



Information and Registration Packet

The Head of the Oklahoma Centennial Regatta will be an exciting new rowing event designed to combine the strategy and endurance of head racing with the adrenaline-fueled intensity of sprint racing. The regatta will cap off a week-long series of events celebrating the Oklahoma City University Centennial with the 2.5 mile Head of the Oklahoma head race and the Centennial Super Sprints 500 meter dash. The Head of the Oklahoma Regatta will capture and highlight the pageantry of collegiate competition through a festive atmosphere along the beautifully restored Oklahoma River.

The Head of the Oklahoma Centennial Regatta will feature intercollegiate competition along with events open to master, junior, and club-level rowers. The regatta will also feature food, art, and entertainment on and around the Byers Avenue Bridge. The Byers Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic, offering a spectacular viewing grandstand for the entire regatta. **Please plan to bring a flag or banner representing your university or club that can be hung from the bridge.**

This packet includes event and course description, tentative schedule, boat and housing information, entry forms, maps, registration deadlines, fees, and waivers. Event entry and credit card payment may be handled through Regatta Central located on the World Wide Web at www.regattacentral.com.

We hope you find all the information needed for entering the Centennial Regatta. We are committed to making the Head of the Oklahoma Centennial Regatta a unique and successful regatta and invite you and your crews to share in this historic occasion.

We look forward to seeing you in Oklahoma City on Sunday, October 3, 2004. We encourage all crews to arrive Saturday, October 2 to become familiar with the course and to enjoy the nearby entertainment and food offerings of Bricktown. We will be having a social gathering Saturday evening at 7:00pm in Bricktown and will discuss the regatta and conduct interviews for the media. We will announce the location at a later date. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Mike Knopp at 405-521-5300 or via email at mknopp@okcu.edu. *See you in October!*

For the latest regatta information and schedule, please see our web site at www.oklahomaregatta.com.

Site

The regatta will be held on the newly redeveloped and renamed “Oklahoma River.” The Regatta headquarters and staging area will be located in “Regatta Park” at the Byers Street Bridge just south of Bricktown entertainment district in downtown Oklahoma City.

Event Description

- The Head of the Oklahoma – This will be a 2.5 mile head race with participants starting in intervals and following a challenging course that starts with a series of bridges and turns before straightening for the final 2200 meters.
- The Centennial Super Sprints – The event will be 500 meter super sprint among the top six finishers from the Head of the Oklahoma varsity men’s and women’s eights events.

Boat Requirements

Protective bow balls are required on ALL shells for safety purposes. Crews are expected to provide their own bow balls and boats without them WILL NOT be allowed on the water under ANY circumstances. All shoes must have heel tie downs that do not allow the heel to raise more than three inches above the foot board to which it is anchored. Bow numbers will be provided in your registration packet which may be picked up Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Trailers must be unloaded from the designated location off Byers Street and then moved to the trailer parking lot. Boat unloading, rigging, and practice may occur Friday evening and security will be available in Regatta Park.

Facilities

Water and restrooms will be available in Regatta Park. Participants will launch large all boats from dock facilities in the Bricktown Canal. The 150 foot dock located on the Oklahoma River will be designated for recovery after races.

Food

A breakfast of bagels, fruit, etc. will be available for purchase by regatta participants and food vendors will be located on site throughout the day. A coupon for a free lunch will be provided in the registration packet for each competitor.

Awards Description

Commemorative medals will be given for first, second, and third place crews in each classification. The Centennial Cup will be engraved with all points winners

for men's women's and combined crews and will remain on display in the Chesapeake Boathouse. All points winners will receive trophies.

Entries/Registration

All regatta entries should be completed and received by Sunday, September 2004. A late fee will be charged for all entries received after September 25th. Entries should be completed on Regatta Central if possible. Please mail all waivers and fees to the following: **Head of the Oklahoma – Mike Knopp, 10700 St. Michel Circle, Oklahoma City, OK 73151**. Please make checks payable to Oklahoma City University Rowing.

Please use the enclosed Entry Form for each individual race. The form should be duplicated as needed for each event entered. Include the completed Summary Sheet that lists all events. Waivers must be signed by all competitors (or legal guardians if under 18). Individuals without a signed waiver will not be allowed to compete. Registration packets can be picked up at the registration table between 7-8 PM on Saturday, October 2 or between 7-9 AM on October 3.

