

# The Covered Bridge Regatta

Saturday, April 9, 2011

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**Oregon Association of Rowers**  
**University of Oregon Crew**

Welcome to the Covered Bridge Regatta held at Dexter Lake!  
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 Lake, 20 minutes east of Eugene on Hwy 58

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

**Cost:** Entries received and paid by April 1<sup>st</sup>: \$10 per seat (singles \$20, coxswains free)

**Late entries or fees will be accepted only on a space-available basis and at 1.5x the original entry fee (\$15 per seat, \$30 for singles).**

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

## **Dexter Dash... and Dinner**

### **FRIDAY EVENING masters singles heats, SPRINT relays and DINNER!!!!!!**

5:30 PM to 6:00 PM: 1000 meters heats for men's and women's masters singles

6:00 PM to 6:30 PM: 500 meters masters' singles and eights relay

Details below

## **Oregon State University vs. University of Washington**

This year the Covered Bridge Regatta is pleased to welcome the Oregon State University Beaver and the University of Washington Husky men's crews. For the first time these two powerhouse teams will be holding their dual meet during the lunch hour of the CBR. The final event of the 'dual,' the men's championship four, is open to other collegiate teams as well. Registration for these events is through [www.RegattaCentral.com](http://www.RegattaCentral.com)

## **Registration**

Registration for the CBR is handled through [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com) Payment may be by check, credit card or Paypal. Register for the Dash by email to [DexterDash@oarowing.org](mailto:DexterDash@oarowing.org). Updates to the schedule and other changes are viewable at RegattaCentral and at [www.oarowing.org](http://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**

Team trophies for both Collegiate and Junior categories will be awarded for team 'efficiency' (Points earned per event entered. Minimum three events).

## Regatta Format

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

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

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 and women's masters single will be held with heats on Friday evening and a final on Saturday morning, if necessary. 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 4<sup>th</sup> and posted at RegattaCentral.com and the OARowing.org websites. A tentative order of events is provided at [www.RegattaCentral.com](http://www.RegattaCentral.com).

Events 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 or boat can 'hot seat.'

The OAR rowing club's dock space and access will not 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 and will be inspected for 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.

2010 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 USRowing registered regatta and we are using USRowing regatta liability insurance. Participants who are members of USRowing 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 USRowing link and the printable waiver form are available through the RegattaCentral 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.), then travel 0.8 miles to Lowell State Park.

## Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit (AISPP)

The State of Oregon has instituted a 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 Lowell State Park for trailers, large buses, team vans and cars carrying singles or doubles. Please reserve a parking spot by emailing [regatta@oarowing.org](mailto:regatta@oarowing.org). All other vehicles (including tow vehicles) of participants and spectators must park in the town of Lowell, which is a 10-15 minute walk from the park. 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

The Lane County Master Recycler Program is helping our regatta to go green this year. Please reuse or recycle at the barrels located around the park. We ask that teams do their share to *use* these receptacles and the trash bins, especially before departure. Thank you!

## Camping at Dexter Lake

There is very limited camping space at Lowell State Park. Camping is allowed Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Hideaway Bakery will be selling a hearty lunch and snacks 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 \$85 when you register by referring to the 'Covered Bridge Regatta.' Visit their website at [www.choicehotels.com/hotel/or164](http://www.choicehotels.com/hotel/or164)

You can find information on additional hotels in the area at [www.visitlanecounty.org](http://www.visitlanecounty.org)

Low-cost lodging for junior teams and their chaperones is available at nearby Lowell High School. Forms are available at [www.OARowing.org](http://www.OARowing.org). Get additional information by calling Sonja Casarez, Administrative Assistant Lowell School District at 541-937-2124

## Regatta T-shirts & Decals

Short sleeved, organic cotton T-shirts will be available for purchase for \$25.00 each. A variety of other items including hats and bags will also be available for purchase. Credit cards will be accepted.

## Contacts

CBR entries & information: [www.RegattaCentral.com](http://www.RegattaCentral.com)  
Anita Larson, Regatta Director [regatta@oarowing.org](mailto:regatta@oarowing.org)  
Dash entries & information [DexterDash@oarowing.org](mailto:DexterDash@oarowing.org)

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## The Dexter Dash ... and Dinner and Masters Singles Heats Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> - late afternoon

4:45 PM Friday, brief rowers/coxswains meeting - under the picnic shelter

5:30 PM first heat men's masters 1x

5:50 PM first heat women's masters 1x

6:00 PM start of the 500m relay

(exact start times depend on entries).

6:30 PM dinner catered by Hideaway Bakery - under the picnic shelter

**Masters Singles Heats:** The 1000 meter heats for both men's and women's masters single events will be held on Friday evening on the second half of the buoyed race course. If, in either event, only one heat is necessary, this will constitute the final for that event. Otherwise, finals for both events will be held early Saturday morning. The winner of the men's single event will receive the perpetual Ed Offchiss trophy. Dinner is included for scullers entered in the masters single events. Registration and fee payment is via [www.RegattaCentral.com](http://www.RegattaCentral.com)

**Dash Relay:** The annual 500m Dash Relay will immediately follow the 1000 meter heats. The main focus of the Dash is fun and camaraderie. Relay teams will consist of eights and singles. Entrants in the 1000 meter heats are encouraged to also participate in the relay (please let us know by email to [DexterDash@oarowing.org](mailto:DexterDash@oarowing.org) subject: 'DASH'). Boat, seat and relay-team assignments will be made by the regatta directors at the coxswains/rowers meeting. All boatings will be assigned at the meeting. Sweep rowers without enough teammates to field an eight are encouraged to enter and will be incorporated into lineups at the meeting. Clubs are asked to make available a coxswain and eight-oared shell for every four sweep rowers they enter. Scullers must supply their own singles.

**Dinner:** A **scrumptious dinner** (included in your \$20 per person entry fee) will be offered immediately following the racing, under the picnic shelter. A vegetarian entrée alternative will be available. Spouses, friends, etc. are welcome at the dinner for the same \$20 per person fee and should be noted on the entry form.

The entry form is available by email from [DexterDash@oarowing.org](mailto:DexterDash@oarowing.org) or at [www.RegattaCentral.com](http://www.RegattaCentral.com) (on the CBR page) or [www.oarowing.org](http://www.oarowing.org). Fill out the form and email it to [DexterDash@oarowing.org](mailto:DexterDash@oarowing.org) with 'DASH' in the subject line.

Fees are \$20 per person including the catered dinner. Make checks to O.A.R. and send to:  
DexterDash c/o Oregon Association of Rowers  
P.O. box 11963  
Eugene OR 97440

Questions should be directed to [DexterDash@oarowing.org](mailto:DexterDash@oarowing.org) with the subject: 'DASH.'