

15th Annual Head of the Indian Creek Regatta

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The Head of the Indian Creek Races will be held on the Indian Creek at Miami Beach on Sunday, **October 14th 2007**. Several changes are adopted each year, therefore the following details are important to review.

REGATTA INSURANCE: All participating organizations MUST register with USRowing or they will not be allowed to compete at Indian Creek Regatta. Your USRowing registration is required for Indian Creek regatta insurance coverage to be valid. Please plan in advance so that your team is not turned away on race day.

RACE DISTANCE: 4,450 meters or 2.7 miles

[RACE MAP](#) / [PARKING MAP](#) / [BRIDGES TRAFFIC PATTERN](#)

MEDALS AND TROPHIES: medals will be presented throughout the day, trophy awards ceremony will follow the last event of the day. First, second, and third place medals will be awarded for all events. A crew must not necessarily beat another crew to medal. Overall points trophy will be awarded to the Junior Program and Master Program that accumulate more points. There will be a first place medal awarded to the first place master lightweight sculler in the men's and women's division. **Also we are promoting sculling at the junior level in Florida please check schedule for the new events (Novice men's and women's quad).**

REGISTRATION Opens on September 1st at: www.regattacentral.com

\$75.00 per eight \$60.00 per four/quad \$50.00 per double \$35.00 per single

PLEASE NOTE:

Organizational Fee Cap is \$950

DEADLINE: Sunday, October 1st, 2007

[WAIVERS:](#) The Miami Beach Rowing Club Wavier and Release of Liability form, separate attachment, must be completed for each competitor and submitted at registration.

SCRATCHES: Each entry scratched on race day or after **Sunday, October 7th, 2007**, which ever occurs first, will result in a \$25 scratch fee in addition to the entry fee. Also, entries not showing up to the start for their assigned event may be subject to a \$25 scratch fee.

All of the organization's entry and scratch fees will be paid in full prior to launching any of the organization's boats. Non-payment of fees will carry forward to following years until paid in full.

NO LATE ENTRY WILL BE ALLOWED

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin at 2:00 pm on Saturday. Registration may be available Sunday morning.

COACH'S COXSWAIN'S MEETING: The meeting will begin Saturday at 6:00 pm at launch and landing docks. It will cover scratches, full spectrum of red flag/white flag, polling crews, etc. The meeting will cover the officiating aspects relevant to the conditions encountered that morning. **We encourage coaches and coxswains to show up to the meeting for safety issues and also for additional tips for the race.**

PARKING VENUE / SPECTATOR : Parking is available for \$10 at the city lot on the Collins and 73rd street, there will be a FREE shuttle running from the lot to the spectator site on race day. **ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING ON THE GRASS AT B.B. PARK (FINISH LINE) THE CITY WILL TOW**

TRAILERS: Trucks must detach as soon as the trailer is parked. Same goes for singles that are being dropped off. No cars/trucks/vans/buses will be allowed in the parking lot of the center, only boats and trailers. Trailer parking is available at the Center 6500 Indian Creek Dr, FL, Miami Beach, 33141. 65th street will be closed for traffic and used for trailer parking. The street will be closed off at 12pm by Miami Beach Police. There will be overnight security. The street will remain closed off until 3pm on Sunday; all trailers must be ready to go by this time.

TENT AREA: At the finish line in Brittany Bay Park 2 blocks south of the center.

PRACTICE: For safety and insurance considerations mandate that all boats be off the water by 4:00 PM on Saturday October 15. No boats will be allowed to launch after 3:00 PM on Saturday. The course will not be open for practice on Sunday. Crews violating this rule may be penalized or disqualified. Warnings may be assessed to violations.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Casablanca Hotel for room reservation at 1-800-813-6676, 6345 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL, 33141 www.casablancaontheocean.com

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS: We need members to assist in running the regatta, especially regatta take-down and qualified launch drivers.

PLEASE TAKE ALL TRASH TO THE DUMPSTER. We expect each organization to be responsible for thorough cleanup of their camp. There will be a large dumpster at the site and we need bagged trash, wet socks, everything left behind to go into the dumpster.

