



2011 Route 66 Regatta Information and Registration Packet

Location

Tulsa Rowing Club's 20th annual sprint rowing event, the Route 66 Regatta, will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011. The 1000-meter sprint races on the Arkansas River will begin south of the 21st Street Bridge and finish near the River West Festival Park. The Tulsa Rowing Club Boathouse is located at 715 West 21st Street, on the West Bank of the Arkansas River.

Event Description

This is a 1000 meter Sprint race on a straight course on the Arkansas River. Spectators on the eastern and western banks of the river will see high school, masters, and collegiate club crews race in a full day of rowing beginning at 7 a.m. and running until 4 p.m. Crews from numerous states including Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas will compete. Spectators will see all classifications of boats racing, from the recreational single rower to the fast eight person sweep rowing shell.

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

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.
- 3) Porthole 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 should 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.

Facilities

Water and restrooms will be provided at the regatta site in the park.

Ample parking is available for trailers and tow vehicles in the River West Festival parking lot. Trailers will be allowed into the River West lot on Friday for staging and boat rigging in designated areas. Security will be provided overnight.

Food

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

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 TRC 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 www.regattacentral.com. Registration opens Tuesday, March 15th, 2011. Entry deadline is Sunday, April 10th. Late fees of \$10 per entry will apply beginning Monday April 11th with late entries being accepted through Wednesday, April 13th. *Late entries will not be accepted if they cause additional heats.*

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 16th.

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 with no team cap. 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 CST on April 11, 2011 in order to avoid late fees. Entries and payments should be made through <http://www.regattacentral.com>. If paying with check, make checks payable to "Tulsa Rowing Club."

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.

Coaches/Coxswains Meeting

The coaches/coxswains meeting will be held at 6:45 AM, Saturday, April 16, 2011 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.

The first race begins at 7:30 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

6:45 AM Coaches/coxswains Meeting

7:00 AM First Call

7:30 AM First event begins.

12:15 Lunch

1:00PM Racing Resumes

The final schedule of events will be published Friday, April 15th, 2011 on regattacentral.com.



Lodging

Area hotels are listed at www.route66regatta.com

Descriptions of Event Classifications

Recreational: A sculler rowing in a recreational classification shell.

Novice: A rower who began racing within 12 months prior to April 17, 2010. College freshman and junior rowers are considered novice rowers if they began racing within 12 months prior to April 17, 2010.

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

Open: events open to all classes of rowers.

Directions & Parking

Traveling Eastbound or Westbound on I-44 or Northbound on U.S 75

Driving on I-44, take U.S. 75 North. Exit on Southwest Boulevard. From the Southwest Boulevard exit, turn left and immediately get in the far right hand lane. The first intersection/stoplight will be West 23rd Street. (There is a McDonalds on the northeast corner of Southwest Blvd. and W. 23rd Street.) Turn right on W. 23rd Street, traveling east. Go to the first stoplight, which is Jackson Ave. (There is a Shell station on the southwest corner of the intersection of W. 23rd Street and Jackson Ave.) Turn left onto Jackson, traveling northbound. The Rowing Club entrance is about three blocks north on the right-hand side of the street. You will cross the railroad tracks upon entering the correct entrance/parking lot. If you made it to the entrance of the Westport Apartment complex.....you went too far and missed the entrance!

Traveling on the Broken Arrow Expressway (Hwy 64/51) or Keystone Expressway (I-244)

Driving eastbound on I-244 or westbound on the Broken Arrow Expressway, take U.S. 75 south. Exit on W. 17th Street/Southwest Boulevard. Turn left at the bottom of the exit ramp. You will go a very short distance (first stoplight) to intersection of W. 17th St. and Southwest Blvd. Go straight through the stoplight, remaining on 17th Street. 17th St. will turn into Jackson Ave. within a tenth of a mile. Continue south on Jackson Ave. The Rowing Club entrance is about three blocks south on the left hand side of the street, just past the Westport Apartment complex. You will cross the railroad tracks upon entering the correct entrance/parking lot.

From Riverside Drive or 21st Street

Cross the Arkansas River, heading west, on the 21st Street Bridge. The first stop light after crossing the bridge is Jackson Ave. (There is a Shell station on the southwest corner of the intersection.) Turn right onto Jackson Ave, traveling northbound. The Rowing Club entrance is about three blocks north on the right-hand side of the street. You will cross the railroad tracks upon entering the correct entrance/parking lot.



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 Releases 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):
