



2008 John Hunter Regatta

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The "Hunter" is named to honor a friend of rowing and benefactor to the Georgia Tech and Saint Andrew rowing clubs. John Hunter was instrumental in his support of the Georgia Tech Rowing Club and the formation of the Saint Andrew youth team. It was John who had the vision to help these programs grow from a few dedicated rowers to the teams they are today. And it is in John's honor that we have named this event the John Hunter Regatta.



This will be the 3rd year the John Hunter Regatta has been at the Oak Ridge, Melton Lake Rowing Venue ([link to: http://www.orra.org/courseviews.html](http://www.orra.org/courseviews.html)) and we are delighted to join the Oak Ridge Rowing Association 2008 series of regattas. Melton Lake is known as one of the best rowing venues in the United States and has been the site for a number of major championships including the 2007 NCAA Women's Championship, the 2007 USRowing Masters Nationals, and in previous years, the U. S. Nationals, Women's Nationals, and 1997 and 2000 Master's Nationals and the Pan American Trials.

General Regatta Information

Date

Saturday, April 5, 2008

Location

Milton Lake, Oak Ridge, Tennessee - The venue is conveniently reached from Pellissippi Parkway off Exit 376 of the I-75 / I-40 interstate. "Directions" ([link to: http://www.orra.org/directions.html](http://www.orra.org/directions.html))

Accommodations

For hotel/motel room rates and availability information contact the Oak Ridge Convention and Visitors Bureau or "Lodging at a Glance" ([link to: http://oakridgevisitor.com/lodging.html](http://oakridgevisitor.com/lodging.html))

Concessions

Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the regatta site.

Merchandise

The official John Hunter Regatta t-shirt will be available on the day of the regatta. Unauthorized sale of merchandise, food or drink is not permitted.

Rules

The John Hunter Regatta is a United States Rowing Association sanctioned regatta and will follow the rules of USRA. The regatta is not a NCAA regatta and NCAA rules will not apply.

Handicapped Needs

Please advise the regatta organizing committee of any special needs regarding services for handicap assistance at least 7 days prior to the regatta. 2nils@bellsouth.net

Security

Security at the regatta site will be provided from 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2008 to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, April 5, 2008.

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The Course

A 2000-meter course will be installed allowing for 6 buoyed lanes and one optional 7th lane of racing. Rowing will be from North to South, downstream from the start, below the RR bridge to the finish, at the UT-Battelle Finish Tower. The Course ([link to: http://www.orra.org/Images/ORRA2000.GIF](http://www.orra.org/Images/ORRA2000.GIF))

Coaches' and Coxswains' Meeting

A meeting of coaches and coxswains', with role call, is scheduled for **Friday, April 4, 2008, at 7:00 PM** at the ORRA boathouse. At least one representative from each team must attend. All crews will be responsible for the information delivered at the meeting, regardless of attendance. This will be the last opportunity to discuss entry and schedule issues, no entry changes will be considered after the close of this meeting.

Parking

Bus Parking

On Friday, April 4th, buses may pull into the main parking area, drive through the parking lot to the stop sign near the river, make a left hand turn, and park diagonally in the **(B/C)** lot. It would be helpful if buses not stay in the marina parking lot for long durations. Fewer buses in the lot will greatly improve parking for everyone.