SAFETY: Boats will be checked at the dock for bow balls and quick-release shoes with a 3-inch maximum tie down, a bow ball and display a bow number. Boats without the required safety features will not be allowed to race. Bow numbers will be supplied in the regatta package. Any boat not displaying a bow number on the racecourse will incur a **30 second penalty**. Respect for the safety of other competitors and their equipment must be observed at all times. Any boat showing a disregard for safety or failing to follow the instructions of officials will be given a **60-second penalty** or may be excluded.

All participants, for each event, will be grouped together at the gate entrance to the launch area for check-in. Each event will be called 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to the start time. Crews will be expected at the entrance no less than 1 hour before the race time. An official will check in each crew and place them in starting order. **ANY CREW AT THE NOT AT THE GATE ON TIME TO LAUNCH WITH THEIR EVENT WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE RACE.**

DOCK MASTER: will launch in order all participants of that event. Crews will be instructed to proceed to the 63rd street bridge (drawbridge) and check in with the official's boat. Officials will be on the water to give specific instructions to safely guide the crews thru the bridge and across the race course, until they arrive at the warm up area.

Only one coach and one assistant per boat will be allowed to accompany a crew into the dock area. No spectators will be permitted access to the launching area or dock.

LAUNCHING: All boats have a maximum of two minutes to launch from the dock. Any boat on the dock longer than two minutes for any reason will incur a **30 second penalty**. Boats must proceed north from the dock and turn at the orange buoy before heading south to the start. Any boat late to the start will incur a **30 second penalty**. Boats are not permitted to travel south of the footbridge.

TRAFFIC PATTERN: Boats must keep to the right (coxswain's view) at all times. In areas where there are no buoys (below the start and above the finish), boats should keep to the right side of the creek (coxswain's view). While racing, boats must stay on the course to the right of each buoy. Oar blades may go over the buoys but the hull of the shell must stay on the course. Traffic patterns should be observed during practice as well as during races. Traffic pattern violations will result in a **30 second penalty**.

PASSING: the overtaking boat has the right of way. The boat being overtaken must give way and must give the overtaking boat room to pass on the left side. The overtaking boat must allow sufficient room for the boat being overtaken to safely stay within the racecourse. Boats being overtaken or overtaking boats showing a disregard for safety will be severely penalized and may be disqualified. *Note of Advice:* All shells with bow-loaded coxswains are strongly advised to have their bow seat rower notify the coxswain if being caught up and overtaken by another crew. Timely help from the bow seat rower may assist the coxswain in avoiding an interference penalty.

NO-PASSING ZONE: The areas beneath the designated arch at each bridge and the area from the southern tip of Allison Island to the 63rd street bridge are officially no-passing zones. Passing must be completed before reaching Allison Island. If interference occurs in these zones, the passing boat will be deemed to be at fault and will be penalized with a **60 second interference penalty**.

63RD STREET BRIDGE: Singles and doubles may race through either the center (drawbridge) arch or the center arch on the east side of the bridge. Fours, quads and eights may only race through the center (drawbridge) arch.

NON-RACING BOATS: which interferes in any way with a racing boat, may face possible exclusion. Interference and/or buoy penalties are assigned at the sole discretion of the observing official. Repeated or severe interference will result in **exclusion**.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP: must prevail at all times. Profanity in any language will result in exclusion of that crew.

THE BODY OF THE RACE : if one or more rowers are ejected or lost from a boat during a head race, the affected crew must stop and remain with those individuals until all are safely out of the water,

Directions to Ronald Shane Center

From I - 95,

Take Exit 7, Miami Beach 195 (Julia Tuttle Causeway). Cross Biscayne Bay via 195.

Approaching Miami Beach, take the Alton Road NORTH - HOSPITALS exit. Follow Alton Road for approximately 3 miles. This is a 30 mph residential road. Alton will curve sharply to the east. Stay in left lane and continue to follow Alton across bridges and over the overpass. This will put you on Indian Creek Drive going north. At the first light, 65th Street, you will take a left, which puts you in the boathouse parking lot.

The address of the boathouse is:

6500 Indian Creek Drive, Miami Beach, FL, 33141