



Hosted by USRowing, Camden County Board of Freeholders, and Rutgers University Alumni Crew at Camden

USRowing, Camden County Board of Freeholders, and Rutgers University Alumni Crew at Camden are excited that you have chosen to compete at the 2012 USRowing Club National Championships.

With over 2,100 athletes participating, this regatta is the largest regatta ever hosted by USRowing.

This packet contains venue-related information such as parking, practice times, venue layout, and other details to help you as you finalize your plans for the regatta.

*****Note regarding Junior events*****

USRowing has made additional space available in the following events, due to the exceptional demand at this year's regatta.

These events are:

- Event 3 Womens Junior B 1x
- Event 11 Mens Junior A 4+
- Event 12 Womens Junior A 2x
- Event 22 Womens Intermediate 1x
- Event 29 Mens Junior A 1x
- Event 35 Womens Junior A 1x
- Event 45 Mens Junior B 1x
- Event 54 Mens Junior A 2x

Following the progression system published in the entry packet, USRowing Progression "B", these events will move into the 37-54 entry bracket as follows:

Entries	Heats	Advance	Semi-finals	Advance
37-54	9	2	3	2

Crews should have received notification that their entries were accepted, and should submit those entries via RegattaCentral.

Entries accepted from the waitlist are not officially entered until the RegattaCentral account holder submits the entry into the event.

Venue Information:

The USRowing Club National Championships is located on Cooper River in Camden, New Jersey.

Location: Camden County Boathouse

For directions, use the following address:

7050 N Park Dr

Pennsauken Township, NJ 08109

Directions are also available online: <http://rowing.camdencountyboathouse.com/locations-directions>

Parking Information

Parking will be available on side of North Park Drive, along Cooper River Park.

Be sure to park in a legal parking space, as some sections of North Park Drive are clearly marked as no parking areas. Drivers are responsible for any tickets or fines that result from parking illegally.

Spectators and team vehicles will not be allowed to park on the grass in the park.

Trailer Parking

Trailers can begin arriving at the staging area beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10.

Trailers wishing to arrive outside of the parking times available on Tuesday must contact Jamie Stack by phone (856-661-3188) or email (stacksrows@comcast.net) prior to their arrival.

A parking attendant will instruct you to a designated parking place.

Any trailer parked outside of the parking hours is subject to being moved by boathouse staff.

The staging area is located on the corner of North Park Drive and Cuthbert Blvd.

If the staging area fills to capacity, trailers will be directed to a secondary parking area behind the Lobster Trap restaurant, about 500 meters closer to the start. Crews parked in this area will launch and recover here. The parking lot above the finish line will be used for trailers launching from the Lobster Trap, so no vehicles will be permitted in this area.

Registration:

USRowing will have a registration area set up near the finish line trailer in Cooper River Park.

The registration area will be available to distribute credentials, answer membership questions, and handle regatta administration throughout the event.

Registration will be open during the following times:

Tuesday, July 10- 12:00 PM-6:30 PM

Wednesday, July 11- 6:00 AM- end of racing

Thursday, July 12- 6:00 AM- end of racing

Friday, July 13- 6:00 AM- end of racing

Saturday, July 14- 6:00 AM- end of racing

Sunday, July 15- 6:00 AM- end of racing

Teams are reminded that they must check-in at registration to secure athlete credentials.

Replacement credentials are available at the registration area at a cost of \$10 per credential.

Team Tents and Food/Support Trailers

Tent space is available along Cooper River Park on a first-come, first served basis. Tents should not be set up prior Tuesday, July 10.

Food/Support trailers will not be allowed to park on the grass in the park. Trailers must find parking along North Park Drive where available.

Teams may park to unload anything for team tents outside the driveway near the finish line.

Practice Times

The course will be open for practice during the following times:

Tuesday, July 10- 12:00 PM-8:00 PM

Due to the volume of races, and time required for racing each day, no practice sessions will be available after Tuesday, July 10.