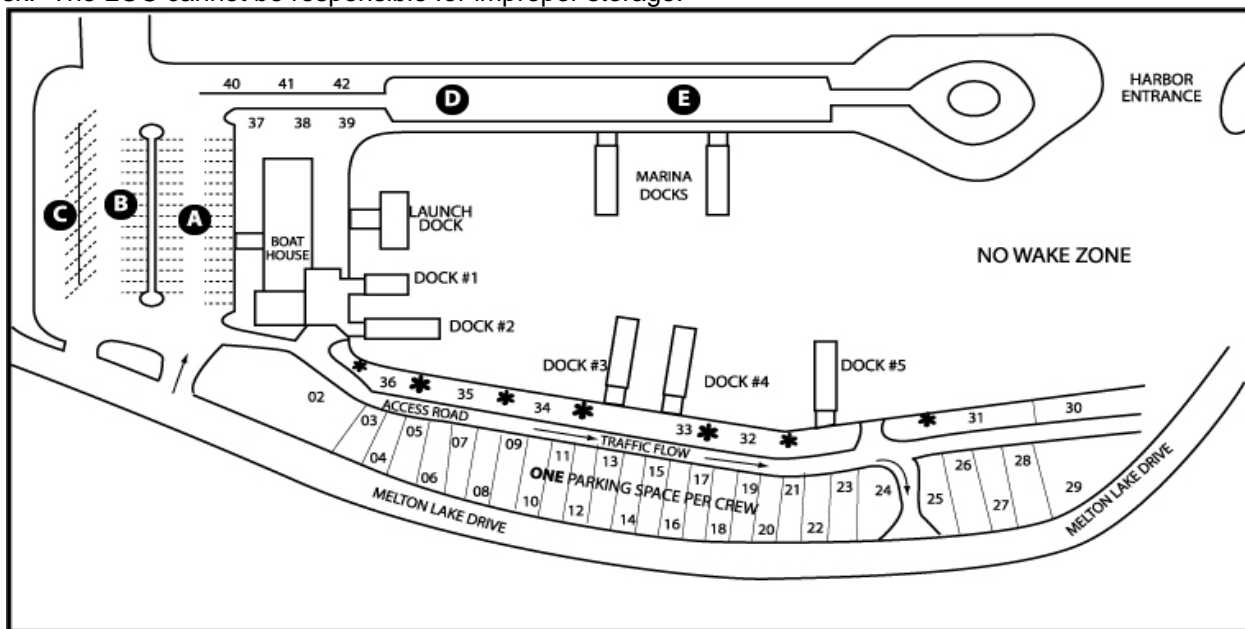
Buses will not be allowed in the lot on Saturday and passengers should be dropped off at the second driveway for the main marina lot. Large vans and mini buses are asked to park away from the venue. Drivers should enter the venue from the Emory Valley Road side of venue and drop their passengers at the second entrance to the marina. If several buses arrive at the same time, volunteers may ask your driver to pull further down the road before disembarking. Buses and large vans are asked to park their vehicles off site in the designated areas or return to the hotel until passenger pickup is required.

Athlete Bus Pickup on Saturday

To be posted, currently under consideration to determine the most convenient process.

Boat Storage

Trailers can be parked in the area in the immediate vicinity of the launching docks. ([link to: http://www.orra.org/parking.html](http://www.orra.org/parking.html)) Trailer pulling vehicles must park in the parking area to the North of the boathouse or along Melton Lake Drive. Boat trees will not be available and storage of boats is at your own risk. The LOC cannot be responsible for improper storage.



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Public Parking

Parking in the spaces serving the New China Palace restaurant and the boathouse are limited to volunteer workers and restaurant patrons. There is ample parking on the both sides of Melton Lake Drive. Note that there are marked areas at the turn into the boathouse area.

Therefore, access to parking directly in front of the New China Palace restaurant **(A)** will be restricted to patrons of the restaurant at all times. As you are looking at the front of the boathouse, North side, the restaurant and restaurant parking are on your left. Also, four parking positions directly in front of each of the houseboat docks **(E)** on the peninsula must remain available for the houseboat residents.

Traffic along Melton Lake Drive from the intersection of Emory Valley Road all the way to Warehouse Road near the Oak Ridge Turnpike will be restricted to regatta participants, spectators, and local home owners. Traffic will move in both directions, but slowed to 15 mph for pedestrian's safety. Vehicles will be allowed to park along the roadside from 100 ft off of Emory Valley Road to 100 ft away from the railroad track near Warehouse Road. **The City will ticket and tow vehicles that are parked within 100ft of any intersection.**

Volunteer Parking

John Hunter Regatta organizing committee, volunteers, vendors, crew trucks, security personnel, etc. must have a parking pass to park in the main lot **(B-C)** on Saturday. Passes will be checked and unauthorized vehicles will be towed.

