



2012 Tampa Mayor's Cup Regatta

Tampa, Florida

Saturday, March 17, 2012

This document contains information about the 2012 Tampa Mayor's Cup Regatta. More updated information may be available for the regatta at www.RegattaCentral.com or rowtampa.com.

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General Information

The Stewards Foundation, Inc. will host the Fifth Annual Tampa Mayor's Cup Rowing Regatta at Tampa's, Harney Park Bypass Canal Racecourse on Saturday, March 17, 2012. The Tampa Mayor's Cup is one of the premiere rowing events in the state of Florida and Southeastern United States. Many of the competitors are from the Northeast testing their skills after completing spring training in the Tampa Bay area.

The racecourse hosts a 1000 and 1500 meter-buoyed and protected course. Over 750 rowing athletes and over 2,000 spectators will be on hand to participate in this event. The competition includes separate events for Juniors, Colleges and Masters. There is onsite parking at the Harney Park. In addition, bleachers and vendors will set up for spectators and teams alike.

Why you should race in the Mayor's Cup

- Great competition – the best rowers in each category will be here!
- Great water – the Bypass Canal is well protected so the water conditions are ideal
- Great support – we take pride in having great referees and volunteers focused on making the regatta very rower friendly and efficient
- Great fun – the environs make a great way to interact with other athletes and spectators
- Great food - we will have even better food available this year

Why you should enter early

We are reserving tent locations this year to assist the visiting teams in getting space. The sooner you enter the better location your organization will receive. Likewise, requests for hot seating will be processing in the order of the entry so the earlier you register the better your chances for getting the hot seating arrangement you desire.

Loan a launch and race for free

As with any regatta of this size we need launches for the various on-water operations. In order to have sufficient launches we will waive one entry fee for each launch supplied. The launch must have all the normal equipment including a driver, life jackets, all safety equipment, operating motor and full fuel tank. You can offer a launch by completing the form online at RowTampa.com/The-Mayors-Cup/

Lunch Available

This year we are offering the option to pre-order lunches. The lunch was well received last year. The lunch consists of one hamburger or two hot dogs, a bag of chips and a bottle of water. The lunch can be ordered with your registration either online at RegattaCentral or via postal mail at RowTampa. The cost is \$4 per lunch if ordered in advance and \$5 on the day of the regatta.

Equipment Loan

Another improvement we have made for this year is to post equipment loan requests. You can request equipment and, most importantly, offer to loan your equipment to other organizations.

To make a request for equipment go to rowtampa.com/equipment-request/. To view the current equipment requests go to rowtampa.com/requested-equipment/.

Entry deadlines

Action	Deadline
Early Entry	Friday, March 2, 2012 at 11:59 PM
Entries complete	Friday, March 9, 2012 at 11:59 PM
Mail In Entry	Postmarked by Monday, March 5, 2012
Late Entry	Monday, March 12, 2012
Waivers Due	Monday, March 12, 2012

Entry Fees

The maximum entry fee for an organization is \$975 with all entries in a single registration.

Boat	Early Entry (before Friday, March 2, 2012)	Standard
Single	\$35	\$45
Pair/Double	\$45	\$55
Four/Quad	\$60	\$70
Eight	\$80	\$90

Registration

Use www.RegattaCentral.com to register for this regatta up until Friday, March 9, 2012.

If you wish to use the 20th century approach to send paper registrations please use the forms at the end of this packet for each boat entered. The following materials must be included:

1. Registration Form
2. Individual Boat Entry Form(s)
3. Waivers for each Competitor if not completed on-line
4. TBCRC waivers for each competitor (discussed below)
5. Payment to "The Stewards Foundation, Inc."

You may pay by credit card on the Regatta Central web site or remit a check in correct amount payable to **The Stewards Foundation** to:

The Stewards Foundation, Inc.
3319 West Palmira Avenue
Tampa, FL 33629

Don't worry about registering all your boats at once! For the Mayors Cup Regatta, you can register any number of boats during the registration window. Not ready to register all of your boats now? Simply register those you would like see online now and register all others later!

You don't need to know your full lineup during registration! You are NOT required to enter your full lineups during registration for team boats. During registration, you will only be asked for the coxswain (and for Masters boats, the age average you anticipate having for that boat) and will then be sent a follow-up email to add your lineups as the deadline nears. The only exceptions are for those individuals competing in single and doubles events, you will be required to enter your lineup at the time of registration and all mail-in registration will be required to submit boat lineups with their registration.

Waivers

If not already on file for 2012 and you are registering yourself, you may complete your waiver during registration. Coaches and team representatives can have their athletes sign their waivers at either www.regattacentral.com or www.usrowing.com. When an athlete signs their waiver online with Regatta Central you will need to provide them with your roster number, upon completion of the waiver they are AUTOMATICALLY added to your online roster on your Regatta Central account. We strongly recommend you get your athletes to sign their waivers BEFORE you register so you can easily leverage your roster list (without having to type in each name).

In addition to the US Rowing waiver the Tampa Bypass Canal Rowing Council (TBCRC) requires a separate Release and Waiver of Liability. The waiver is attached at the end of this document or is available for download at rowtampa.com. Please bring all of your completed TBCRC waivers when you check in or mail them with your registration packet if using postal entry.

