



Regatta Bulletin

Date - Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 28, 29 and 30, 2002

Location - Schuylkill River, Philadelphia, PA

Host Organization - Schuylkill Navy of Philadelphia



This is a USRowing registered regatta.

Womens Events:

Intermediate Lightweight - 1x, 2x
Lightweight - 1x, 1x Dash, 2x, 4x, 4+
Intermediate - 1x, 2x, 4x, 8
Junior 16: 1x, 2x, 4+
Juniors: 1x, 2x, 4x, 4+, 8
Masters: 1x, Light 1x, 2x, 4x, 4+, 8
Novice: 1x
Open - 1x, 1x Dash, 2x, 4x, 2-, 4+, 8

Mens Events:

Intermediate Lightweight - 1x, 2x, 4+, 8
Lightweight - 1x, 1x Dash, 2x, 4x, 8
Intermediate - 1x, 2x, 4x, 2-, 4+, 8
Junior 16: 1x, 2x, 4x, 4+
Juniors: 1x, 2x, 4x, 4+, 8
Masters: 1x, Light 1x, 2x, 4x, 2-, 4+, 8
Novice: 1x
Open - 1x, 1x Dash, 2x, 4x, 2-, 2+, 4+, 8
Senior - 2x

Other Events:

Octuple Sculls
Disabled 1x
Open Mixed 2x (2000 meters)
Masters Mixed 2x and 4x (1000 meters)
Parent/Child 2x (1000 meters)

Entry Deadline - On-line entry at Regatta Central must be completed by Wednesday, June 19, as described below. After that date, entries will be accepted at the discretion of the regatta director on a "lane available" basis **and with a \$10 per boat late fee**. The printed Regatta Central invoice, entry fees and competitor waivers are due on Monday, June 24, 2002. (Address below.)

All entries must be made on-line at Regatta Central, www.regattacentral.com

You'll follow these easy steps:

- Log in
- Create a team roster, with birth dates. **Special note:** Ignore the "began rowing" and "USRA #" fields in setting up your roster. They are optional and we don't need them.
- Add entries, assigning team members to boats
- Print your invoice and mail it, along with your payment and signed waivers for each competitor, to Independence Day Regatta, c/o Schuylkill Navy of Philadelphia, #4 Boathouse Row, Kelly Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19130.

Mailing Address - Mail or drop off your Regatta Central invoice, entry fees and signed competitor waivers to:

Independence Day Regatta
c/o Schuylkill Navy
#4 Boathouse Row
Kelly Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Questions - Contact Clete Graham at clete@netaxs.com.

Regatta schedule

- **Friday afternoon, starting at noon** - Heats will be run for any of these events which have more than 6 entrants (most did last year):
 - Mens and womens intermediate, light intermediate, open and light open singles
 - Mens and womens junior and junior 16 singles
 - Mens and womens novice singles
 - Mens intermediate pair w/o
 - John McCorkle Women's Open Pair without cox and Men's Open Pair with cox

- **Saturday, starting at 8:00 am**
 - Dash heats, if required, for mens and womens light and open singles will start the day.
 - Semis, if required, for any singles events with more than 18 entries, will follow. Based on last year's entries, this is MIL1x, MI1x, and W11x.
 - Heats for any Saturday events with more than 6 entrants. **Heats typically run until about 1 p.m.**
 - Finals for Saturday events.
 - WJ4 had 13 entrants last year and WI8 had 16. Both are scheduled for Saturday. However, if either exceeds 18 entrants AND there is sufficient time, we will have heats on Saturday morning, semis on Saturday afternoon and finals on Sunday, scheduled not to interfere with the WJ8. If there is not sufficient time, we'll stick with four heats, with the winner and the two fastest times advancing.

- **Sunday, starting at 8:00 am**
 - Dash finals - WL1xD, ML1xD, W1xD, M1xD
 - Disabled singles
 - Heats for any Sunday events with more than 6 entrants. **Heats typically run until about 11 a.m.**
 - Finals for Sunday events.
 - Top crews from Saturday's men's and women's eights will be invited to participate in the National Team races at the end of the program on Sunday.

- Races will be held in the order listed. There will be no exceptions to this.
- Heats, as required, will be run on Saturday morning for Saturday finals and Sunday morning for Sunday finals.
- Racing will begin at 8:00 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday unless large numbers of heats necessitate an earlier start time.
- Races will not be delayed for crews that are late to the line for any reason. Crews should be in their lanes and, for 2000 meter races, locked onto the stake boat two minutes before the start of their race.
- Inevitably there will be some unforeseen scheduling conflicts with the revised schedule, but because of the size of the regatta I will be very reluctant to make any changes this year.

