

# The 13th Annual Hoover Invitational

[www.hooverinvitational.org](http://www.hooverinvitational.org)

**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

**Hoover Reservoir, Westerville, Ohio**

**Mapquest and GPS address: Sunbury Rd and Walnut St, Westerville, OH, 43081  
or 135 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville, OH 43081**

- **A fully buoyed 7 lane race course!**
- Start platforms for accurate starting and timing.
- A starters platform with speakers for audible starting calls
- More PA speakers along the rowing venue for hearing results and event calls.
- 4 x 48-foot docks (up from 3 in 2010)
- Results immediately posted to [www.HooverInvitational.org/Results](http://www.HooverInvitational.org/Results) and to the Twitter account HooverInvite.

## **Regatta:**

- 2000-meter sprint competition for high school age students in novice and varsity categories.
- All races will be conducted under USRowing “Rules of Racing.” **This is a USRowing registered regatta, and as such, all participating crews must be organizational members of USRowing.**
- The race is open to all youth and scholastic programs.
- Coxswain/Coaches meeting is at 7:00am at the Walnut St and Sunbury Rd shelter house
- Shuttles will be running starting 6:30am from the lower dam parking lot to Walnut St lot.

## **Rules and Definitions:**

- Novice: Began rowing after April 16, 2010.
- Lightweight: Men 160 lbs.; Women 130 lbs. There are weigh-ins.
- Varsity: Any rower not eligible as a novice.
- Second Varsity: Crews are only eligible if a first varsity boat is entered in the same type of event (we will make exceptions for new programs- **please check with regatta director before entering**).
- **There are qualifying headraces for Mens & Women's Novice 4+s and 8+s** with A and B events in both categories. You **MUST** have an A entry in order to have a B entry. If you enter a B without an A entry, your B entry will automatically be moved to the A. Coaches, please seed your squads accordingly, as the fastest boat goes into the A category and all the others into the B category. The top 6 boats from each head race will row a sprint final in the afternoon.
- Hot seating requires a minimum of 60 min separation and at your own risk. The starting official cannot wait for hot seating crews at the start! We strive to run an ‘on-time’ regatta.
- Please provide bow numbers if you have them. There are a limited number of extra bow numbers available.

### **Coxswains:**

- **Coxswains must know how to back into a start platform!** Please practice with your coxswains and crews the techniques of using a starting platform, including the pointing of their bows by using 2-seat or 3-seat to scull using the trailing rower's oar.
- Coxswains (strokes of bow-coxed boats) must also know that they need to have their hands in the air while they are adjusting their point at the start.

### **Rules of Race Course:**

- As soon as a crew is clear of the dock, proceed north toward the start.
- **DO NOT ROW THROUGH BRIDGE!!**
- From the marshalling area, watch for the marshal's command to proceed to the start.
- At the finish, all crews should come to a stop within 100 meters. Then immediately turn west toward shore to begin a cool-down towards docks.
- **Under no circumstances should a crew row toward the dam after the finish.**

**Registration and Weigh-Ins:** All boats must weigh in together as a boat. There is no time restriction on weighing in. Coxswains do not need to weigh in.

Weigh-Ins:

- Friday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Saturday beginning at 6:45am

It is recommended that boats weigh in as early as possible in order to allow for re-hydration.

**Food:** Food vendors on site. Tim Horton's (coffee and donuts), Dan's Deli (hot prepared food), and a kettle corn vendor. Restaurants in the immediate area are the Bel Lago (near the starting line) and Subway (north ¼ mi at Windsor Bay shopping center). Please bring water, as we do not have a source to fill water containers.

### **Awards:**

- Medals will be awarded for 1st – 3rd place in all events
- Plaques will be awarded to the winners of the Men's and Women's 1st Varsity Eights.
- The High Team Points Trophy will be awarded to the team with the highest point total. A modified Barnes scoring system will be utilized.

### **Registration:**

**Entries:** All entries should be done online at [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com). Day-of entries will not be accepted. **Entries must be submitted online by midnight on Monday, April 11, 2011.**

Entry Fee's:

8+ - \$70

4+ and 4x - \$60

**All waivers and fees should be received no later than TUESDAY, April 12, 2011.**

Make checks payable to: **Westerville Crew**

Mail to: Westerville Crew

4111 Executive Pkwy

Suite 305

Westerville, OH 43081

### **Contact:**

Trish Chase, Regatta Director  
614-565-9198  
tchase@medtuity.com

**Waivers:** Coaches: your athletes may submit their waivers online for efficiency. They need to be added to your Regatta Central roster and need to have signed their waiver online. Here are instructions from USRowing:

