



2015 Route 66 Invitational Regatta - April 11th, 2015
Verdigris River, Catoosa, OK
Regatta Information and Registration Packet

Location

Tulsa Rowing Club's 24rd annual sprint rowing event, the Route 66 Regatta, will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 on the Verdigris River at Rogers Point Park in Catoosa. The venue is located northeast of Tulsa along US-66. The racecourse is on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, a scenic waterway with ample rowable water.

Event Description

This is an 1800m sprint race (for Juniors and 1200m for masters) on a straight course with on the Verdigris River. Spectators on the south bank of the river will see high school and masters club crews race in a full day of rowing beginning at 7:30 a.m. and running until 5 p.m. Crews from the states of Oklahoma and Texas will compete. Spectators will see all classifications of boats racing, from the single rower to the fast eight person sweep rowing shell.

There will be a floating start. US Rowing Rules will apply. This is a single elimination format with no consolation races.

Regatta Director: If you have questions about the event, please contact Neil Bergenroth at coachb@okrowing.org or by cell phone on 918.906.5233.

Programs Eligible: Junior programs and master programs will be issued an invitation to attend. Please contact the regatta director Neil Bergenroth if you have questions.

Waivers: The regatta accepts the once a year 2015 USRowing waiver that can be signed online. Please ensure that all waivers are signed by April 8th, 2015

Hours of Registration: Registration will be open from 4:30pm on April 10th and will also open again at 6am on Saturday April 11th.

Boat Preparation

- 1) Protective bow balls are required on ALL shells for safety purposes. Crews are expected to provide their own bow balls. Boats without bow balls WILL NOT be allowed on the water under ANY circumstances.

- 2) 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. As of June 2013, US Rowing does not permit the use of C2 stretchers (modified or not).
- 3) Port hole covers must be used where intended by the boat manufacturer. Boats lacking port hole covers WILL NOT be allowed on the water.
- 4) Crews are expected to provide their own bow markers (1-8).

Boat Staging on Race Day

Crews should follow the directions of the dock master. Dock time will be limited to two minutes. Hot seating must be kept to a minimum. You should schedule your athletes and equipment so that your boats will be at the starting line on time. Races WILL NOT be delayed.

Barge Traffic on Race Day

The racecourse is located on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, and occasional slow-moving barge traffic MAY BE present on race day. Typically, a barge passes early (7:00 am) and sometimes in the afternoon. Rowers should be attentive to instructions from the dockmaster and referees concerning barge traffic. Boats in the process of launching will be held in the launching cove 10-15 minutes to allow the barge to pass. Boats on the main waterway will be asked to move to the shore to permit the barge to pass. **Coaches should discuss these scenarios with coxswains and rowers so they will be prepared.** Under no circumstances will an event be started with barge traffic present.

Facilities

Ample parking is available for trailers and tow vehicles in the Rogers Point parking lot. Trailers will be allowed into the park on Friday for staging and boat rigging in designated areas. Security will be provided overnight (7pm to 5am). Water and restrooms will be provided at the regatta site in the park.

Emergency Responders

Medical/first aid EMT responders will on call on an as-needed basis, and are stationed within a 5 minute response time.

Food: Race day food and drink will be available from Route 66 Regatta food vendors located at the park.

Results: All results will be posted at the regatta site. They will also be posted online via social media.

Weighing Boats: Boats will NOT be weighed

Awards Description

Medals will be given for first, second, and third place crews in each classification. Medals for events will be awarded after official times have been posted. Medals may be picked up throughout the event in the command center in the back of the University of Tulsa boathouse. A representative from the winning team will be required to sign for the medals.

Entries/Registration

All entries must be completed through Regatta Central at <http://www.regattacentral.com>. Entry deadline is **Friday, April 1st**. Late entries will be accepted on a case by case basis. Under no circumstances will additional heats be added to an event.

Junior races will be limited to 2 heats per event, 4 lanes per heat (with a few exceptions - Boys V 4+). The top 2 per heat will advance to Final. Masters races will have up to 3 flights and no Final.

Most juniors events will be capped at 2 entries per team in order to maximize competition among participating teams. Masters events will be capped at 2 entries per team. If spaces are available after the registration deadline, those events will be opened for additional entries.