Boat scales will be available for practice weighing during the times listed above. The scales will be located in a large tent near the recovery dock located in the staging area. Once racing begins, crews may practice weigh their shells at the discretion of the officials working the boat weigh-in area. Preference will be given to crews coming to the scales for an official weigh-in over crews looking to practice weigh their shell.

Athlete scales will be available for practice weighing during the times listed above. A separate practice scale may be available during racing days, however, this scale may be used for official weigh-ins if needed. Athletes can practice weigh-in during times when weigh-in windows are not officially open.

Hot Seating

All crews that are hot seating must do so from the return dock in the staging area, including crews that may be parked near the Lobster Trap restaurant.

Please plan accordingly to have your athletes waiting to meet your shell at this dock in order to make a quick change.

Line-ups

It is very important that coaches enter their athletes into RegattaCentral. This will help to save you time at registration, and save your crew time when going through weigh-ins and Control Commission.

Beginning July 4, only 50% of a submitted line-up may be substituted. After July 4, substitutions may be e-mailed to alvin@usrowing.org until July 10. After July 10, all substitutions must be made by completing a "Change Form" and submitting it to the USRowing tent for approval.

Please note that, as stated in the entry packet, the rule regarding the composition of a crew after the first round of an event will be strictly enforced.

Scratches

USRowing must be notified of all scratches.

Scratches can be made via e-mail until July 10. At this time, entries scratched are subject to a forfeiture of the entry fee.

A scratch fee of \$50 will be assessed to scratches beginning Wednesday, July 11, 2012.

Crews failing to notify USRowing of their intention to scratch prior to one hour before the race in which the crew is entered will be subject to a no-show fee of \$100 due before the organization will be allowed to compete in subsequent races.

Late Entries/Waitlist

Late entries are currently being accepted on RegattaCentral until July 4 in events where additional entries will not change the progression.

Late entries will be accepted until 24 hours before the first race of an event. Lanes that become available after the 24 hour deadline will not be filled, even if there are crews on a waitlist.

After July 4, e-mail your late entry requests to alvin@usrowing.org.

Beginning July 10, you must submit a "Late Entry Form" to the USRowing desk in order to be placed into a race, if space is available.

In events with a waitlist, crews submitting late entry forms will be placed in the last position of the waitlist.

Entry Fees

All entry fees must be paid in full on RegattaCentral before crews will be allowed to compete.

Late entries should be paid for when the entry is submitted.

Rules

Refer to the event entry packet and USRowing Rules of Rowing for complete rules governing this regatta. Below are a few notes from the Chief Referee.

Dear Coaches,

On behalf of all the USRowing Referees at Club National Championships thank you for your participation and support. We share a common goal of making sure we have a safe and fair regatta for your athletes and that the National Champions are decided on the water. To that end we would like to call your attention to a couple of key items:

Lightweight & Coxswain Weigh-Ins

Governed by the Rules of Rowing the requirements for weigh-ins are fixed and not subject to modification. Every day they are racing your coxswains and lightweights must weigh-in not more than 2 hours or less than 1 hour before their first race of the day in which weight is relevant. If they do not weigh-in as is prescribed by the Rules of Rowing they are not eligible to compete.

Boat Weights

It is our intention to randomly select boats for weighing from every race. The penalties for rowing an under-weight boat are severe. Test weighing is available at all times the scales are open including during racing. We will continue to permit test weighing during racing as long as it does not interfere with required boat weighing. We strongly encourage you to test weigh your boats. From the Rule... the weight of a boat shall not include oars, or detachable loudspeaker or electronic systems..other items that are not permanently affixed to the boat shall not be included in the boat's weight. We will not be making deductions for wiring and the like. If you have any questions ask a Referee.

Line-ups & Schedules

We will be confirming line-ups at weigh-ins and control commission via the printed line-up sheets and athlete credentials. If you make changes to your line-up we encourage you to do so as early as possible and to allow extra time at weigh-ins and control commission. Also, please look at the schedules every day for compression of heats.