### **Waiver through USRowing.org**

1. Athletes should go to [www.usrowing.org](http://www.usrowing.org).
2. Click on the Join/Renew link in the upper right hand corner.
3. If the athlete is a **Full-Privilege member**, click *Sign Your Waiver Online*. Enter member number and password. Read through the waiver then click *Accept Waiver*.
4. If athlete is **not** a Full-Privilege member, click *Sign Waiver and Add My Name to my Organization's Roster*. Read through the waiver then click *Accept Waiver*. The athlete will be prompted to fill in contact and team information to complete the non-privileged membership. Once this has been done, click *Process Application*. On the next page, there will be a confirmation notice which includes the athlete's non-privilege USRowing membership ID number.
5. Full-Privilege members need to give their USRowing member numbers to their coaches to add to the team's roster on RegattaCentral.
6. Non-privilege members need to give their USRowing ID numbers to their coaches to add to the team's roster on RegattaCentral.
7. Coaches should add these numbers to their rosters on RegattaCentral, then click *Sync with USRowing Waiver Database*.

### **Waivers Through RegattaCentral.com**

1. Coaches and entry submitters should log-in to [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com). On the home page, under **My Roster**, click on *Instructions for USRowing Waiver Submission*. The **Roster Code** for this account will be listed here.
2. Coaches should share their Roster Code with all athletes who will be included in entries submitted using **this** RegattaCentral account. This roster code links only to this account.
3. Instruct the athletes to go to <https://www.regattacentral.com/athletes/> where they can enter the Roster Code and submit their waiver.
4. When an athlete enters the Roster Code and their last name, the system will attempt to locate their record in that account's roster. If it is located, they will need to indicate whether they have a Full-Privilege USRowing individual membership. If they do, they will be prompted to enter their USRowing member number.
5. All athletes will then be prompted to enter their contact information and read through and submit their waiver.
6. If they are not a Full-Privilege member they will receive their **free, non-privilege USRowing Membership ID**.
7. If the athlete has not yet been added to the roster the system will *automatically* add them. This is an especially helpful and time-saving feature at the beginning of rowing seasons where you may have many new athletes.

**IMPORTANT:** Waivers must be submitted *by the athlete or their legal guardian*. (Coaches are not permitted to submit a waiver on a rower's behalf) If you have any questions regarding waivers and compliance, please call the USRowing office at 1-800-314-4769.

## **Schedule:**

Coxswain's Meeting: 7:00

Heats begin at 8:00am

- 1 Mens JV 4+
- 2 Womens Varsity 8+
- 3 Womens JV 8+
- 4 Mens Ltwt 4+
- 5 Womens Novice 4+ A
- 6 Womens Novice 4+ B
- 7 Mens Novice 8+ A
- 8 Mens Novice 8+ B
- 9 Mens Varsity 4+
- 10 Womens 4x
- 11 Womens Ltwt 8+
- 12 Womens Varsity 4+
- 13 Mens Ltwt 8+
- 14 Womens JV 4+
- 15 Mens JV 8+
- 16 Womens Novice 8+ A
- 17 Womens Novice 8+ B
- 18 Mens Novice 4+ A
- 19 Mens Novice 4+ B
- 20 Mens 4x
- 21 Mens Varsity 8+
- 22 Womens Ltwt 4+

This is the order of events for heats and finals. If there is a final only event, that event will run during the afternoon finals schedule and will not run during the morning. Final only events are typically the lightweight events and quads events.

The M&W Novice 4s and 8s will run head races to qualify. The top 6 in each head race will advance to a sprint final in the afternoon. Coaches, you are responsible for making sure that your coxswains and crews can back into a start platform and can scull to keep their line.

## **Parking and Drop Off:**

**Spectators:** The tents should be set-up south of the Walnut Street shelter only. Parking for spectators is available in the upper and lower dam lot (Smokeburr St. and Sunbury Rd) and later at the Windsor Bay shopping center. There will be two shuttle vans to assist beginning at 6:45am.

## **Boat trailer, food trailer and bus parking:**

**Boats trailers:** Primary trailer parking will be the **Boat Ramp lot** 150 meters north of Walnut-Sunbury Road intersection. The secondary trailer parking lot is the lot just north of the Walnut-Sunbury Rd entrance (considered the primary lot for the first 12 years of the Hoover Invitational). The tertiary lot is just south of the Walnut-Sunbury Rd intersection's entrance. Note that the launch docks have moved 200 meters to the north, making the northern most trailer lot the primary lot for easy access to the trailers. The City has been doing a lot of park beautification which means that there are drainage ditches surrounding most of the lots. We will have designated areas for rear loaded trailers to park in these lots. We will be emailing a diagram of the boat trailer parking to all coaches next week.

