

CHICAGO *SPRINTS* REGATTA

Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18, 2004
TWO DAY FORMAT

Henley-style sprint at the Lincoln Park Lagoon

Sponsored by the Lincoln Park Boat Club

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTRY

Enter at www.regattacentral.com Registration will be closed when total entries require 65 heats, or by July 9, 2004. Please enter early! We expect the event to be oversubscribed and entries will be accepted in the order they are received. Entries in fours and eights events may be limited to two per organization at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. In addition, certain events are broken into divisions and run sequentially (events 1-3 for example) to limit participation by a single entry to one of the divisions only. See hotseating rules for additional information. You must check in at the regatta site prior to racing. Any questions that cannot be answered through www.regattacentral.com, please contact Race Director Tom Hall at hallscrawl@earthlink.net

EVENTS

Entries will be accepted for the following events:

Single	Men's and Women's categories for Open, Lightweight, Masters, Lightweight Masters Junior, Adaptive and Recreational
Double	Men's and Women's categories for Open, Lightweight, Masters, Junior and Adaptive, Mixed category for Open and Masters
Pair	Men's and Women's categories for Open only
Four	Men's and Women's categories for Open, Lightweight, Masters, Lightweight Masters and Junior
Eight	Men's and Women's categories for Open, Lightweight, Masters, Junior and Novice
Mixed Eight	Open only
QUADS	NEW this year - Men's and Women's categories for Open and Masters

RACE DAY SCHEDULES

	Saturday	Sunday
Registration	8:00 am	7:00 am
Coxswains Meeting	9:30 am	7:30 am
First Race	10:00 am	8:00 am
Final Race	7:00 pm	5:00 pm

Arrive early! Access to parking is often cut off by 10:00 a.m. See notes under "Race Location And Parking" for more info.

ORDER OF EVENTS

NOTE: The events will be held in the following order. The division of events between Saturday and Sunday and the scheduling of semifinals and finals for Saturday heats is tentative and is dependent on entries received. Make note of the HOTSEATING RULES prior to submitting your entries. A “final” schedule will be issued via email the Thursday prior to racing. Please include your e-mail address with your entry to receive this schedule.

Saturday:

1. MO1X
2. ML1X
3. MJ1X
4. MM8+
5. WO4+
6. WO1X
7. WL1X
8. WJ1X
9. MO2X
10. MJ2X
11. MM2X
12. WM8+
13. WJ8+
14. W02-
15. M/WA1X
16. WL4+
17. WML4+
18. MO4+
19. MN8+
20. WN8+
21. WO4X
22. WO8+
23. MO2-
24. MxM2X
25. MxO2X
26. WL8+
27. WM4X
28. ML8+

Quarterfinals and Semis of Saturday events

Sunday:

Semis of Saturday events that required quarterfinals

29. MM1X
30. MLM1X
31. WM1X
32. WLM1X
33. WJ4+
34. MJ4+
35. M/WA2X
36. ML4+
37. MML4+
38. MRec1X
39. MO4X
40. MO8+
41. WM2X
42. WO2X
43. WJ2X
44. MM4+
45. MM4X
46. WRec1X
47. MJ8+
48. WM4+
49. Mx8+

Finals

EVENT RULES AND INFORMATION

The Regatta Committee reserves the right to cancel any event that has received fewer than 2 entries. Due to the limited race schedule, the Regatta Committee reserves the right to restrict the number of boats entered by any club in any event to allow for broader participation.

The course is 1000m long and accommodates two lanes. A floating start will be utilized. All preliminary heats will be for time. The two fastest times in the preliminary heats for each event will advance to the finals. At the discretion of the Regatta Committee, quarterfinals and/or semifinals may be scheduled for events with large subscriptions. In such cases, quarter/semifinals will be seeded by heat time and winners of the quarter/semifinals will advance to the next level. Awards will be presented for first and second place finishes in the finals. In the case of events with an uneven number of entries, the last entry received will, at the discretion of the Regatta Committee, run its heat for time unopposed or against a boat of a different category. The Regatta Committee will make every attempt to schedule competitive heats for these boats. Lane assignments in the heats will be by random draw.