Regatta Entry Information

Entry Deadline

All crews must register on-line at: Regatta Central (Link to: <http://www.regattacentral.com/>)

The registration deadline is Sunday, March 23, 2008. Entries received after this date will be accepted on an "if a lane is available" basis. All individual waivers and entry fees must be received by Monday, March 31, 2008. Please mail waivers and fees to:

John Hunter Regatta
c/o Nils Thompson
9370 Huntcliff Trace
Atlanta, Georgia 30350

Entry Fees

- 8+ \$75.00
- 4+ \$60.00

Please submit the entry fees calculation form with your entry fee. Team maximum for entries will be \$850.00.

Preliminary Schedule

A preliminary schedule of events and seeding will be posted on the JohnHunterRegatta.com Website by Wednesday, April 2nd. This will not be the final heat sheet and will be subject to changes. The final heat sheet will be distributed at the Coaches and Coxswains' meeting, 7:00 PM Friday, April 4, 2008.

Entry Qualifications

A signed copy of the **USRowing Release and Liability Waiver Form** must be received for each rower. Junior rowers must have a parent signed waiver. A blank waiver is included in the entry packet and is also available on the JohnHunterRegatta.com Website.

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If it is determined that there are missing waivers, the Regatta Secretary will notify the team coach/representative indicated on Regatta Central registration, via e-mail by Sunday, March 30, 2008. The missing waivers must be received by Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

Registration Hours

Teams may register at the ORRA boathouse on Friday April 4th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 PM and on Saturday, April 5th from 7:00 am to 10:00 am.

Awards

There will be an overall College Championship trophy and an overall Junior Championship trophy. The scoring will be on the official USRowing weighted scoring method based on the event and the number of entries in each race.

We plan heats and finals for varsity eight and varsity four events with a winner's trophy and first, second and third place medals awarded for the finals only. Points will be awarded for the final and not the heats.

The 2nd varsity, lightweight and novice college and youth, men's and women's events, will race flights only. Each flight will award first, second and third place medals. If a team enters more than one boat in a flight only the designated "A" boat will be eligible to score points

Official results will be posted at the boathouse and medals and trophies may be picked up at the awards table. The team Championship Trophies will be awarded at the end of the regatta in the boathouse area.

Team Information

The regatta organizing committee would like to know about your rowing team. We are planning to do a limited number of speaker announcements throughout the day. If you will provide a few facts about your team we will announce the information during the day. Let us know we will put your team "on the air".

Regatta Rules of Racing

USRA Racing Rules

USRowing racing rules will apply. The official USRowing Rules of Rowing book is available from USRowing. Please familiarize yourself with these rules before attending the coaches/coxswain meeting. The regatta committee will not discuss rules of racing at this meeting.

One person from each team is expected to attend the meeting as course safety, last minute rule changes, flights, and start times may be discussed. Attendance will be checked.

Final Schedule of Events

A final heat sheet schedule will be issued during the **Coaches and Coxswains' meeting on Friday evening, April 4, 2008**. There will be two calls to launch prior to each event and launch officials at the launch docks will make every effort to launch boats on time. Coaches and coxswains should be ready to launch 45 minutes prior the scheduled time of their event.

Traffic Pattern

The traffic pattern within the launching embayment will be clockwise. Proceed off the launching docks toward the marina slips and then proceed out of the embayment keeping to your port side, closest to the shore. There will be a marshal on land at the point as you enter the course, please take directions from this crossing marshal before crossing the course. Go straight across the course, race traffic permitting, and keep your starboard side closest to the far shore. Maintain single file up the racecourse. Competitors may proceed up stream past the railroad bridge for practice. However, competitors must be below the railroad bridge and within hailing distance of the marshal 15 minutes before race time.

Practice Session

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The course is open for practice on Friday, April 4th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For safety purposes, no boats shall be allowed to launch before 3 p.m. or after 5:00 p.m. All crews must be off the water no later than 5:30 p.m. **During practice, the race day traffic patterns will apply throughout the course.**

Bow Numbers

Bow numbers for each boat will be required. It will be your responsibility to supply your own bow numbers. If a team does not have their own bow number, the organizing committee will make them available to you after receiving a refundable deposit of \$5.00 per number. Crews will not be allowed on the water without a bow number.