**Buses:** will park/drop off at the curb lane NORTH of the Walnut St. light. Buses please DO NOT pull in any of the parking lots. Cones will be placed along the northbound lane on Sunbury Rd on Friday afternoon. Please let a Hoover Invite staff member know if you need assistance.

**Food trailers:** Food trailers will park in the small 'Food Trailer Lot' just south of Walnut St. Look for signs. Once the spaces for food trailers are filled in the Walnut St lot, all food trailers will be required to park curbside south of the Walnut St light (near the tents). There will be cones set up along Sunbury Rd on Friday afternoon.

**NO OTHER VEHICLES will be allowed to park at the Walnut Street lot or the boat ramp lot.**

**Vehicles dropping off rowers and supplies:** must do so on Sunbury Rd curbside (lane will be closed) **just north and south of the Walnut St light. That area will be marked drop off zone. No vehicles may remain unattended in this area.** Vehicles will not be permitted to pull into the parking lots to drop off.

## **Directions:**

### **From Toledo**

- 1) Take Route 23 South from Toledo to I-270 East
- 2) Take I-270 East to **Exit 30** (SR 161 East, “New Albany” Exit)
- 3) Take SR 161 East, New Albany to **first** exit (Sunbury Rd.)
- 4) Turn Right (north) onto Sunbury Rd.
- 5) Regatta site is on your right at Walnut Street (about 2 miles)

### **From Cincinnati**

- 1) Take I-71 North through Columbus
- 2) Take 670E
- 3) Take I-270 North to **Exit 30** (SR 161 East “New Albany” Exit)
- 4) Take SR 161 East to the **first** exit (Sunbury Rd.)
- 5) Turn Right (north) onto Sunbury Rd.
- 6) Regatta site will be on your right at Walnut St. (about 2 miles)

### **From Cleveland**

- 1) Take I-71 South from Cleveland
- 2) Take I-270 East to **Exit 30** (SR 161 East, “New Albany” Exit)
- 3) Take SR 161 East to the **first** exit (Sunbury Rd.)
- 4) Turn Right (north) onto Sunbury Rd.
- 5) Regatta site will be on your right at Walnut St. (about 2 miles)

### **From Dayton**

- 1) Take I-70 East to 670 EAST
- 2) Take I-270 North to **Exit 30** (SR 161 East, “New Albany” Exit)
- 3) Take SR 161 East (**Exit 30**, “New Albany”)
- 4) Take **first** exit (Sunbury Rd.)
- 5) Turn Right (north) onto Sunbury Rd.
- 6) Regatta site will be on your right at Walnut St. (about 2 miles)

### **From Parkersburg**

- 1) Take I-70 West to I-270 North (on the east side of Columbus)
- 2) Go about 8 miles on I-270 North  
The freeway will split as you near the Easton Exit. Bear right, following the signs for SR 161 East “New Albany” **Exit 30**
- 3) Take SR161 East to the **first** exit (Sunbury Road)
- 4) Turn Right (north) onto Sunbury Rd.
- 5) The regatta site will be on your right at Walnut St. (about 2 miles)

- **Trailers:** Go 150 meters beyond the Walnut Street traffic light and turn right into the trailer lot. This is the primary lot.
- **Buses:** Park and unload curbside then proceed to the lot at Windsor Bay shopping center (near Sears).
- **Passenger Cars:** Look for regatta parking signs. There will be shuttles at the upper and lower dam parking lots (the 1<sup>st</sup> light that you will come to when you see the water, when traveling from the south) at Smokeburr and Sunbury Rd. If these lots are full, the shuttles will go to Windsor Bay shopping center, Sunbury Rd & County Line Rd, (which is north of Walnut)



## Hotels Near Hoover Reservoir:



**[Wingate @ Polaris: www.wingate.com](http://www.wingate.com) **Special Regatta Rate****

**8505 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH 43240; 614-844-5888; 800-228-1000**

**Location:** Conveniently located off I-71 at the Polaris exit, just minutes from the Polaris Fashion Place Mall, Magic Mountain Family Center and many restaurants and entertainment venues.

**Hotel offers:** Free Hi-speed internet, microwave and small refrigerator, Hot Breakfast, free parking.

**6 miles (12 minutes) from Hoover Reservoir.**

**Regatta rate is \$89.00 (ask for Regatta Rate when calling)**

**[Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Polaris](#) **Special Regatta rates****

8535 Lyra Drive, Columbus, Ohio, USA 43240

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