

**Stetson Hatter Fall Rowing** 

Rendezvous



Stetson Aquatic Center – 2636 Alhambra Road, DeLand FL 32720

# Saturday/Sunday, Nov 8-9, 2014 Stetson University, Inc.

You are cordially invited to join the competition and fun of the First Annual Hatter Fall Rowing Rendezvous

In this document you will find information on the race, events, meals and instructions on how to participate.

If you have any questions or need information, please contact Regatta Director Mark Wilson <u>mrwilson@stetson.edu</u> or by calling 865-441-0880

Please check the website below for changes and updated information: <u>www.regattacentral.com</u>

Regatta Location: 2636 Alhambra Road, DeLand FL 32720 Registration Deadline (including payment and ALL paperwork) – October 31, 2014

## Entry Method

Step 1

Register entries and your team's information on the Regatta Central Website. www.regattacentral.com

Pay online at Regatta Central or mail a check with your paperwork.

Step 2

Entry packets must include the following forms and other paperwork. Copy of Registration Confirmation Email/Invoice from Regatta Central Payment if sending a check (payable to **Stetson University Rowing**) Alphabetical list of competitors

Medical information form in event order

Step 3

MAIL all the paperwork and check to:
Stetson University – Rowing
421 N Woodland BLVD, Unit 8359
DeLand, FL 32723
Completed entry packets must be received no later than October 31, 2014.

#### **Entry Changes**

Any changes that need to be done after registration closes can be requested by sending an email to the regatta director at mrwilson@stetson.edu

#### **Race Fees**

Registration Fees and Completed Packet must be received by October 31, 2014. Due to site limitations, the local organizing committee has placed a cap on the number of teams and/or the number of boats that can be entered. All entries will be taken on a first-come first-served basis. When your entries are received and accepted, an email will be sent to the contact person listed.

#### Entry Fees Make checks payable to Stetson University Rowing

Singles: \$25 Doubles/Pairs: \$40 Fours/Quads: \$60 Eights: \$80

#### **Scratch Policy**

Scratches made after the coaches and coxswains meeting should be reported to registration at least one hour prior to the start of the race. A \$25.00 scratch fee will apply to each entry scratched after the meeting. Crews will also be charged \$25 if they are a no show at the starting line.

#### NCAA Compliance

Colleges should review the event categories with their NCAA Compliance Office to assure collegiate athletes are in compliance with NCAA rules.

#### Handicapping

Masters handicapping will follow US Rowing guidelines. 10 year age groups will be used for Masters. No adjustments in the decade group.

#### **Multiple Entries**

When making entries in an event, a team's fastest boat shall be designated 'A' and so forth.

#### **Alumni Eights**

Persons who attended the same academic institution (named at the time of entry application) who are not currently enrolled at the institution in question and have graduated from that high school team (scholastic or club) or college.

## Categories

#### Championship

The top-level (NON JUNIOR) boats may be entered by clubs, colleges or elite programs.

#### **Collegiate Novice**

1st year collegiate rowers

#### Youth

A competitor who does not attain the age of 19 during 2014, or who has been continuously enrolled this academic year in at most a secondary school program, seeking a diploma. No collegiate rowers.

#### Youth Lightweight

Women: 130 pounds or less Men: 150 pounds or less

# Youth< 15

Rowers 14 and under, born after October 12, 1999.

#### Novice

Rowers with less than one year sculling and/or sweep experience.

#### Mixed

50% Male and female rowers in the same boat

#### Open

Any Rower

#### Alumni

Persons who attended the same academic institution (named at the time of entry application) who are not currently enrolled at the institution in question.

#### **AA Master**

21 – 26 years of age. Inclusive as of End of Regatta Calendar Year

#### Master 1X, 2X, 2-, 4X\*

27 – 42 years of age, inclusive, as of End of Regatta Calendar Year Master 4+ and 8

21 years of age and up, inclusive, as of End of Regatta Calendar Year **Senior Master**\*

43 – 59 years of age, inclusive, as of End of Regatta Calendar Year

#### Veteran Master\*

60 years of age and above, inclusive, as of End of Regatta Calendar Year

#### \*You Can Not Row Down

#### \*\*Experienced Coxswains may run novice boats\*\*

## Check-In

Check in will begin Friday Nov 7, 2014, 3:00pm – 6:30 pm, and continue on Saturday November 9, 2013 beginning at 6:00 am. A team coach must check in for the entire team. Masters' Clubs, notify your members of this. (Packets will not be broken up)

#### Waivers

All Teams must have their athletes or the guardians of their under 18 year old athletes sign the waiver form that is attached to this flyer at the end. Waiver download is also listed on regatta central race website.

