entry Rules:

Collegiate Fours/Eights Women: No person (coxswain included) enrolled in high school.

Lightweight Collegiate Fours Women: No person (coxswain included) enrolled in high school.

Collegiate Double Women: No person enrolled in high school.

Collegiate Pair Women: No person enrolled in high school.

Collegiate Single Women: No person enrolled in high school.

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**SATURDAY
HEAD RACE**

LAUNCH GROUP	EVENT NUMBER	EVENT NAME	LAUNCH TIME	START TIME	ADVANCMENT FOR SPRINTS
A	1	Men's Open Lightweight Four	1:15	1:40	Top 6
	2	Men's Master Double			N/A
	3	Men's Novice Four			Top 6
B	4	Junior Girl's Quad	1:25	2:05	Top 6
	5	Women's Master Eight			Top 6
C	6	Junior Boy's Double	1:55	2:35	N/A
	7	Men's Open Pair			N/A
D	8	Women's Collegiate Eight	2:25	3:05	Top 12
	9	Women's Open Eight			N/A
	10	Junior Girl's Eight			N/A
E	11	Men's Rec Single	2:55	3:35	N?A
	12	Men's Master Single			Top 12
	13	Women's Master Double			Top 6
F	14	Men's Collegiate Lightweight Four	3:30	4:10	Top 6
	15	Women's Open Lightweight Four			Top 6
	16	Women's Collegiate Novice Four			N/A
G	17	Junior Boy's Eight	4:05	4:45	N/A
	18	Men's Open Eight			Top 12
H	19	Women's Rec Single	4:35	5:15	N/A
	20	Women's Master Single			Top 12
I	21	Junior Girl's Double	4:55	5:35	N/A
	22	Women's Collegiate Pair			N/A
	23	Women's Open Pair			N/A
J	24	Junior Boy's Quad	5:20	6:00	Top 6
	25	Men's Master Eight			Top 6

**SUNDAY
HEAD RACE**

A	26	Men's Open Single	8:30	9:00	Top 6
	27	Men's Master Four			N/A
	28	Women's Collegiate Double			N/A
B	29	Women's Open Double	9:20	9:55	N/A
	30	Women's Master Four			N/A
	31	Junior Girl's Four			N/A
	32	Junior Boy's Single			Top 6
	33	Mixed Master Double			N/A
C	34	Women's Collegiate Novice Eight	9:40	10:20	N/A
	35	Women's Master Quad			Top 6
D	36	Men's Open Double	10:05	10:45	Top 6
	37	Junior Boy's Four			N/A
E	38	Women's Collegiate Single	10:15	11:05	N/A
	39	Women's Open Single			Top 6
	40	Junior Girl's Single			Top 6
F	41	Men's Novice Eight	10:55	11:35	N/A
	42	Men's Master Quad			Top 6
G	43	Women's Collegiate Fours	11:25	11:55	Top 6
	44	Women's Open Fours			N/A
	45	Men's Open Fours			Top 6
H	46	Mixed Master Eights	11:40	12:20	Top 6
	47	Mixed Open Eights			Top 6

“NIGHTSPRINTS”

Saturday, September 30, 2006

“The first sanctioned night race in America”

EVENT NUMBER	EVENT NAME	LAUNCH TIME	RACE TIME
HEATS	Women’s Master Single Men’s Master Single Women’s Collegiate Eight Men’s Collegiate Eight	6:45	7:00
N1	Corporate Challenge	7:25	7:45
N2	Women’s Master Single	7:40	8:00
N3	Men’s Master Double	7:50	8:07
N4	Junior Girl’s Quad	7:55	8:14
N5	Men’s Master Single	8:05	8:21
N6	Women’s Master Double	8:10	8:29
N7	Women’s Collegiate Lightweight Four	8:15	8:36
N8	Men’s Open Lightweight Four	8:25	8:43
N9	Junior Boy’s Quad	8:30	8:50
N10	Women’s Collegiate Eight	8:40	8:57
N11	Men’s Open Eight	8:45	9:05

All times are tentative

“SUPERSPRINTS”

Sunday, October 1, 2006

EVENT NUMBER	EVENT NAME	LAUNCH TIME	RACE TIME
S1	Men’s Master Quad	12:50	1:10
S2	Women’s Open Single	1:00	1:20
S3	Junior Boy’s Single	1:10	1:30
S4	Women’s Master Quad	1:20	1:40
S5	Men’s Open Single	1:30	1:50
S6	Junior Girl’s Single	1:40	2:00
S7	Women’s Collegiate Four	1:50	2:10
S8	Men’s Collegiate Four	2:00	2:20
S9	Mixed Open Eight	2:10	2:30
S10	Mixed Master Eight	2:20	2:40