

The Covered Bridge Regatta

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Sponsored by
Oregon Association of Rowers
University of Oregon Crew

Welcome to the Covered Bridge Regatta held on Dexter Reservoir!
We look forward to seeing you again or having you race with us for the first time.

Time: Coaches' and Coxswains' Meeting 6:15 am. First Race 7:30 am.

Place: Dexter Reservoir, 20 minutes east of Eugene on Hwy 58

Races: 2000 meters Junior
2000 meters Collegiate, Open
1000 meters Masters

Cost: Entries received by April 1st: \$500 per team (\$250/additional team, same club)
(Junior, Master and Collegiate teams must each register separately)
These fees allow for entries in as many races as desired.

Small crews: \$20/seat/event by April 1st. (Excluding coxswains.), Eights discounted to \$120.

Late entries or fees will be accepted only on a space-available basis and at twice the original entry fee.

Medals with neck ribbons awarded for first, second and third places.

Dexter Dash... and Dinner
FRIDAY EVENING SPRINTS and BBQ!!!!!!
5:30 PM to 6 PM: 500 meters masters' singles and eights
Details below

Registration

All registration for the regatta is handled through Regatta Central. That website is www.regattacentral.com Payment may be with check, credit card or paypal. Updates to the schedule and other changes are viewable there and at www.oarowing.org News and timely results are available by following OAR_CBR on Twitter.

Ed Offchiss Memorial Trophy

In memory of our friend and 'sculling buddy' Ed Offchiss, a perpetual trophy will be presented again this year to the winner of the men's masters single.

Junior and Collegiate Team Points Trophies

Points will be awarded for each Junior and each Collegiate team's highest placing in each event. The respective crews amassing the greatest number of points will be presented with the team trophies.

Regatta Format

The Covered Bridge Regatta is a USRowing Registered Event. USRowing licensed referees will officiate. Team, but not individual, USRowing membership is required. (See “Waiver Forms,” below)

The race course is accurately surveyed to 2000 meters and each lane will be completely buoyed along one side. Additional, larger buoys outside the course lanes will mark every 250 meters. Masters race the *last* 1000 meters.

The course will allow up to six lanes and events with more than six entries will be raced as separate events, without finals. At the discretion of the regatta director and the chief referee, certain events will allow up to eight lanes. Events with less than three entries will be canceled, or combined with another event. The men’s masters single will be held with heats and a final. With the exception of single sculls, teams are limited to a maximum of two entries per event.

The race schedule will be finalized Monday, April 5th. A tentative order of events is provided at www.RegattaCentral.com and on the Oregon Association of Rowers website www.oarowing.org

The regatta will be run on ten-minute centers, so efficiency is paramount to keeping the regatta on schedule. Boats must be launched at least 30 minutes prior to your start time and be in the staging area five minutes prior to start time. We will not delay an event so an athlete can ‘hot seat.’

The OAR rowing club’s dock space and access will not be able to accommodate all competitors. Visiting teams are expected to rig boats and beach launch from the large grassy area next to the parking lot and concessions in the marina area. (see “Parking,” below)

All boats must be equipped with bow balls and heel tie downs. Crews must provide their own bow numbers.

All participants are asked to immediately report any distressed shell and/or rowers in the water witnessed during their row to and from the race course.

2009 Rules of Rowing will apply, however, the following rules *will not* be enforced:

2-409 Racing Cadence

3-104 Minimum Weight of Boats

3-203 Oar Colors

4-109 & 110 Weighing of Coxswains and Weighing of Competitors

Rules pertaining to coxswain weight limits and weigh-ins *will not* be enforced. We ask that you honor these limits.

Coaches' and Coxswains' Meeting

This meeting will be held Saturday morning, promptly at 6:15 AM in the picnic shelter near the parking lot. There will be time allowed for questions and scratch/adds after remarks by the chief referee and the regatta director. Any required insurance waiver forms that were not mailed in or completed on-line will be collected at this time.

Insurance and Waiver Forms

This is a fully registered regatta and we are using US Rowing regatta liability insurance. Participants who are members of US Rowing and have signed a Release of Liability online do not have to sign a waiver form for this regatta. All other participants are required to sign a waiver, either on paper or online at RegattaCentral. Both the US Rowing link and the printable waiver form are available through the Regatta Central website.

Directions

From I-5, take Hwy. 58 (exit 188A) east, 13 miles to Dexter Lake.

Turn left at the white covered bridge, to Lowell.

Turn left at Boundary Rd. (becomes Pengra Rd.), 0.8 miles to Lowell Park.