Foot Gear Release and Shell Safety

Where the feet of the competitor are held by footgear affixed to the stretcher of the boat, the design of such footgear shall provide for the quick release of the competitors feet, without the use of hands, in case of a boat capsize. Such design may consist of Velcro or pull strings at the heels.

All boats will be checked for such appropriate footgear. If such footgear is not present at all seats that boat will not be launched. The checking of the boats will occur immediately prior to launch. All boats, even if they row in multiple races, will be checked prior to each race.

No racing shell will be allowed to race or practice without a bow ball.

Weigh-Ins

Lightweight men and lightweight women will be required to weigh-in on **Friday, April 4, 2008 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM or Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM.** Rowers must wear racing uniforms at the weigh-in.

- College lightweight women 130 lbs. maximum
- College lightweight men Average 155 lbs. with no individual rower more than 160 lbs.

- Junior lightweight women 130 lbs. maximum
- Junior lightweight men 155 lbs. maximum

- The coxswains shall not be counted for the purpose of this rule.

Calling Events

Crews will be called to launch by the dockmaster. First call will be forty five minutes prior to the scheduled race time. No crews will be allowed on the water before being called or for additional practice on the day of the race.

The Start

The regatta marshals and USRowing referees will be positioned in launches and in the starting area for the purpose of organizing participating crews above the start and getting the competitors into the proper starting order and time interval. Please listen to the directions of the officials. All oars must accompany boats to the launch area.

Crews shall be responsible for maintaining their proper order, for maintaining the proper interval between themselves and other crews, and for positioning/staging in the start area.

The race will begin from the start deck with stake boat holders at each lane position. The USRowing referee start official will call crews to the start approximately five minutes prior to the start. All crews not currently involved in the staging of the start of the next race shall yield to crews being summoned to the start by the USRowing official. Interference with the staging of the start may result in a penalty. Crews must be attached to their starting position at least 2 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their race.

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If racing is delayed, the USRowing Judge Referee at the start shall provide for a sufficient amount of time between events so that crews in different events do not overlap at the finish line.

The Finish

After crossing the finish line, crews shall return to the embayment on the roadside of the river (keep the port side to the bank.) Returning crews should yield to and avoid interfering with the launching crews.

Protests

Intent to file a protest must be indicated on the water immediately following the finish of a race. The protest must be made to a USRowing official before the crew leaves the area between the finish tower and embayment. After a crew returns to the embayment area, all right to protest is waived.

The regatta will consider a protest from the coach or coaching representative (only one coach/coaching representative per protest is allowed) per USRowing rules at a fee of \$25.00. The protest must be filed with the Regatta Director and the fee paid within 45 minutes of the finish of the race in question. The Regatta Jury will consider appeals from crews who have been assessed a penalty.

Hot Seating

Hot seating must be arranged with the dockmaster. Hot seating boats will not be allowed to launch later than 45 minutes before the start of their scheduled race. Events will not be delayed to permit re-rigging of shells.

2nd Varsity Events

You must have an entry in the equivalent championship event (#s 1 through 8) before entering in the corresponding 2nd Varsity event (#s 25 through 32).

Number of Entries

Teams may enter only one boat in the Championship varsity events. All other events will permit two entries per event per team. Each event must have a minimum of two entries to constitute a race.

Apparel

All race participants must wear one type of representative rowing uniform.

Regatta Day Phone Numbers

404 664 6317

678 458 0370

Schedule

Sunday, March 23, 2008

Last date for entries on Regatta Central

Friday, March 28, 2008

Last date to receive waivers

Friday, April 4, 2008

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM – Registration and lightweight crews weigh-in at regatta site boathouse.

