



Stars and Stripes Regatta
June 29th, 2019
Chesapeake Boathouse
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Welcome to the OKC RIVERSPORT Stars and Stripes Regatta! The 2019 races will be held on Saturday June 29th on the beautifully restored Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City, OK. All races are 1000 meters.

Please read this packet completely as it includes information regarding entries, rules, events and the venue.

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Important Dates & Schedule Information

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- May 13, 2019 – Online registration opens on Regatta Central at 12:00pm (noon) CDT
- June 23, 2019 – Online registration closes on Regatta Central at or before midnight (CDT). Line-ups due on Regatta Central at or before midnight (CDT).
- June 25, 2019 – Initial race schedule posted
- June 28, 2019 – Final race schedule posted. Heat sheets posted.
- June 28, 2019 – Venue opens for trailer parking and staging.
- June 29, 2019 – Coaches, Coxswains and Bow Seats Meeting. Race Day.

Coaches, Coxswains and Bow Seats Meeting:

Promptly at 6:30 AM, Saturday, June 29th outside the Chesapeake Boathouse on the stage. *Make certain your coxswains and crews have practiced the use of a starting dock, and backing into a stakeboat.*

Order of Events:

The schedule of races will be determined based on the number of entries at the close of registration. Events with no entries at the close of registration are subject to elimination. Events with one entry may be scheduled to race with another event, but shall be awarded separately within their own categories and within the medals/awards rule.

Saturday June 29th	
1	Womens Masters 1x
2	Womens Open 1x
3	Womens Novice 1x
4	Womens Novice Rec 1x
5	Mens Masters 1x
6	Mens Open 1x
7	Mens Novice 1x

8	Mens Novice Rec 1x
9	Womens Masters 2x
10	Womens Open 2x
11	Mens Masters 2-
12	Mens Open 2-
13	Mens Masters 2x
14	Mens Open 2x
15	Womens Novice 4+
16	Womens Open 2-
17	Mixed Masters 2x
18	Mixed Open 2x
19	Mens Novice 4+
20	Womens Open 4+
21	Mixed Masters 4x
22	Mixed Open 4+
23	Womens Open 8+
24	Mens Open 4+
25	Womens Novice 8+
26	Womens Masters 4x
27	Womens Open 4x
28	Mixed Open 4+
29	Mens Novice 8+
30	Mens Masters 4x
31	Mens Open 4x
32	Womens Masters 8+
33	Mens Masters 4+
34	Mens Open 8+

35	Mens Masters 8+
36	Womens Masters 4+
37	Mixed Novice 2x
38	Mixed Masters 8+
39	Mixed Open 8+
40	Mixed Masters 4+
41	Mixed Novice 8+
42	Parent/Child 2x

Inclement Weather Information:

The Regatta Director, Local Organizing Committee and volunteer referees will work together to monitor the weather continuously during the regatta.

Should it be determined that schedule changes are necessary due to weather concerns, the following weather plan will be utilized:

Communication Plan

Weather-related schedule changes will be announced utilizing the following mediums:

- Posted on the results board located under the bridge
- Online via Regatta Central
- Via text message. Coaches and athletes can register to receive weather related text messages by emailing your phone number and service provider to mduffy@okcbf.org, or by visiting the registration desk.

To ensure each crew has at least 1 representative on the texting list, the Regatta Director will manually add the Race Day Contact listed on Regatta Central to the texting system.

Crews are responsible for staying updated on any announced schedule changes.

Please direct any questions about schedule changes to the Regatta Director at the registration desk.

Schedule changes will be made with the following priorities:

- o Delay racing later that same day, if time is available.

- Begin racing earlier than previously announced. Announcement will be made no later than 3 hours before racing or 9:00 PM the evening before in the case of morning racing.
- Combine events within the same boat class, but across age categories
- Cancel regatta.

Registration Information

Registration/Entries:

All entries should be submitted through Regatta Central at www.regattacentral.com. No paper entries will be accepted for this event. Registration will open May 13, 2019 at noon (CDT) and closes June 23, 2019 at midnight (CDT). No refunds will be given once the standard registration period has closed.

On-site Registration:

Registration desk hours:
Friday June 28th 4:30-7:00 PM
Saturday June 29th 6:00-7:45 AM

Registration will be at the front desk area on the 1st Floor of the Finish Line Tower.

Check-In:

Crews and athletes must check-in at the registration desk to ensure registration is complete, waiver is signed, and all fees are paid in full.

Waivers:

Each participant must submit a waiver. All athletes must complete the 2019 online registration on uswroing.org or regattacentral.com, or submit a paper copy to regatta registration. ***Waivers are due in the hands of local organizing committee BY June 28th.***

If waivers are sent by overnight mail, please indicate that recipient need not sign.

Mail to:

OKC Boathouse Foundation,
Stars and Stripes Regatta,
725 S. Lincoln Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK 73129

Entry must be complete for your boats to be entered in heats.

Entry Fees:

\$40 per participant with unlimited racing. All entry fees are due at the time of registration on Regatta Central. All fees must be paid in full by June 23, 2019 at midnight.

Errors on Entries:

The Regatta Director will contact the coach of any entry that contains an error by phone or email and given 24 hours to correct the error. If the time limit passes without resolution satisfactory to the regatta committee, the crew's entry from that particular event will be dropped and will become subject to the Late Entry rule should the coach try subsequently to correct the error and re-enter the crew.