#### **Friday Practice**

**Trailers may not enter the site until 2:00 PM.** The site will be available for practice (weather permitting) Friday afternoon starting at 3:00 pm. Only teams that have cleared the registration process will be allowed on the water. Make sure all your forms are in. All boats must be off the water by 6:30 pm. No Exceptions. Teams will be assessed a warning for returning late to the dock. **Each Boat** of a warned team will start the race day Saturday with a warning!

#### Weigh-In

There is no weigh in for this event.

#### **Coaches, Coxswains, and Scullers Meeting**

The Coaches, Coxswains, and Scullers Meeting is set for Saturday, Nov 8 at 7:00 am near the registration tent.

#### **Bow Cards and Back Numbers**

Bow cards and Race Bibs for Bow-seat and the Coxswain will be provided. Bow Cards must be returned at the completion of the race. Lost Bow Cards are subject to a \$10.00 fee. Boats racing without Bow Cards will be disqualified. Tape them on. Race bibs are not required for the Coxswain or Stroke in a Bow-coxed four, **tape the race bib to the stern deck instead**.

#### Seeding

Seeding of Races will be at the discretion of the LOC. Factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, last year's finish in the Rowing Rendezvous and the 2014 spring regattas including the national, regional, state, and local races. All "A" entries will proceed "B" entries and so on. There will be no rearrangement of teams in an event for coaches' preference or need, including hot seating.

#### Awards

Team awards are being given at this regatta. Team awards will be given ONLY to first place. Team awards are designed to instill team pride and history and are appropriate for display at your boathouse. Only coaches may sign for and pick up team awards.

## **Trailer Parking / Boat Storage**

Parking for trailers will be designated upon arrival.

Please plan on arriving after 3:00 pm Friday. **No trailers or vehicles may enter the site until after 3:00 pm Friday.** Please plan your travels accordingly. Trailers will be placed in the site on a first come – first serve basis. After parking the trailer, tow vehicles may unhook and move to the adjacent parking lot. All stored boats including car-topped boats, is at your own risk.

## **Team Tents**

Team tents are permitted on the grassy area to the north of the launching area ONLY. The area directly in front of the docks and water will be kept clear for spectators. The tent area is limited to a first come – first served basis. No team or parent vehicles or food trailers will be allowed to enter the tent area. All supplies must be carried in. Food Trailers will be required to park in the spectator / bus parking lot. Volunteers will be onsite Friday and Saturday to help direct tent placements. The Local Organizing Committee has the final authority to have tent moved or removed.

## **Spectator / Bus Parking**

Directions to the site are available on the website. NON boat hauling vehicles will be directed to the large grass lot. If wet weather is encountered please look for directions to side road parking.

## **Merchandise Sales**

Stetson University will be selling the Official Race T-shirt for \$10. Any team wishing to pre-purchase shirts for their members are encouraged to send an email to <u>ibwilson@stetson.edu</u> with the list of sizes and team name. These shirts will be packaged ready for pick up at registration.

Sales of merchandise will be permitted only by advanced arrangement with the Stetson University Rowing. For your merchandise to be sold you must contact Mark Wilson at <u>mrwilson@stetson.edu</u>for requirements, forms, and fees. You must also meet any Local, State, or Federal requirements. See those entities for details.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

If, in the opinion of the race management, weather or other unforeseen events cause the racecourse or venue to become unfit or unsafe, the regatta or specific races / events will be cancelled. No refunds will be given.

## 2014 Hatter Fall Rowing Rendezvous - Regatta Rules

## **5K Course**

This course is relatively simple 5k course with the start 5k from the finish line. The race starts at Navigational Aid #67 on the St. Johns River, runs down stream to Lake Beresford then follows a series of large NO WAKE buoys to the finish line. A wild shoreline covers most of the river course; upon entering the lake some boat traffic may be encountered. All traffic will pass Port to Port and maintain ALL navigation rules of the road. A Course map defining traffic flow will be available at Registration and on the website.

## 750m Sprint

The 750M Sprint will start 750m to the south of the launching area and finish just off the rowing and launching site. Spectators will be able to see full finish and most of the race.