Categories

- Collegiate Novices, Varsity and Junior Varsity
- High School Juniors, Varsity and Junior Varsity
- Masters: 27-39
- Masters: 40-59
- Masters: 60+

Collegiate

Heats will be held for collegiate events. These crews will race in the Championship finals based on qualifying rules depending on entries. Points will be awarded to College crews to determine winner of The Mayor's Cup. Points will be awarded to the College Crews based on the following criteria:

Place	Varsity	Non Varsity
1 st	7	5
2 nd	5	3
3 rd	3	1
4 th	1	

Masters

Masters will compete in flights only. Medals will be awards for each flight.

High School/Juniors

With the exception of Men's and Women's Varsity 8+ events, all High School/Junior events consists of flights only. Medals will be awarded to each flight. The Men's and Women's Varsity 8+ events will consist of heats with a final and medals will be awarded in the finals, only.

The winner of the High School/Junior Men's Varsity 8+ will be awarded the Krusen Cup.

The winner of the High School/Junior Women's Varsity 8+ will be awarded the XXX Cup.

Entry Limitations

The local organizing committee may place a cap on teams and entries in order to assure a regatta that can be completed in one day. All entries are taken on a first come first serve basis. You will receive a confirmation email when your entry is accepted.

Scratch Policy

Entry fees will be refunded for scratches registered on or before Friday, March 9, 2012. There are no refunds after that time.

Protests

Protests must be filed on the water at the finish line, **no exceptions**.

You will have one hour at the end of the race to file a written protest with the regatta headquarters and pay the \$25 fee.

Course

The protected and buoyed course will be 1,500 meters for Collegiate and High School/Junior events and 1,000 meters for Masters events. A course map is on-line at [Regatta Central](#) and [RowTampa.com](#).

The launch and recovery docks are near the finish line. As with all regattas, time on the dock is very limited so all oars must be staged nearby before bring boats to be checked before launching. The regatta will have volunteers to gather and monitor shoes as well as assisting with oar movement.

Changes to Events

Events may be cancelled, run in a different order or at different times based on conditions. All participants must stay alert to the public address system and posted event list at the control commission area to be aware of any changes.

Coaches, Coxswains and Scullers Meeting

The Coaches, Coxswains and Scullers Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 7:30 AM. All crews are responsible for knowing the information provided in this meeting so each crew should have at least one representative at this critical meeting.

Trailer Parking & Boat Storage

Trailers will be parked as directed by regatta staff on the grounds of the Tampa Bypass Canal. See the map at [Regatta Central](#). Please, do not enter the site by going past the tree area until directed.

Team Tents

As a part of our long standing approach of providing southern hospitality and making the Tampa Mayor's Cup Regatta fun and easy for all participants we are allowing teams to reserve their tent location after they have registered their entries. We are doing this to be good hosts for the teams that do not arrive until Saturday – it is the courteous way to treat our out of town teams. The sooner you register the sooner you get your choice of tent location.

Check In

Check in will begin at 12 PM on Friday, March 16, 2012 at the Tampa Bypass Canal at [7171 US Hwy 301 North, Tampa, Florida](#). [Click here](#) for an active map for navigation to the site.

Cancellation Policy

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

Registration and Waiver Forms

The remainder of this packet consists of the forms required for entry using physical paper in lieu of on-line registration. The Tampa Bypass Canal Rowing Council (TBCRC) requires a separate Release and Waiver of Liability which must be provided for each participant.

If mailing forms include all forms in a single mailing addressed to:

The Stewards Foundation, Inc.
3319 West Palmira Avenue
Tampa, FL 33629

All registration packets must be postmarked by Monday, March 5, 2012.

**2012 – 2013 Tampa Bypass Canal Rowing Council
Wavier and Release of Liability**

(Name of Participant)

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in any **Tampa Bypass Canal Rowing Council** activity, including scheduled, supervised club activities, and registered regattas, 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 Releasee named 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 am a participant in, 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 US Rowing, the Tampa Bypass Canal Rowing Council, Hillsborough County, Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Regatta, 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 one of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasee 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 expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a result of such claim, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I 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 to 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.

US Rowing #: _____

Address: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Participant's Signature:

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PARENTAL CONSENT (if participant is under the age of 18). 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 negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue 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 Releasee, *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, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

(Only if participant is under the age of 18)

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Registration Form

All payment and forms must be postmarked by Monday, March 5, 2012. No facsimile, telephone or late entries will be accepted – NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE, print clearly and include all information.

Organization Name: _____

Coach Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/ZIP: _____

Entry Fees (include one entry form per boat)

Boat	Early Entry (before Friday, March 2, 2012)	Standard	Number of Boats	Total Fee
Single	\$35	\$45		
Pair/Double	\$45	\$55		
Four/Quad	\$60	\$70		
Eight	\$80	\$90		
Lunches	\$4	\$5		
Total Entry Fee:				

Vehicles: (only trailers and pull vehicles allowed on site this year)

Number of boat trailers:	
Number of hospitality/supply trailers:	
Number of busses:	

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Individual Boat Entry Form

Please complete this form for each boat/event to be entered in the regatta (make additional copies as necessary). This form must be postmarked by Monday, March 5, 2012.

Boats will not be allowed to race until this form has been submitted with waivers for both US Rowing and the Tampa Bypass Canal Rowing Council for all listed individuals. Any changes in line ups must be submitted in writing prior to the coaches and coxswains meeting.

Organization Name: _____

Coach Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening: _____

Email Address: _____

Event #: _____ Event Name: _____

Print lineup below:

Seat	First Name	Last Name	Age*/ Date of birth (*Masters only)
Bow			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
Coxswain			