

2004 Masters Rowing Association Dogwood Regatta

Dogwood Regatta

Bob Walton, a former member of the Oak Ridge Rowing association, became a rower in an adult learn-to-row class in the '80s in a legendary mixed masters "Tea Party Crew" of men and women that produced three FISA class referees (Bob, Clyde Voigtlander and Sam Dempsey) and Bonny Voigtlander who served ORRA for a long term as our treasurer. It was Bob that initiated the Dogwood Regatta in the '80s as a weekend master's regatta companion to the SIRA regatta when the SIRA regatta was a one-day event. When SIRA grew to a two-day event the Dogwood was moved to be the companion to the Oak Ridge Scholastics Regatta. The Dogwood has retained its masters rowing flavor in commemoration of its founder Bob Walton and is one of the earliest masters events in the southeast. ORRA is proud to welcome the Masters Rowing Association as regatta sponsors.

Date

Saturday, April 25, 2004

Location

Melton Hill Lake in Oak Ridge conveniently reached from Pellissippi Parkway off Exit 376 on the I75/I40 interstate. Additional directions to the venue are available on our website www.orra.org.

Accommodations

For hotel/motel room rates and availability information, contact the Oak Ridge Convention and Visitors Bureau (please see web site) <http://oakridgevisitor.com/home.html>

Handicapped Needs

Please advise the Regatta Organizing Committee of any special needs regarding services for handicap assistance at least 7 days prior to the regatta.

Boat Storage

Trailers can be parked in the area in the immediate vicinity of the launching docks. Trailer pulling vehicles must park in the parking area to the north of the boathouse or along Melton Hill Drive. Storage of boats is at your own risk. The Regatta Committee cannot be responsible for improper storage.

The Course

The course is 7 buoyed 2000-meter lanes for racing. Open and Junior events will be 2000m from stake boats while Master events will 1000m from a floating start. Rowing will be North to South downstream from the start to the UT-Battelle Finish Tower. A rowing traffic map will be posted at the boathouse.

Public Parking

The parking in the spaces serving the New China Palace restaurant and the boathouse is limited to volunteer workers and restaurant patrons. There is ample parking on the both sides of Melton Drive. Note that there are marked off areas at the turn in to the boathouse area.

Concessions & Merchandise

Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the regatta site. The unauthorized sale of merchandise, food or drink is not permitted.

T- Shirt Pre-order

Do not be caught before they sell out! Pre-order your Dogwood T-shirt by indicating the number and sizes on the first entry form.

Rules

The Dogwood Regatta is sponsored by the Masters Rowing Association and USRA rules will apply.

Required Entry Forms

Complete one Entry Form for each boat in every event you enter. Please submit the Entry Fees Calculation form with your entry forms. A signed copy of the USRowing Release and Liability Waiver Form must be received for each rower. Junior rowers must have a parent signed waiver. A blank waiver is provided in this packet. If it is determined that there are missing waivers when the Entry Packet is received, the Regatta Secretary will e-mail the team coach/representative, a list of the missing rowers names. These waivers must be received by Monday, April 19, 2004.

Bow Numbers

Bow numbers for each boat will be required. It will be your responsibility to supply your own bow numbers. Crews will not be allowed on the water without a bow number. No racing shell will be allowed to race or practice without a bow ball.

Foot Gear Release

Where the feet of the competitor are held by footgear affixed to the stretcher of the boat, the design of such footgear shall provide for the quick release of the competitors feet, without the use of hands, in case of a boat capsize. Such design may consist of Velcro or pull strings at the heels. All boats will be checked for such appropriate footgear. If such footgear is not present at all seats that boat will not be launched. This checking of the boats will occur immediately prior to launch. All boats, even if they row in multiple races, will be checked prior to each race.

Apparel

All race participants must wear one type of organizational rowing uniform.

Launching and Schedule of Events

A final heat sheet schedule will be issued during the Coaches and Coxswains' meeting on Sunday morning, April 25, 2004. There will be two calls to launch prior to each event and launch officials at the launch docks will make every effort to launch boats on time. Coaches and coxswains should be ready to launch 40 minutes prior the scheduled time of their event.

Traffic Pattern

The traffic pattern within the launching embayment will be clockwise. Proceed off the launching docks toward the marina slips and then proceed out of the embayment keeping your port side closest to the shore. Go straight across the course, race traffic permitting, and then keep your starboard side closest to the shore. Maintain single file past the race course. Competitors may proceed up stream past the railroad bridge for practice. However, competitors must be below the railroad bridge and within hailing distance of the chief referee 15 minutes before race time.

Practice Session

Practice sessions on Saturday will be limited to 5:00 p.m. or completion of the Scholastics Regatta to 8:00 p.m. During practice, the race day traffic patterns will apply throughout the course.

Hot Seating

Hot seating must be arranged with the Dockmaster. Events will not be delayed to permit re-rigging of shells.

The Start

A Regatta Marshals will be positioned in a launch in the starting area for the purpose of organizing participating crews above the start and getting the competitors into the proper starting order and time interval. Please listen to the directions of the officials. Crews shall be responsible for maintaining their proper order, for maintaining their proper interval between themselves and other crews and for staging in the start area. The race will begin from start platforms with stake boat holders at each lane position. The Judge Referee start official will call crews to the start approximately five minutes prior to the start. All crews not currently involved in the staging of the start of the next race shall yield to crews being summoned to the start by the USRowing official. Interference with the staging of the start may result in a penalty. If racing is delayed, the Judge Referee at the start shall provide for a sufficient amount of time between events so that crews in different events do not overlap at the finish line.

The Finish

After crossing the finish line, crews shall return to the embayment on the road side of the river (keep the port side to the bank. Returning crews should yield to, and avoid interfering with the crews launching.