#### LOOP Row Course – 17k Approximately

The loop row will begin off of Hontoon Marina in the St Johns River and will follow the Dead River through wild sections of the river. NO viewing is available and NO shore improvements are available along the first 9k of the race. Only Experienced rowers should attempt this event. This is NOT intended for novice crews of any kind. ONLY limited support will be available and coxswains and scullers MUST carry water and other supplies as deemed needed. Rowers will travel through a very narrow canal, this area is NO PASSING and you MUST proceed with caution. NO racing or hard strokes should be attempted in canal. Race organizers are NOT responsible for damage of any kind. Once out of the canal, racers will go downstream on the St. Johns and return to the lake for the finish line near the boathouse site. Please plan on 60 – 100 minutes of mostly continuous rowing to complete this event.

## **Call of Events**

All times are subject to change. Final times will be distributed to registered teams and posted at the Regatta Headquarters.

Events will be called 45minutes prior to the start of the race. It is the responsibility of the crew to be at the marshaling area prior to the published start time. A crew that misses its correct order at the start may be penalized 10 seconds. A crew that arrives at the start after their event has run shall row exhibition only, or be excluded from the race at the starter's discretion.

## **Changes to Events**

Stay alert to the possibility of schedule changes. The regatta committee reserves the right to combine or cancel events based on the number of entries received, or changes in weather conditions. The committee also reserves the right to delay or advance the starting times for any event.

## **Hot Seating**

Allow a minimum of 45minutes for hot seating rowers or equipment. Plan accordingly. Crews late to the start may be penalized or disqualified.

## **Dock Area**

The Dock Master has absolute authority in the dock area. Please be respectful to launching crews. Failure to follow instructions will result in assessed time penalties. Crews will launch from the south dock (outside marina) and land on the north dock (inside marina) All boats will be inspected prior to launching. Inspection will include bow balls, bow cards, and shoe heel tie downs. We will be following Rules of Rowing for the length of tie downs. A boat that is entered in multiple events will be inspected each time it is launched.

## **Equipment Adjustments**

All equipment adjustments must be made in the staging area prior to launching.

## **Team Launch/Land Support**

No oars are to be staged in the launch area or left in the landing area. Coaches and team members must support the launching and landing of each team boat.

## Launching

Launching occurs at the race course Finish. There is NO crossing of rowing traffic on this course. FOLLOW Right Hand Rule at all times. Failure to follow the instructions will result in a time penalty of 60 seconds.

#### **Course Markers**

Colored buoys, flags, natural shoreline mark the course. This course is marked in the MIDDLE for most of the course. Only ONE corner has an inside buoy. Please see course map and realize that the racing lane on the lake to the finish line is marked by flags attached to large no wake buoys. There is NO outside lane marker on the lake. Crews should attempt to row from buoy to buoy, any boats rowing wide into the lake will simply be adding distance to their course. Cutting or missing any buoys will result in an assessed time penalty of 30 seconds.

#### **Penalties**

Race Organizers wish to instill a competitive, fair and fun atmosphere at the Rowing Rendezvous. Unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind will not be tolerated and any member of a crew displaying such behavior will be given a 5 minute penalty. This rule applies to coaches, parents and fans as well. Missing a buoy, late to the start, passing recklessly, NOT giving way are all 30 second penalties. Failure to follow the launching, warm-up, racing or cool down traffic pattern will result in a 60 second penalty.

## **Starting Line**

There is a counter clockwise circle pattern in the warm-up area. The crews will row past the starting line cross the river and arrange themselves in race order. The Starter / Marshall will arrange the crews so that crews cross the starting line at approximately 10 second intervals. Crews should remain near the Start Marshall to hear commands to the start line. A crew must yield to another crew being summoned to the starting area. A crew that misses its correct order at the start may be penalized 10 seconds. A crew that arrives at the start after their event has run shall row exhibition only, or be excluded from the race at the starter's discretion.

## **Right of Way**

A crew is deemed to be overtaking another crew when it has moved to within one length of open water of the crew ahead. On those portions of the course that are straight, a crew being overtaken shall move to the right and allow the overtaking crew to pass. Where the course turns, a crew being overtaken shall move to the outside of the turn and allow the overtaking crew to pass along the shorter path. Nevertheless, passing is not allowed, nor is the crew being overtaken required to yield, in cases where the overtaking crew's position clearly prevents safe passage or where there is insufficient room to yield. In the event a crew does not yield, a 30 second penalty will be assessed.