We raise these points for no other reason than to avoid any issues related to these topics. We have had the experience of telling an athlete they couldn't compete because they missed weigh-ins or watched crews lose hard won medals for under-weight boats. Please work with us to make sure we have none of these issues at this regatta.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Let's work together to make sure everything is decided on the water!

Lloyd McDonald

Elaine Roden

Chief Referee

Deputy Chief Referee

Emergency Action Plan

Should inclement weather necessitate a situation where crews must be cleared from the water quickly, the course will be evacuated as follows:

All crews that are on the start, or above the 1,000 meter mark are sent to Camden County Boathouse. The boathouse will have slings set up in the boat bays to accommodate as many boats as possible, and athletes are sheltered in the building.

All crews below the 1,000 meter mark are sent back to the staging area. All three docks are used to accept returning crews and additional volunteers are provided to help gather oars off of the dock for a speedy return.

Schedule

The initial schedule is currently available at <http://www.usrowing.org/Events/ClubNationals.aspx>.

Initial heat sheets with lane assignments will be available online on Monday, July 9.

Results

Results will be made available both on-site and online.

A results board will be located near the finish-line bleachers.

New for 2012, results can be accessed on your smartphone. Simply scan the QR code located on your athlete credential, and you will be directed to the Club Nationals Results page on the USRowing web site.

Video Coverage

USRowing will be streaming live video coverage of all finals beginning Saturday, July 14.

Visit www.ustream.tv/usrowing to watch the live coverage online. Video will also be shown on television monitors at the regatta site.

Following the event, finals will be available to download at <http://www.usrowing.org/Multimedia/VideoDownloads.aspx>. Click the “Buy Now” link next to the race of your choice to be directed to payment and download information, powered by Amazon.

Text Messaging

One of the ways USRowing will notify crews of weather-related schedule changes is via text messaging.

To subscribe, text the word “USRowing” to 313131.

Only weather-related schedule changes will be texted, results will not be sent via text messaging.

Awards

Medals will be awarded on a rolling basis beginning with the first final on Saturday afternoon at the gazebo near the finish-line trailer.

Crews will check in with the awards table and will be able to step on the platform to have their medals awarded and pictures taken when the entire crew is present.

Representatives from a crew may come to the table to collect medals, but a crew will only be allowed onto the platform if the complete crew is present.

If an international crew finishes in the top three, they will be awarded a commemorative medal, and the top three domestic crews will be awarded medals accordingly.

College Fair

USRowing will host the 9th Annual College Fair, presented by Rowers Edge, at this year’s USRowing Club National Championships.

Athletes wishing to participate must be rising seniors for the 2012-2013 school year, and must register at the USRowing tent no later than the end of racing on Saturday, July 14.

The College Fair will run from 1:00-2:30 PM on Sunday, July 15 in the pavilion near the beach.

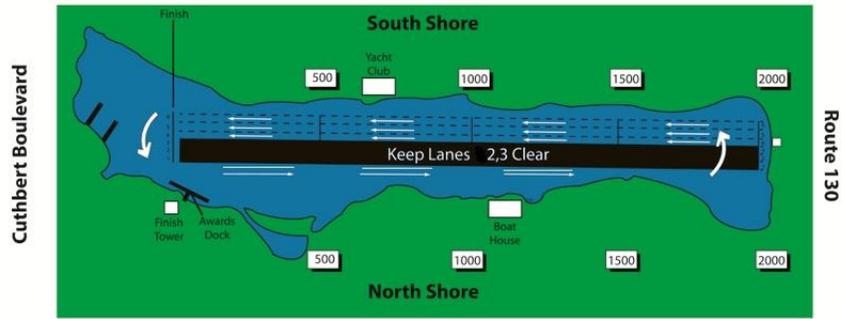
Visit <http://www.usrowing.org/Events/ClubNationals.aspx> for an information packet and listing of universities that will be in attendance.

Contact Information

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Cooper River Rowing Course

Traffic Rules- Practice



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