Entry Fees

The following are the fees:

Eights \$40

Fours/Quads \$30

Doubles/Pairs \$20

Singles \$15

Entry fees must accompany the entry forms in order for the entry to be accepted. Checks should be made payable to: Oklahoma City University Rowing. Payments may be made by credit card online via Regatta Central. Entry fees are not refundable unless a race is scratched.

There must be a minimum of two entries to constitute a class.

Additional entries may be accepted the day of the race between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. and must be accompanied by fees. A \$5 late fee per person will be charged for all late entries.

Coaches/Coxswains Meeting

The coaches/coxswains meeting will be held at 7:30 AM, Sunday, October 3 at the Bricktown Rowing Center located in Regatta Park. All coaches, coxswains and blind boat rowers (coxless shells) and scullers are required to attend. This meeting will include course regulations, conditions, changes in schedules or procedures, and updated scratches. The first race begins at 8:45 AM sharp.

The officials or regatta committee as necessary may make adjustments to the schedule. The final schedule of events will be published September 28, 2004.

Lodging

There are several other hotels available in the area. Crews are encouraged to make reservations. The official regatta hotel will be the Courtyard by Marriott Oklahoma City Downtown/Bricktown. This hotel is within a mile of the regatta site. Please contact Traci Blair at 232-2290 for information or to make a reservation. Reduced rates will also be available at the Holiday Inn 405-843-5558 (please mention you are here for an OCU-hosted event). Please see our web site located at www.oklahomaregatta.com for further lodging information.

Schedule of Events

7:00-9:00AM Registration
7:45AM Coaches/Coxswain Meeting
8:15AM First Call
8:45AM First event begins.
11:45AM Lunch/ Morning Awards
12:15PM Races Resume

The awards ceremony for the morning races will be during lunch. The awards ceremony for the afternoon races will immediately follow the conclusion of the final race. Every attempt will be made to keep results posted.

Descriptions of Event Classifications

Recreational: A sculler sculling in a recreational classification shell.

Novice: A rower who began racing within 12 months prior to October 2, 2004.

Open: Open events are open to all rowers.

Junior: A Junior is a competitor who in the current calendar year does not attain the age of 19, or who is and has been continuously enrolled in secondary school as a full time student seeking a diploma. A competitor thus ceases to be a Junior after December 31 of the year of his or her 18th birthday, or of the year in which he or she completes the 12th grade of secondary school, having been a full time student, whichever is later.

Directions and Parking

The Head of the Oklahoma will be held on the Oklahoma River, adjacent to downtown Oklahoma City and the Bricktown entertainment district. Regatta Park is located off Byers Avenue, just west of the Byers Avenue Bridge and south of Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World retail store (visible from I40).

Only trailers and tow vehicles will be allowed into Regatta Park. All other vehicles must park in the designated Head of the Oklahoma parking areas

located on the east side of Byers Avenue Bridge. Trailers will be allowed into Regatta Park on Friday evening for staging and boat rigging.

I40 Eastbound: take the Lincoln Boulevard Exit and travel south on Lincoln/Byers (Lincoln Boulevard becomes Byers Avenue). Turn in to Regatta Park prior to the Byers Street Bridge.

I40 Westbound: take the Harvey Ave. exit and turn east on Reno Avenue. Travel east on Reno to Lincoln/Byers (Lincoln Boulevard becomes Byers Avenue). Turn right and head south on Byers Avenue. Turn in to Regatta Park prior to the Byers Street Bridge.

I35 North or Southbound: take the I40 west exit; travel on I40 to the Lincoln Boulevard exit and travel south on Lincoln/Byers (Lincoln Boulevard becomes Byers Avenue). Turn in to Regatta Park prior to the Byers Street Bridge.

I235 Southbound: Exit 10th Street and go west to Lincoln Boulevard; travel south on Lincoln Boulevard. Lincoln Boulevard will become Byers Avenue south of the Reno intersection. Turn in to Regatta Park prior to the Byers Street Bridge.

I235 Northbound: Exit 23th Street and go west to Lincoln Boulevard; travel south on Lincoln Boulevard. Lincoln Boulevard will become Byers Avenue south of the Reno intersection. Turn in to Regatta Park prior to the Byers Street Bridge.