## Passing

Passing is allowed along the entire course. Only safe and appropriate boat handling will be accepted.

#### Return

**Quickly clear the finish line**, You may row out to the end of the lake, once finished with your cool down turn ONLY to the left and follow the shore back to the dock area. Returning crews will launch inside the marina. Use caution and move slowly in and around dock area. Poles are visible and should be avoided.

#### **Protests**

Protests for a race must be filed on water at the finish line with an official. You will have one hour from the end of your race to file the written protest with regatta headquarters (near registration) and pay the required \$25 fee (cash only).

# Hatter Fall Rowing Rendezvous – November 8-9, 2014 Medical Information Form

Organization Name:

Contact / Coach's Name and Phone Number:

Last Name # and Event Seat Condition
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This form must be turned in at registration.

Please list all conditions that the officials / staff need to know about in event order.

If you change a lineup and change the seat or event of someone on this list, please inform the Regatta Headquarters.

Team with no medical conditions should turn in a form with "None" written on it.

Use multiple sheets if needed.

To be cleared to race, please turn this sheet in to registration.

These are all the rower medical conditions that I know of.

Contact Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hatter Fall Rowing Rendezvous

Stetson University Waiver

# FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS OF VISITING SPORTS TEAM PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION AT THE STETSON UNIVERSITY LAKE SITE\*\*

I understand and acknowledge that Player's participation in Rowing & Sports activities, as well as the use of equipment and facilities located on and off of Stetson University's campus, to include the lake location, involves risks which include but are not limited to the following: all injury risks inherent in playing any type of sports; inexperience or unfamiliarity with the sport or its requirements; unfamiliarity with a Stetson University campus location and/or facilities; unfamiliarity with an offcampus location, lake site, and/or facilities; any travel associated with this Sport; violence; complications or reaction from weather conditions or outside environment; inadequate or unavailable healthcare facilities or assistance; inadequate, faulty, inappropriate or lack of training or instruction; inadequate, faulty, inappropriate or lack of equipment; Accidents; Negligence; and/or Mistake. I understand and acknowledge that these risks may result in personal injury, including but not limited to the following: collision with other players, sports equipment, & structures; slips/trips/falls; fractures/broken bones; sprains/strains; bruises; lacerations; punctures; concussion; loss of consciousness; drowning; exhaustion; eye injuries; spinal injuries; paralysis; brain damage; serious injury to all internal organs, bones, ligaments, joints, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the muscular skeletal system; neck, face and head injuries; heart attack; sickness; and/or death as a result of the nature of Sports and related activities. I further understand and acknowledge that the dangers and risks of participating in this Sport may result not only in injury, but could result in serious impairment of Player's future abilities to earn a living or generate income, engage in other business, social, and recreational activities, and in general could affect enjoyment of certain aspects of life. I understand and acknowledge that these risks may result in loss or damage to Player's personal property.

I acknowledge that Player is in good physical condition and do not know of any condition or reason that Player should not participate in this Rowing/Crew.

Emergency Medical Care / Medical Costs:

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility, or my school's responsibility to provide medical coverage for this sports play, event and associated activities, and/or to provide any payments for medical costs that may arise as a result of injuries related to sports/event activities. I hereby consent and give my permission that the Player may be treated for emergency medical care and first aid by a medical facility and/or school or university personnel. I hereby release Stetson University, its coaches, agents, staff, instructors, volunteers and employees from any liability for any such decisions or actions as may be taken by them in connection with any treatment or first aid provided above in connection with any sports activities or injuries.

Risk Acknowledgement & Liability Waiver:

I hereby attest that I have read the forgoing risk acknowledgement and terms and have had opportunity to discuss it with my coach, parents or legal counsel if needed. With full knowledge and appreciation of the risks involved and full understanding of the issues and conditions listed , I, the Player, hereby release and hold harmless Stetson University, Inc., its representatives, employees, officers, trustees, volunteers, and agents from all actions, causes of action, obligations, liabilities, suits, costs, attorney's fees, claims, and/or demands of any nature ("Claims") for any personal injuries or death, medical costs, damages or property loss resulting from Player's participation in Rowing/Crew activities, whether caused by negligence of the Released Parties or otherwise. I understand and acknowledge that the terms and provisions of this Risk Acknowledgement, Release from Liability and 'Covenant not to Sue' bind me, as well as my heirs, dependents, estates, executors, administrators, assignees, and legal representatives. I, the Player, hereby attest that I am 18 years of age or older: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) - If not at least 18 years of age I understand that I must obtain my parent/legal guardian signature below.