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit (AISPP)

The state of Oregon has instituted a new program to fight aquatic invasive species. As part of this program all boats of 10 feet or more overall length are required to carry an AISPP when operated in Oregon waterways. If you or your club is located in the State of Oregon, you are responsible for obtaining and carrying this permit in each of your boats. Failure to carry a permit may result in a \$142 fine for each offense. The permits cost \$7. The regatta committee has obtained permits for our guests from out of the state of Oregon. These permits will be held by the regatta committee and, if you are from out of state, you will not be required to actually carry a permit in your boat. AISPP for motorized craft from the State of Oregon are included in your annual registration fee. Motorized craft from out of state will be required to obtain and carry a permit. The regatta committee will not provide these. Further details and permits are available online at <http://www.boatoregon.com/>

Parking

There will be parking at the park for trailers and their tow-vehicles, large buses, team vans and cars carrying singles or doubles. All other vehicles of participants and spectators must park in the town of Lowell, which is a 10-15 minute walk from the park. There will be a drop-off area at the park and a free shuttle bus will run between the park and town on Saturday only. *There is no parking on Pengra road.* Trailers and boats may be left overnight in the park's parking lot adjacent to the launch area. The gate will be locked at 9:00 pm Friday night. The lot will be supervised, but equipment is left at your own risk.

Trash and Recycling

Trash and recycling barrels are located around the park and we ask that teams do their share to *use* these receptacles, especially before departure. Thank you!

Camping at Dexter Lake

There is very limited camping space at Lowell Park. Camping is allowed Friday, April 9th, only. Camping is limited to the oak grove area. No camping on the beach. No open fires.

Dexter Shores RV Park/Camping, 39140 Dexter Rd., (541) 937-3711 (across the lake).

Food

During the regatta, hearty lunch and snacks will be available in the marina area. There will be a wide range of food choices that will please anybody from athlete to spectator. Food service will start at 6:00 am.

Accommodations in and around Eugene/Springfield

This year's host hotel is the *Quality Inn and Suites*, located at 3550 Gateway St., Springfield, OR, two blocks from I-5 at exit 195A. They are offering a double queen room for \$84 when you register by referring to the 'Covered Bridge Regatta.' Visit their website at www.choicehotels.com/hotel/or164

You can find information on additional hotels in the area at www.visitlanecounty.org

Regatta T-shirts & Decals

This year's T-shirt design will be available to view at the OAR website by March 15th. Short sleeved T-shirts will be available for purchase for \$20.00 each. A variety of other items including hats and bags will also be available for purchase. Credit cards will be accepted.

Contacts

ALL entries & information: www.RegattaCentral.com
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The Dexter Dash ... and Dinner On Friday April 9th late afternoon

Want a chance to ‘fly and die’ with the best of them? To have some fun before you get serious on Saturday? To earn ‘the right’ to eat a little extra at the dinner BBQ? Maybe you just want a low key way to try your first singles race.

Join us for some fun 500 meter (or so) sprints. These races will be fast, but not furious. We want to have some fun and get to know our guests before the ‘real deal’ on Saturday. Please join us.

The racing will feature **500 meter sprint relays**, either on the race course, or along the Dexter dam, weather dependent.

This year we will hold all races as team relays, each team comprised of entries from various clubs in the following event categories:

Master’s 1x: men, women

Master’s 1x – first-time singles race: men, women

Master’s 8+: men, women

Master’s novice 8+: men, women

In other words, each club will enter whatever event category they would normally enter. The regatta committee will then group various categories and clubs into teams and they will race as a relay team entry. For example, ARC M1x, OAR W8+, PRC W1x, HRA Mnov8+ might comprise one team. The idea is to have fun, do some racing with and against people you might not normally compete with - and to entertain the spectators!

We intend to run all races very close together – there will be no hot-seating, boat sharing, doubling up races, etc.

A **scrumptious dinner** (included in your entry fee) will be offered immediately following the racing, under the picnic shelter. A vegetarian entrée alternative will also be available.

Entry fees (separate from Saturday’s fees): \$20 per person for your race and dinner. You don’t have to actually race to eat – but we’d love it if you did!

Enter at [RegattaCentral](#) by April 1st – listed separately from the CBR, as the “Dexter Dash and Dinner”

There will be a BRIEF coxswain’s/sculler’s **meeting** promptly at 4:45 PM at the park shelter. At this time, we will assign teams and lanes and briefly explain the logistics of rowing relays. Races will start at 5:30 and end about 6:00. We will not wait for late-comers.

Dress warmly!