Juniors are rowers under the age of 19 as of 12/31/2004. Novices are persons in their first year of rowing. Recreational singles must be less than 22 feet in length or at least 18 inches in width at the water line. Masters events may be divided into categories by age at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Masters must list their age and boat average as of 12/31/2004. Where not divided into single age categories, masters races will be handicapped. USRA Rules of Racing and masters handicaps will be used.

EVENT RULES AND INFORMATION, CONTINUED

Do not attempt to hotseat athletes, equipment or coxswains in events with fewer than three events between them. For example, an athlete or piece of equipment that competes or is used in Event #4 may not compete or be used in Events #5, 6 or 7. **This includes heats; i.e., do not attempt to hotseat equipment in heats of the same event.** The Regatta Committee will not take hotseating into account when scheduling the order of heats; ignoring this directive may lead to your crew not being able to race. The Dockmaster will make reasonable attempts to accommodate hotseating in races with three or more events between them. Please give notice to the Dockmaster when leaving the dock that your boat requires hotseat access after its race. Representatives from each crew/sculler must check in at the registration table as soon as you arrive to finalize registration, receive lane assignments and schedule information. Clubs must identify single scullers by name and crews by the stroke's last name on their entry form. Clubs must provide the registration table with the name of one person who will act as the official representative of that club during the regatta. Race protests may only be registered with the regatta officials by that designated representative.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are requested prior to race day mailed to the address above. Fees will be accepted at registration, but no boat will be allowed to race before paying fees. Checks should be made payable to the Friends of the Lincoln Park Boat Club. Entry fees will be refunded for events that are scratched due to insufficient entries. Entry fees will not be refunded if the regatta or individual races are cancelled due to weather conditions. Entry fees will be refunded for scratches received prior to the entry deadline. Entry fees are as follows:

1x: \$16 2x, 2-: \$28 4+: \$48 8+: \$80

PASTA PARTY

No organized pasta party this year, however we recommend carbo loading at the Pasta Bowl, 2434 N. Clark. Enjoy!

BOAT STORAGE AND SECURITY

Equipment may be stored in the Boat House area on Friday and Saturday evening. A security guard will be provided overnight, however neither the regatta, its sponsors nor the Chicago Park District can be responsible for damage to property left in or around the Boat House area. Please call to make arrangements if you are requesting storage Friday evening. **Note that trailers will not be allowed on the grass during at any point during the weekend.** Additional parking fees may be required for trailers, see below.

RACE LOCATION AND PARKING

The Twenty Fourth Annual Chicago Sprints Regatta will be held on the Lincoln Park Lagoon, located off Fullerton Parkway and Lake Shore Drive in the Lincoln Park neighborhood, Chicago, Illinois.

Parking in the Lincoln Park Lagoon parking lot is a private concession run on behalf of the Lincoln Park Zoo. The parking fee for automobiles and trucks is approximately \$12.00, includes NO in-and-out privileges and will be collected at the entry gate to the Lagoon parking lot. A parking fee **MAY** be charged for trailers in addition to this fee. We urge you to come to the park **early in the day** to guarantee access to the park. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT THE PARK BY CAR OR TRAILER AFTER TEN A.M.** The parking concessionaire will close the entrance to the park when all the spaces are full, which often happens by 10:00 on the weekend. The Chicago Sprints Regatta cannot control the timing of the closure or any other element of the parking concession. Closure cuts off all vehicle access to the boathouse and regatta staging area. We want everyone to drop off their equipment and race their events in a relaxed and unhurried manner. Please leave plenty of time to negotiate traffic and arrive early. We also encourage you to bring a bicycle for quick trips out of the park. The grocery and many food and coffee stops are just blocks away.

From Highway 90/94 (Kennedy Expressway): Exit at Fullerton and drive east approximately 2.5 miles. Turn right from Fullerton onto Cannon Drive, which is marked as the automobile entrance for the Lincoln Park Zoo (the first right after the Lincoln Park Conservatory, a large glass building on the right).

From Lake Shore Drive (CARS ONLY!): Exit at Fullerton Parkway, drive west over the bridge crossing the Lagoon, make the first left.