

Stars and Stripes Regatta June, 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 Chesapeake Boathouse Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Welcome to the OKC RIVERSPORT Stars and Stripes Regatta! The 2016 races will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> on the beautifully restored Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City, OK. All races are 1000 meters.

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PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE: All regional Masters rowers and Open rowing category participants.

ENTRIES: Packets are available online at www.RegattaCentral.com

# REGISTER entries through Regatta Central at www.regattacentral.com. DEADLINE is at or before midnight (CDT) Saturday June 11th

Each participant must submit a waiver. All athletes must complete the 2016 online registration on usrowing.org or regattacentral.com, or submit a paper copy to regatta registration. Waivers are due in the hands of the local organizing committee BY June 24th

If fees/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 into heats.

**ENTRY FEES:** \$40 per participant with unlimited racing.

**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 reenter the crew

**LATE ENTRIES:** Any entry made after the deadline of midnight June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 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.

**SCRATCH FEES:** Any team that scratches an entry after June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 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

**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.

**REGISTRATION:** Hours of registration: Friday 4:30-7:00 PM. Saturday 6:00-7:45 AM. Registration will be at the front desk area on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Devon Boathouse.

**COACHES, COXES and BOWS MEETING:** Promptly at 6:30am, Saturday, June 25th outside the Chesapeake Boathouse on the stage *Make certain your coxswains and crews have practiced the use of a starting pod.* 

ATHLETE WEIGH-IN RULES: No Lightweight events this year.

COXSWAIN WEIGH-IN RULES: No coxswain weigh-in this year.

#### **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 21<sub>st</sub> 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 (age 21-26) may now compete in any age category where the average age of the boat falls within that specific age category. A Masters crew may compete in a lower (younger) age category but not in a higher category. If there is more than one entry in a given age category, no handicap shall be used.

**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.

**BOAT STORAGE:** Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation will provide some A-Frames and space will be limited to around the Chesapeake Boathouse and Finish Line Tower. Trailers will be parked in the grass by the Finish Line Tower. Crews are fully responsible for the use of A-Frames and are encouraged to adequately secure them.

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

PARKING: Paid parking will be available in our 6th Street lot.

**STARTING PODS:** All crews must be able to align on the starting pods. 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.).

**RESULTS:** All results will be posted online at www.oklahomariverevent.org. They will also be tweeted on "RiversportOKC", and will be posted under the bridge.

**AWARDS:** Medals awarded for FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD place for all events with 4 or more entries. All medals will be available for pick up at registration desk at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Devon Boathouse after the results have been made official. Coaches or athletes can sign for medals.

#### Saturday June, 25

1 Womens Novice Rec 1x 2 Womens Novice 1x 3 Womens Open 1x 4 Womens Masters 1x 5 Mens Open 2-6 Womens Open 2-7 Mens Open 1x 8 Mens Masters 1x 9 Womens Novice 4+ 10 Mens Masters 4+ 11 Womens Masters 8+ 12 Mens Novice 8+ 13 Mens Open 4+ 14 Womens Open 4+ 15 Mens Novice Rec 1x 16 Mens Novice 1x 17 Mens Novice 4+

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- 18 Womens Open 8+
- 19 Womens Open 2x
- 20 Womens Masters 2x
- 21 Mens Open 8+
- 22 Mens Open 4x
- 23 Mens Masters 4x
- 25 Womens Masters 4+
- ~ LUNCH
- 26 Mens Masters 8+
- 27 Womens Masters 4x
- 28 Womens Open 4x
- 29 Mens Open 2x
- 30 Mens Masters 2x
- ~ BREAK
- 31 Womens Novice 8+
- 33 Mixed Open 2x
- 34 Mixed Masters 2x
- ~ BREAK
- 35 Mixed Open 8+
- 36 Mixed Masters 8+
- ~ BREAK
- 37 Mixed Masters 4+
- 38 Mixed Novice 8+
- 39 Mixed Novice 2x
- 40 Mixed Masters 4x
- 41 Parent/Child 2x