

Tony Biernacki Sr. Memorial Regatta

Saturday June 18th, 2022

Hosted by the Welland International Flatwater Centre (North Course)

OFFICIAL REGATTA INFORMATION PACKAGE

Regatta Chair: Andrew Backer

Chief Umpire: Andrew Smith

Safety Advisor: Zach Campbell, City of Welland

First Aid/Medical Advisor: Erin Carl, City of Welland

REGATTA INFORMATION

Normally hosted by Brock Rowing Club, the 2022 Tony Biernacki Masters Regatta will be hosted by Row Ontario.

Row Ontario reserves the right to cancel the regatta if changes in COVID restrictions, no longer permit us to run a safe regatta. In this situation, refunds will be in full. The regatta may also be canceled or modified if the number of entries dictate such.

ORDER OF EVENTS (Same as 2019 Tony Biernacki Regatta)

1. Men's 2-	18. Women's C+ 1x
2. Women's E+ 1x	19. Men's E 1x
3. Mixed Adaptive 1x	20. Men's H+ 1x
4. Men's 8+ D+	21. Women's AA-A-B 4x
5. Men's AA-A-B-C 4x	22. Women's C 4x
6. Women's C 2x	23. Men's 2x
7. Women's D 2x	24. Men's AA-A-B-C 4+
8. Men's 1x 73.5kg	25. Men's G 1x
9. Men's D 1x	26. Women's AA-B 2x
10. Women's 1x 60kg	27. Women's 8+
11. Women's AA-A-B 1x	28. Men's AA-A-B-C 1x
12. Women's Aa-A-B 4+	29. Women's AA-A 4+
13. Men's D+ 4x	30. Men's D 2x
14. Men's AA-B-C 8+	31. Men's D 4+
15. Women's C-D 4+	32. Men's F 2x
16. Men's AA-A-B-C 2x	33. Mixed 4x
17. Women's C 1x	34. Mixed 8+
	35. Women's 2-

Events may vary slightly based on entries.

All events are straight finals. In events with more than 6 entries, the event will be split at the Regatta Chair's discretion and each race will be considered a final. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals will be awarded in the following categories.

For a gold, silver, and bronze medal to be awarded in a category, there will need to be a minimum of four boats that race in that category. If there are only three boats, only a Gold and Silver will be awarded. If just two boats, only the Gold will be awarded.

COMPETITION - SCHEDULE INFORMATION

COACHES MEETING: Friday June 17th at 7pm via Zoom. There will be no Coaches Meeting the day of the regatta.

ALL clubs are required to have at least 1 representative at the coaches meeting, for instructions from the Regatta Chair and Chief Umpire, as per Rule 8.6 of the 2022 RCA Rules of Racing.

The Zoom link for the meeting will be shared with all clubs no later than Wednesday June 15th.

As per Rule 8.6 in the Rowing Canada Rules of Racing, the Chief Umpire may penalize a club for failure to attend the coaches meeting, including not permitting the club to race. The Club representative in attendance is responsible for conveying all information from the coaches meeting to all participating athletes and coaches. All participants are expected to be familiar with the information conveyed at the coaches meeting.

Hardcopies of the draw will not be distributed. The draw, progressions and results will be available online in Regatta Central and through WhatsApp three [3] days in advance of the regatta.

The minimum race interval in finals will be 5 minutes.

Athletes and crews will be permitted to get their bow number no earlier than 45 minutes prior to their posted start time and no later than 20 minutes prior to their posted start time. Wet launching is permitted.

Potential Draft Schedule

The regatta will start at 10:00am with the Men's 2-. Race intervals will be 10 minutes unless required to be reduced to a minimum of 5 minutes due to weather, entry numbers etc.

There will be a 30-minute break at 12:30pm for shift change.

Regatta Office Hours

The regatta office will be inside the WIFC building. This number will be active from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Friday June 17th and from 8:00am onward on regatta day.

Course Practice Times

The course will be available for practice on Saturday June 18th from 7:00am – 8:00am.

ELIGIBILITY

All events are open to participants from any Club in the world. Athletes and listed coaches must be listed on their Club's RegattaCentral roster.

a) Ontario Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered and active member of a Row Ontario member club in the appropriate role (e.g., athlete or coach) Registrations must be activated in the RCA Web Registration System to be valid 														
b) Canadian Participants, outside Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered and active member of a member club in the appropriate role (e.g., athlete or coach) Registrations must be activated in the RCA Web Registration System to be valid 														
c) International Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered with the appropriate National Rowing Federation Complete the online waiver in RegattaCentral by Friday July 12th 														
d) Age Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age is calculated as of December 31st, 2022 Competitors (excluding coxswains) shall not be younger than 21 years of age as of December 31st, 2022 As per the 2022 RCA Rules of Racing, age categories are based on the crew average age (excluding coxswains) <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>• AA: 21-26</td> <td>• G: 65 and more</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• A: 27 and more</td> <td>• H: 70 and more</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• B: 36 and more</td> <td>• I: 75 and more</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• C: 43 and more</td> <td>• J: 80 and more</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• D: 50 and more</td> <td>• K: 83 and more</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• E: 55 and more</td> <td>• L: 86 and more</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• F: 60 and more</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> 	• AA: 21-26	• G: 65 and more	• A: 27 and more	• H: 70 and more	• B: 36 and more	• I: 75 and more	• C: 43 and more	• J: 80 and more	• D: 50 and more	• K: 83 and more	• E: 55 and more	• L: 86 and more	• F: 60 and more	
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e) Weight Restricted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men 73.5kg maximum Women 60kg maximum 														
f) Coxswains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coxswains must meet all eligibility criteria, except those related to age, and are not required to weigh-in 														
g) Mixed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed events must include no more than 50% identified male athletes (excluding coxswains) 														
h) Composite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Composite crews must include athletes from at least two different Clubs, each of whom meet the eligibility requirements listed above 														

Masters Age Adjusted Time System

The Henley Masters Age Adjusted Time System will be used. A copy of the Henley Masters Age Adjusted Time System is available on RegattaCentral and in Appendix 9 of the 2022 RCA Rules of Racing.