PLAYER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE: Name of Visiting School & Team:\_

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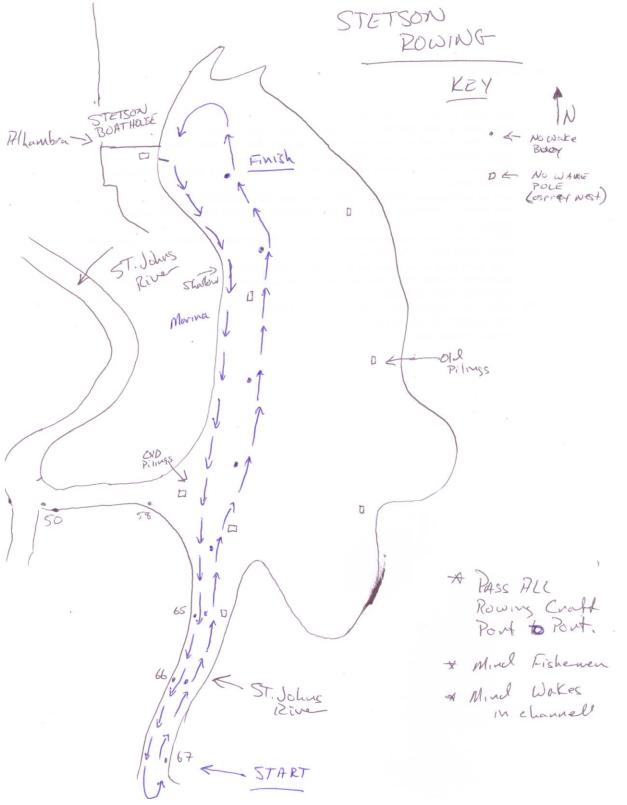
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Use Additional Sheet if needed.

## **Sponsors**

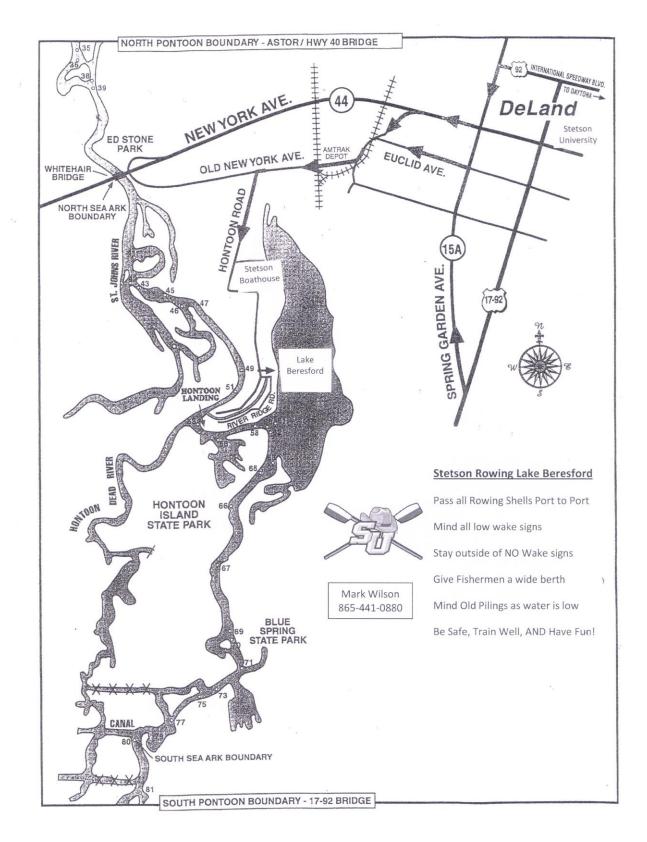






**5k course** – Launch from outside Dock, warm up to starting line staying to shore. Race on right of all buoys and buoys with flags. Finish at Before Stetson

<u>Loop Course</u> - Launch from Stetson, Warm up to Hontoon Landing, Race up the Dead River, Through Canal, Into St. Johns and return to Stetson.



**Parking and Land Map** - Team Gear can be dropped off but no vehicles may stay in team tent area.