The course

- The disabled singles race will be 500 meters.
- The novice single and all masters events will be 1000 meters.
- All other events will be 2000 meters.
- There will be stake boats at the 2000 meter starting line only.

Master's Mixed Double - The Betty Shepherdson Memorial Award will be presented to the winner of the master's mixed double. The names of each year's winners will be permanently inscribed on a bronze plaque to be displayed at Malta Boat Club. Special individual awards will be presented to the winning contestants. USRowing masters age handicaps will be used in determining the event winner.

John McCorkle Women's Open Pair without cox/Men's Open Pair with cox - As in the past few years, these events will be run concurrently (i.e., the same race). If necessary, heats will be held in the respective events to limit the final to six boats. John has moved to Florida, but his memory lives on.

Weigh-ins - Lightweight men shall weigh no more than 160 lbs. Lightweight women shall weigh no more than 130 lbs. Averaging is not required.

Weigh-ins will be held from 10:00 to noon on Friday and 7:00 to 10:00 on Saturday and Sunday at #4 Boathouse Row. Competitors must weigh in each day they compete. Only one weigh-in per day is required. Coxswains do not weigh in.

Per the recommendations of the USRowing Sports Medicine Committee, athletes must be within two pounds of the required weight on the first try, or they will not be allowed to weigh-in again. If they are within two pounds they are allowed to return up to two additional times.

Entry fees

8	\$90.00
4+	\$60.00
4x	\$50.00
2-, 2+, 2x	\$30.00
1x	\$25.00

Fees are non-refundable after June 19, 2002. Checks must accompany the printed Regatta Central invoice. Please make checks payable to "Schuylkill Navy".

Results - Complete regatta results will be posted on the Schuylkill Navy web site at <http://www.boathouserow.org>.

Awards - Schuylkill Navy wristwatches will awarded to winners in all events.

Masters - USRowing master definitions apply: A master is a competitor who has attained or will attain the age of 27 during 2002. A = 27-35; B = 36-42; C = 43-49; D = 50-54; E = 55-59; F = 60-64; G = 65-69; H = 70 and over. Average age of the crew determines eligibility. The age category of a masters crew shall be determined by the average age of the crew, rounded down to the highest contained integer. Time handicaps will be applied in any masters event that combines two or more categories. A competitor's age is determined as of December 31, 2002.

Any line-up changes in a masters boat must be reported to Regatta Headquarters at the Canoe Club at least two hours prior to race time in order to compute the age handicap.

Seniors/Intermediates - "Seniors" and "intermediates" are "classifications by skill" defined by the USRowing Rules of Racing.

Juniors - USRowing junior definitions apply: A junior is a competitor who will not attain the age of 19 in 2002, or who is and has been continuously enrolled in secondary school as a full time student seeking a diploma. A junior 16 is a competitor who will not attain the age of 17 during 2002. A competitor's age is determined as of December 31, 2002.

Novices - A novice is a rower who has never rowed in a rowing race prior to January 1, 2002. **Specifically excluded from the "novice" category are rowers who have raced before as sweep rowers but are racing for the first time as scullers.**

Scratch fees - Entry fees will be refunded if the scratches are made before June 20, 2002. Those scratching after that time will forfeit their entry fees.

If fewer than three entries are received or if all the entries are from the same club, the event will be scratched and the clubs will be notified.

No competitor may represent two different clubs in the regatta. Boats composed of members from various clubs should register as composite crews on their entry form.

Waiver forms - Every competitor must complete a waiver form and return it to Schuylkill Navy by Wednesday, June 19, 2002. No competitor will be allowed to race without a signed waiver on file.

Bow markers & bow balls - No shell may launch without a bow ball and no shell may race without its appropriate lane number affixed to its bow. Bow numbers will not be provided; however, complete sets of bow numbers will be on sale at Regatta Headquarters at the Canoe Club during racing.

Uniforms - All crews must wear matching shirts. "Matching" means identical in style, color, and detail, including any insignia. No crew will be permitted to race in violation of this rule.

Bow-coxed boats - Bow-coxed boats must adhere to USRowing rules governing the size of the opening, i.e., minimum 2.3 foot long longitudinally, minimum 1.64 foot length as wide as inner hull, inner surface smooth and free of obstacles.

Vendors/Advertising - All manufacturers, clubs, and sellers of rowing related equipment and goods are welcome to apply for vendor space. For more information, please contact Anne Miller at millhome@erols.com.