US Rowing Online 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 Tent beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11th or Friday afternoon starting at 4:30pm.

There is no rain date scheduled for this event. This event will be cancelled if there are unsafe rowing conditions.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are charged per entry. The fee schedule by boat is listed below:

Eights: \$80.00

Fours/Quads: \$50.00

Doubles/Pairs: \$30.00

Singles: \$20.00

Payment in full is required before midnight EST on April 1st. Entries and payments must be made through www.regattacentral.com

Entry fees will not be refunded in the event the race is cancelled due to weather or water conditions on race day. Entry fees are not refundable unless a race is scratched prior to race day. There must be a minimum of two entries to constitute a class.

Additional entries may be accepted the day of the race between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. and must be accompanied by fees. Additional entries will not be accepted if the entry causes the need for extra heats. A \$10 late fee per entry will be charged for all late entries on race day.

Hot seating must be kept to a minimum. You should schedule your events so that your boats will be at the starting line on time. Races WILL NOT be delayed.

Coaches/Coxswains Meeting

The coaches/coxswains meeting will be held at 6:15 AM, Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Boathouse. All coaches, coxswains, bows, and single rowers are required to attend. This meeting will include course regulations, conditions, changes in schedules or procedures, and updated scratches. Because the race format has changed from last year, a wrist -and will be issued to all in attendance to insure compliance.

The racecourse is located on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, and occasional barge traffic MAY BE present on race day. All coaches, coxswains, bows, and single rowers are required to attend this meeting to hear safety instructions about barge traffic.

The first race begins at 7:10 AM sharp. Races are scheduled 10 minutes apart with a mid morning break and a lunch break. Adjustments may be made by the officials or regatta committee as necessary.

Tentative Schedule of Events

6:15 AM Coaches/coxswains Meeting

6:45 AM First Call

7:10 AM First event begins. Races will be run 10 minutes apart, with adjustments made by officials as needed.

12:20 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Racing Resumes

5:00pm - Last Race

A full schedule is posted on regatta central on the [Event List Tab](#)

Lodging

Area hotels will be listed at our club website and on RegattaCentral.com (under them lodging tab) and at <http://www.okrowing.org/route-66-regatta/>

Descriptions of Event Classifications

Novice: A rower who began racing competitively in the spring season of 2015. Junior rowers are considered novice rowers if they began racing within 12 months prior to April 11, 2014.

Master: A Master is a competitor who has attained or will attain the age of 21 during the current calendar year (AA-J). A competitor thus becomes a Master on January 1 of the year of his or her 21st birthday. A Masters crew shall be comprised exclusively of Masters rowers, but the coxswain need not be a Master. A Masters crew competing in the AA category (age 21-26) may not compete in any category other than AA or A. If a crew competes in the A category with AA rowers, it must attain an average age such that it is eligible to compete as an A (or above) age category crew

Lightweight Rowers: There will be weigh in for lightweights starting at 6:15am. Lightweights should weigh in at the beginning of the day and then they are all set for racing for the rest of the day. Junior men weight is 150lbs and junior women is 130lbs.

Crew Tents: Team tents may be placed in clearly marked areas close to the riverbank.

Directions & Parking

Traveling Eastbound on I-44

Follow signs for I- 44 E/OK-66 E toward Joplin. Take exit 241 on the left to merge onto OK-66 E toward Catoosa/Claremore. FOLLOW POSTED 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT THROUGH CATOOSA.

Proceed through Catoosa for approximately 4 miles and watch for Verdigris River Bridge. Turn right just before bridge into Rogers Point Park.

Traveling Westbound on I-44

Take exit 248 to merge onto OK-266 W toward Port of Catoosa/Claremore Take the OK-66 E ramp. Turn left onto OK-66 W. Continue across Verdigris River Bridge and turn left into Rogers Point Park.

Ample parking is available at Rogers Point Park. Trailers should proceed to lower parking lot to unload, then move to upper grassy area. Busses should park on roadway next to University of Tulsa boathouse.

Waiver and Release Form

This is the US Rowing WAIVER, which should be copied for your use. IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in any Tulsa Rowing Club ("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 Releasees 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):