Protests

Intent to file protest must be indicated on the water immediately following the finish of a race. The protest must be made to a USRowing official before the crew leaves the area between the finish tower and Clarks Bridge. After a crew returns under Clarks Bridge Road toward the launch docks, all right to protest is waived. The regatta will consider protest from each coach or coaching representative (only one coach/coaching representative per protest is allowed) per USRA rules at a fee of \$25.00. The protest must be filed with the Regatta Director and the fee paid within 45 minutes of the finish of the race in question. The Regatta Jury will consider appeals from crews who have been assessed a penalty.

Calling Events

Crews will be called to launch by the dockmaster. First call will be forty minutes prior to the scheduled race time. No crews will be allowed on the water before being called or for additional practise on the day of the race.

Number of Entries

Each event must have a minimum of two entries to constitute an race.

MRA Dogwood Regatta Entry Information

Regatta Central

Entries should be made on the Regatta Central web site: <http://www.orra.org/regattas.html>

Entry Deadline

Entry fees and waivers must be received by Friday, April 16, 2004. Entries received after this date will be accepted on an "if a lane is available" basis.

Entry Fees

8+	\$60.00	4+	\$40.00	2+/-	\$30.00	1X	\$20.00
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Scratch Fees

Entry fees will be refunded if scratches are made before Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Please make checks payable to: Oak Ridge Rowing Association or ORRA

Mail regatta fees and waivers to:
Oak Ridge Rowing Association
c/o Dogwood Regatta
PO Box 4384
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Preliminary Schedule

A preliminary schedule of events will be posted on the www.ORRA.org web site by Wednesday, April 21. This will not be the final heat sheet and will be subject to changes. The final heat sheet will be distributed at the Coaches' and Coxswains' meeting, 7:45 PM Sunday, April 25, 2004.

Registration Hours

Teams may register at the Boathouse on Saturday April 24 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, April 25 from 7:00 am to 8:45 am. Medals may be picked up at the boathouse and results will be posted on the bulletin board outside the boathouse.

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting

Each coach, singles competitor and coxswain is expected to attend the meeting as last minute changes will be discussed. Attendance will be checked.

Sunday, April 25, 2004, at 7:45 PM at the Boathouse. At least one representative from each crew must attend. All crews will be responsible for the information delivered at the meeting, regardless of attendance. This will be the last opportunity to discuss entry and schedule issues, no entry changes will be considered after the close of this meeting.

Weigh-Ins

Lightweight men and lightweight women will be required to weigh-in on Saturday, April 24, 2004 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM or Sunday, April 25, 2004 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM. Rowers must wear racing uniforms at the weigh-in.

2004 Dogwood Regatta Sunday, April 18, 2004

6:45 Am – Official meeting at the boathouse exercise room

7:45 AM – Coaches and coxswains meeting at the boathouse apron

8:10 AM – First Call Event #1

1	Men Masters AA 4X	8:50 AM
2	Men Masters 4X	9:00 AM
3	Women Masters 1X (A-B)	9:10 AM
4	Women Masters 1X (C-E)	9:20 AM
5	Women Masters 1X (AA)	9:30 AM
6	Men Masters 2-	9:40 AM
7	Men Junior Novice 8+	9:50 AM
8	Women Junior 1X	10:00 AM
9	Men Masters 1X (A-B)	10:10 AM
10	Men Masters 1X (C-D)	10:20 AM
11	Men Masters 1X (E)	10:30 AM
12	Men Masters 1X (F-I)	10:40 AM
13	Men Masters 1X (AA)	10:50 AM
14	Women Junior 2X	11:00 AM
15	Women Masters 4+	11:10 AM
16	Women Masters 4+ AA	11:20 AM
17	Women Junior Novice 8+	11:30 AM
18	Men Open 4+	11:40 AM
19	Women Masters 4X	11:50 AM
20	Women Masters 4X AA	12:00 PM
21	Women Junior 8+	12:10 PM
22	Men Masters 2x (A-C)	12:20 PM
23	Men Masters 2x (D-E)	12:30 PM
24	Men Master 2X (AA)	12:40 PM
25	Women Masters LTWT 1X	12:50 PM
26	Men Junior 2X	1:00 PM
27	Men Masters 4+	1:10 PM
28	Men Masters 4+ (AA)	1:20 PM
29	Women Masters 8+	1:30 PM
30	Men Masters LTWT 1X	1:40 PM
31	Men Junior 1X	1:50 PM
32	Men Masters 8+	2:00 PM
33	Women Masters 2X	2:10 PM
34	Women Open 4+	2:20 PM
35	Men Junior 8+	2:30 PM
36	Mixed Masters 4+	2:40 PM
37	Women Masters 2-	2:50 PM
38	Mixed Junior 2X	3:00 PM
39	Mixed Masters 2X (A-B)	3:10 PM
40	Mixed Masters 2X (C-E)	3:20 PM
41	Mixed Junior 8+	3:30 PM
42	Mixed Masters 8+	3:30 PM

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Entry Fees Calculation

Event Type	No. of Entries	Fee Total
Singles	___ x	\$20.00 _____
Doubles/Pairs	___ x	\$30.00 _____
Fours	___ x	\$40.00 _____
Eights	___ x	\$60.00 _____
Amount Due		\$ _____

Team Information

Club, School or College _____

Head Coach or Team Director _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-Mail address _____

Team Web Site _____

Phone (D) _____ (E) _____ Mobile # _____

T-shirt Order

\$12.00 per shirt

Design will be available on-line 2 weeks prior to event.

Size (short sleeve only) Number

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

Extra Large _____

Extra Extra Large _____

Please make a separate t-shirt order checks payable to ORRA.

SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY FORMS