Weighing of Athletes in Weight Restricted Events

Test scale will be available. Weigh ins will start one hour prior to the first race and will close one hour after racing has begun.

ENTRY DEADLINES AND PAYMENT TERMS

All entries and all payment of entry fees will be completed through Regatta Central, without exception. Entries, completed in full, must be submitted online by Monday June 13th at 11:59PM.

Entries will only be accepted with full payment. Any entries for which payment has not been received will be deleted after the deadline.

A preliminary race draw will be posted on Regatta Central on Wednesday June 13th. Any further updates will be published on Regatta Central and Regatta Master.

Entry Fees

Boat Class	Base Entry Fee		Row Ontario Seat Fee	RCA Seat Fee	Total
1x	\$25 + HST	\$28.25	\$2.10 + HST = \$2.37	\$3.65	\$34.27
2x/2-	\$45 + HST	\$50.85	\$4.20 + HST = \$4.77	\$7.30	\$62.90
4x	\$90 + HST	\$101.70	\$8.40 + HST = \$9.49	\$14.60	\$125.79
4+	\$90 + HST	\$101.70	\$10.50 + HST = \$11.87	\$18.25	\$131.82
8+	172 + HST	\$194.36	\$18.90 + HST = \$21.36	\$32.85	\$248.57

Late Entries

Late entries will be accepted for this regatta. Please contact the Regatta Chair. If accepted the entry fee will be 1.5 X the regular entry fee plus HST, before seat fees are added.

Substitutions

Rule 7.6 (Crew changes before the event) will apply for all events, except for 1x events. Substitutions will not be permitted for single scullers. The substitute must meet all eligibility and entry requirements as listed above.

Substitution requests will be accepted during the following times:

Jun 15 th 9:00 am –	greta@rowontario.ca
Jun 17 th 4:00 pm	
Jun 18 th two hours before the event	By calling the Virtual office line

Scratches

There will be no scratch fee for this regatta, however there will be no refunds for scratched entries after the entry deadline.

RCA RULES OF RACING EXCEPTIONS

This regatta will follow the 2022 Rowing Canada Aviron Rules of Racing, with the Exceptions (per Rule 1.6) below:

- 2.6 Weighing of Coxswains – there will be no coxie weigh-ins
- 7.2 Draws: Draws will be made available three days in advance of the regatta not five days.
- 7.6 Crew changes before the First Heat
There will be no substitutions permitted for single scullers.
Substitution requests must be approved at least 120 minutes (2 hours) before the start of the event.
- 9.3 Events with 7 or More Entries – In events that are multiple age categories (i.e. Women's A-C 4+), if there are enough in each category, the event will be broken into age categories and the events will occur right after the published time. If unable to break into age categories, the Regatta Chair will determine the best division to make two finals.

RESULTS

Results will be posted online using Regatta Central and Regatta Master.

PARKING

The WIFC North Course is easily accessible for both participants and trailers. **PARKING AREAS ARE RESTRICTED AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY CITY BY-LAW OFFICERS.**

SITE AMENITIES

Please note there will be no food vendors at this regatta. Competitors are encouraged to bring their own water; there is access to a water fountain and there will be bottles of water available in case of emergency at the Start, Finish, and Medical. The municipal water truck will not be present for this event.

There will be ample washrooms on the regatta site for the use of athletes, coaches, and regatta volunteers.

COMMUNICATION

Regatta communication will be distributed through WhatsApp, including progressions and draws for finals. Please join the group at this link.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HqpebQNvJIB3UH46dal1yh>

COVID POLICIES

All attendees (athletes, coaches, volunteers, umpires etc.) are recommended to bring their own PPE (masks, gloves, Ziplock bags, hand sanitizer).

Items provided by the regatta such as walkie-talkies will not be shared between volunteers/umpires.

Food, drink, and other personal items (tools, clothing etc.,) should be kept in sealed containers while at the regatta site.

When launching, all personal items (shoes, water bottles, etc.) must be taken in the boat or removed by a coach/volunteer. No items left on docks. Oars must be brought down with the shell, not in advance.

Masks are recommended to be worn when individuals are likely to come within 2m of each other (trailer loading/unloading, docking/launching etc.) and when approaching Control Commission. Masks are recommended while indoors.

Anyone feels ill with COVID symptoms shall not attend the event. If starting to feel ill during the event, individuals are asked to leave the event, and seek medical attention.

MEDICAL SERVICES not sure where they are located

Medical services will be in the basement of the Athlete Centre.

All questions should be addressed to Andrew Backer – andrew@rowontario.ca