Late Entries:

Any entry made after the deadline of midnight June 23, 2019, will be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Director based on the availability of a lane and only with a \$25 per boat late fee. A Late Entry will not be accepted if it creates an additional heat.

All late entries must be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the first race event. E-mail submissions sent within or after this 24-hour period will not be accepted.

Scratch Fees:

Any team that scratches an entry after June 23, 2019, will forfeit its entry fee. Those scratching after the start of the Regatta will forfeit their entry fee and be assessed a \$25 Scratch Fee to be paid prior to competition by any other boat from that team in subsequent races.

Lineup Changes:

All entries must include the line-up of athletes to compete as part of that entry. Accurate birthdates are required for each person in a line-up for Masters classified races. All entry line-ups must be finalized by June 23, 2019.

Line-up changes submitted after the deadline will be subject to a \$5 administrative fee.

Line-up changes needed on race day must be completed at the registration desk in the Finish Line Tower. E-mail line-up changes will not be accepted after June 28th.

Competition Information

Eligibility:

All regional Masters rowers and Open rowing category participants.

Classifications:

Master – A master is a competitor who has attained or will attain the age of 21 during the current calendar year. A competitor's age is determined as of December 31 of the current calendar year, rounded down to the nearest whole number. Thus, a competitor 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.

Open – Any athlete, Master, Junior or Collegiate rower may participate.

Mixed Events – A crew competing in a mixed event must be 50% male and 50% female, not including the coxswain. A female rower shall not compete in events for men, and a male rower shall not compete in events for women.

Coxswains – Coxswains may cox in any boat, regardless of being male or female. Coxswains should also adhere to the 40 minute hot seating rule.

Age Categories:

Category Ages:

AA 21-26
A 27-35
B 36-42
C 43-49
D 50-54
E 55-59
F 60-64
G 65-69
H 70-74
I 75-79
J 80+

The age category of a Masters crew shall be determined by the average age of the rowers in the crew, rounded down to the nearest whole number. The age of a coxswain shall not be counted. The ages of individual rowers need not fall within the age category, so long as each rower is a master, and so long as the average age of the crew falls within the applicable category.

Individuals whose age places them in AA (21-26) may now compete in any age category where the average age of the boat falls within that specific category.

A Masters crew may compete in a lower (younger) age category but not in a higher (older) category.

If there is more than one entry in a given age category, no handicap shall be used.

Results:

All results will be posted online at <http://www.riversportokc.org/events/stars-stripes-river-festival/> and at www.regattacentral.com after racing. Results, once made official, will also be posted under the bridge during the event.

Rules

Weigh-Ins:

Athlete weigh-in rules: No Lightweight events this year.

Coxswain weigh-in rules: No coxswain weigh-in this year.

Hot Seating:

Hot seating equipment or rowers is not permitted in events that are less than 40 minutes apart on the race schedule. Hot seating is done at each crew's risk, and race starts will not be held.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, failure to heed instructions of race officials, use of obscene language or gestures, delaying a race without just cause, intentional or flagrant disregard of principles of safety and fairness, or abusive behavior toward any official, team member, spectator, or volunteer.

A crew that engages in unsportsmanlike conduct may be assessed a penalty by a race official.

Any team member, including a competitor, who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct, on or off the water, at any time during the regatta, may have his or her further participation at the regatta curtailed or prohibited by race officials or staff.

Safety Check:

Check your equipment for race readiness, including the proper tying of heels of shoes (3 inches). Bow balls are required.

Bow Numbers:

Teams must provide their own bow numbers 1-7.

Equipment:

Each organization is responsible for ensuring that their equipment meets the standards listed above under safety check.

Starting Platform:

All crews must be able to align on the starting pods/with stakeboat holders, connected to the starting platform. Please make sure your coxswains and crews know how to back onto the pods and maintain a point. Crews will be expected to know how to “scull” to keep their point (2 sculling with bow’s oar, etc.).

Medals/Awards:

Medals awarded for FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD place for all events, except that no medal shall be awarded to the last place boat. In Masers events where there are more than one flight, medals will be awarded for each flight as if it were a final. Open and novice categories with multiple flights will be treated as one event and medals for first, second and third will be awarded to the three fastest times pooled from all flights of any given event.

All medals will be available for pick-up at the registration desk on the 1st floor of the Finish Line Tower after the results have been made official. Coaches or athletes can sign for medals.

Venue Information

Venue:

Location:

Boathouse District
725 S Lincoln Blvd
Oklahoma City, Ok 73129

Course:

The course is a 1,000m, 6-lane, fully buoyed course with a starting platform. Crews must be able to back into a stakeboat, and hold their point.

Trailers and Boat Storage/Staging:

Boat storage/staging – space will be limited to around the Chesapeake Boathouse and Finish Line Tower.

Trailers – trailers will be parked in the grass by the Finish Line Tower. Contact Gena Terrill with an estimated arrival time and for further parking instructions or questions.

Car-toppers – may park at the Chesapeake Boathouse with prior approval. Contact Gena Terrill to coordinate.

Crew Tents:

Crews may place tents in the clearly marked areas along the race course on Saturday only. Tents must be removed by 2:00 PM Saturday after racing.

Parking:

Paid parking will be available in designated Boathouse District areas.

Contacts

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Course/Venue Maps