3:00 PM to 5:30 PM – on the water practice allowed

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Coaches and coxswains meeting at the Oak Ridge boathouse

Saturday, April 5, 2008

6:45 AM – Officials meeting at regatta site boathouse

7:15 AM – First Call Event # 1

7:00 AM to 10:00 AM - Lightweight crew weigh-in at the regatta site boathouse

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Event Schedule

Start times, heats and flights may change pending final number of entries per event				
January 28, 2008				
Evt #	Event	Time	Type	Entry Rules
1	Youth V W4	8:00	Heats	1 entry per team
2	Col V W4	8:16	Heats	1 entry per team
3	Youth V M4	8:32	Heats	1 entry per team
4	Col V M4	8:48	Heats	1 entry per team
5	Youth V W8	9:04	Heats	1 entry per team
6	Col V W8	9:20	Heats	1 entry per team
7	Youth V M8	9:36	Heats	1 entry per team
8	Col V M8	9:52	Heats	1 entry per team
9	Youth Nov W4	10:08	Flight	2 entries per team permitted
10	Col Nov W4	10:24	Flight	2 entries per team permitted
11	Youth Nov M4	10:40	Flight	2 entries per team permitted
12	Col Nov M4	10:56	Flight	2 entries per team permitted
13	Youth Nov W8	11:12	Flight	2 entries per team permitted
14	Col Nov W8	11:28	Flight	2 entries per team permitted
15	Youth Nov M8	11:44	Flight	2 entries per team permitted
16	Col Nov M8	12:00	Flight	2 entries per team permitted
Noon Break				
1F	Youth V W4	1:08	Final	
2F	Col V W4	1:16	Final	
3F	Youth V M4	1:24	Final	
4F	Col V M4	1:32	Final	
17	Youth Lwt W4	1:40	Flights	2 entries per team permitted
18	Col Lwt W4	1:56	Flights	2 entries per team permitted
19	Youth Lwt M4	2:12	Flights	2 entries per team permitted
20	Col Lwt M4	2:28	Flights	2 entries per team permitted
5F	Youth V W8	2:44	Final	
6F	Col V W8	2:52	Final	
7F	Youth V M8	3:00	Final	
8F	Col V M8	3:08	Final	
21	Youth Ltw W8	3:16	Flights	2 entries per team permitted
22	Col Lwt W8	3:32	Flights	2 entries per team permitted
23	Youth Lwt M8	3:48	Flights	2 entries per team permitted
24	Col Lwt M8	4:04	Flights	2 entries per team permitted
25	Youth 2V W4	4:20	Flights	Youth V W4 must be entered
26	Col 2V W4	4:36	Flights	Col V W4 must be entered
27	Youth 2V M4	4:52	Flights	Youth V M4 must be entered
28	Col 2V M4	5:08	Flights	Col V M4 must be entered
29	Youth 2V W8	5:24	Flights	Youth V W8 must be entered
30	Col 2V W8	5:40	Flights	Col V W8 must be entered
31	Youth 2V M8	5:56	Flights	Youth V M8 must be entered
32	Col 2V M8	6:12	Flights	Col V M8 must be entered

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Entry Fees Calculation

Event Type	No. of Entries		Fee	Total
Fours	_____	x	\$60.00	_____
Eights	_____	x	\$75.00	_____

Team maximum for entries will be \$850.00

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Team Information

Club, School or College _____

Head Coach or Team Director _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-Mail address _____

Team Web Site _____

Phone (D) _____ (E) _____ Mobile # _____

Transportation Information

No. of autos _____, No. of buses _____, No. of vans _____, and No. boat trailers _____

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THE REGATTA SITE OR VENUE GROUNDS
AND ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. THE OAK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT VIGOROUSLY
ENFORCES THIS LAW**

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USRowing WAIVER

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in the 2008 JOHN HUNTER REGATTA I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Rowing Activities, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity.

FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a.); **ROWING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS** of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death ("Risks?"); (b.) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Releasees names below; (c.); there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and **I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES** I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member of the Club and that, if I observe any condition which I consider to be unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will notify the proper authority in charge of the Activity and will refuse to take part in the Activity until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction.

HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue USRowing, the Club, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, other participating regatta organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises, on which the Activity takes place, (each considered on of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or allege to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, **I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS** each of the Releasees, from any litigation(s) expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a result of such claim.

I HAVE READ A THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Printed Name of Participant: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Signature (only if age 18 or over) _____

PARENTAL CONSENT AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of rowing activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and **AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS** each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasees, **I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS** each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any may incur as the result of any such claim.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (only if participant is under the age of 18): _____

This form may be copied