Equipment will be stored on the grass at the regatta site. Equipment can be stored on trailers, but trailers will be parked in a separate location. Security will be provided Friday and Saturday nights for the area designated to store equipment. There will be no security for the area to park trailers. You should ensure your trailers are secure and all valuables are removed.

PARKING

Rowers will be allowed to park on site in a designated area on the day of the regatta. Please [email](#) for a parking pass after registering on Regatta Central.

Entry Packet

Entry Checklist

Each entry must include the following:

1. Summary Sheet for Club
2. Entry Forms-one per boat
3. Entry Fee Check-same amount as indicated on the summary sheet
4. Waiver Release for each participant

Summary Sheet - Each entry must be accompanied by a summary sheet. Please complete summary sheet even if you have only one entry.

Entry Form - Submit one entry form **per** boat.

Entry Fees - Checks must accompany entry forms. Please make checks payable to "*Oklahoma City University Rowing.*"

Waiver Release - Send one signed form for each participant.

Entries are encouraged through Regatta Central.

All decisions made by the Registration Committee are final.

Check www.regattacentral.com or www.oklahomaregatta.com for event schedule and updated information.

Summary Sheet

Name of Club _____

Contact Person _____

Total Number of Competitors _____ Total Cost _____

Event #	Event Name	# of Entries	Cost Per Entry	Total Cost for Event
1	Men's Novice Four (MN4+)		\$30	
2	Junior Men's Four (JM4+)		\$30	
3	Women's Open Double (WO2x)		\$20	
4	Women's Junior Double (JW2x)		\$20	
5	Men's Open Single (MO1x)		\$15	
6	Junior Men's Single (JM1x)		\$15	
7	Women's Open Single (WO1x)		\$15	
8	Junior Women's Single (JW1x)		\$15	
9	Men's Open Quad		\$30	
10	Women's Novice Four (WN4+)		\$30	
11	Junior Women's Four (JW4+)		\$30	
12	Men's Open/Varsity Eight (MO8+)		\$40	
13	Women's Open/Varsity Eight (WO8+)		\$40	
	MORNING AWARDS/LUNCH			
14	SPRINT: CORPORATE CHALLENGE			
15	SPRINT: Women's Open Eight	QUALIFY	N/C	
16	SPRINT: Men's Open Eight	QUALIFY	N/C	
17	Women's Open Quad		\$30	
18	Men's Novice Eight (MN8+)		\$40	
19	Men's Rec Single (MR1x)		\$15	
20	Women's Open Pair (WO2-)		\$20	
21	Women's Novice Eight (WN8+)		\$40	
22	Men's Open Double (MO2x)		\$20	
23	Women's Rec Single (WR1x)		\$15	
24	Men's Open Pair (MO2-)		\$20	
25	Mixed Double (MX2x)		\$20	
26	Women's Open/Varsity Four (WV4+)		\$30	
27	Men's Open/Varsity Four (WV4+)		\$30	
28	Mixed Eight		\$40	
	AFTERNOON AWARDS			

Entry Form

Event Name _____

Event Number _____

Boat Designation ("A" or "B") _____ This applies to clubs who enter more than one boat in an event..)

University/Club _____

Contact Person _____

Phone (day) () _____ Phone (night) () _____

Fax () _____ E-Mail _____

Position	Last Name	First Name	Birthday	Age
Bow				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
Cox				
Spare				
Spare				

Runoff copies as necessary. Photocopy for your records and bring to registration.

Waiver and Release Form

This is the USRowing WAIVER, which should be copied for your use.

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in the **Oklahoma City University**

("Club") activities ("Activity") until the end of this calendar year, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Rowing Activities, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a.); ROWING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death ("Risks"); (b.) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Releases names below; (c.); there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.
3. AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member of the Club and that, if I observe any condition which I consider to be unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will notify the proper authority in charge of the Activity and will refuse to take part in the Activity until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction.
4. HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue USRowing, the Club, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, other participating regatta organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises, on which the Activity takes place, (each considered on of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or allege to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees, from any litigation's expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a result of such claim.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Printed Name of Participant: Date:

Address: Phone:

Signature (only if age 18 or over)

PARENTAL CONSENT

AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of rowing activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any may incur as the result of any such claim.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: Date:

Address: Phone:

Parent/Guardian Signature (only if participant is under the age of 18):

