



Welcome to the 2nd Annual Scull of the Duck Sculling Regatta May 31, 2008



GENERAL INFO

Welcome to the Second Annual Scull of the Duck Sculling Regatta being held on the beautiful Mohawk River, in Alplaus, NY. It is one of few sculling only regattas in the region. The competition forms the cornerstone of the day long festival. We encourage scullers of all levels to participate. It is fun, it is spirited and it is uniquely competitive.

This 1500-meter race is a US Rowing registered regatta and the Rules of Rowing will be applied. A copy of these rules can be found at www.usrowing.org.

REGISTRATION

Deadline for registration: Friday, May 23, 2008 — No late entries will be allowed!

Race registration is through Regatta Central. Payment is also accepted via Regatta Central. All participants are required to fill out and return the waiver form (this may be done on-line). The waiver maybe photocopied. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. This packet contains all the necessary information for registering and participating in this regatta. The entry deadline for mail in packets is **May 23, 2008. All entries must be mailed in time for delivery to Friends of Shenendehowa Crew no later than May 23, 2008.**

Registration must include the following:

- Online entry form
- Waivers (US Rowing waiver)
- Entry fees

Entry Fees

Singles: \$25 Doubles: \$30 Quads: \$45 Octs: \$55

Entry fees and payment:

- Entry fees via Regatta Central must be received by Friday, May 23, 2008.
- Entry fees via mail must be received by Friday, May 23, 2008.
- Payments may be made online via Regatta Central using MC/Visa
- Payments made directly to Friends of Shenendehowa Crew, Inc. by cash/check.
- Late entries will not be accepted.

Refunds:

- Entry fees are nonrefundable after May 27, 2008.
- Refunds will be processed & mailed out after the regatta.
- Per standard practice at other regattas, no refunds will be made for events cancelled due to weather or other similar circumstances.

Insurance:

This is a fully registered regatta and we are using US Rowing regatta liability insurance. Participants who are members of US Rowing and have signed a Release of Liability online do not have to sign a waiver form for this regatta. All other participants are required to sign a waiver. Both the US Rowing link and the printable waiver form are available through the Regatta Central website.

Scratches:

- **ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE ON RACE DAY=except for scratches with a \$20 scratch fee for each boat scratched.**

Equipment/Launch Deductions:

Any team that permits FOSC to use and bring a launch for officiating during the regatta will receive a deduction of \$50 from their entry fees (up to 4 launches will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please email or call to reserve). Please contact Aimie Wockenfuss president@shencrew.com or 518-399-9784 if you intend to bring a launch.

RACE DAY PROCEDURES

Coaches and Coxswains Meeting

A mandatory pre-race meeting will be held at 6:45 a.m. in the picnic shelter in front of the boathouse.

- There will be time allowed for questions and scratch/adds after remarks by the chief referee and the regatta director.
- Any required insurance waiver forms that were not mailed in with team entries will be collected at this time.
- All scullers, coaches and coxswains must be present

Course Safety

- All boats must have quick-release footgear with maximum 3" heel tie-down
- Shen Crew will supply bow numbers.
- All racing shells must have a bow ball.
- All persons in the boat, or their legal guardians, must sign and turned in their US Rowing waivers and paid the appropriate fee.
- US Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on hand to assist with safety in addition to the US Rowing officials and marshals.
- A paramedic will be set up to deal with on-site emergencies. They will be located near the launch site.
- All participants are asked to immediately report any distressed shell and/or rowers in the water witnessed during their row to and from the race course.

Schedule

The posted schedule will be adjusted after registration deadline based on actual entries that are received. The order of events will remain the same, but expect the times to be adjusted. Look at the website (www.shencrew.com) for the most updated schedule. The first race on Saturday is scheduled for 8:00 a.m.

The local organizing committee (LOC) reserves the right to:

- Change the tentative schedule of events, including moving an event from one time to another.
- Scratch all events with less than 3 entries.
- Limit the number of events or flights in order to ensure races are completed before darkness.

At the launch site

Competitors will be given two calls from the launch site and are asked NOT to come to the site before being called.

- 1st call - 35 minutes prior to start time
- 2nd call - 30 minutes prior
- Final call - 25 minutes prior

Please refer to the map of the launch site. All shells will be funneled through the yellow tape to the Dock master's tent where the shell will be inspected for safety equipment. To make this process go smoothly, upon arriving at the Dock master's tent the coxswain should announce the name of the crew and the scheduled lane.

Generally, the following pattern will be followed for the launching and retrieval of shells:

- Launching: towards the right when looking at the water from the land. Launching shells must row out keeping orange buoys on the port side of the boat and then proceed upstream to the start.
- Return: towards the LEFT when looking at the water. Closer to the finish line.

The Course

The race course is surveyed to 1500 meters and will be marked with buoys at the start, 500m, 1000m, and finish. Targets beyond the finish of the course aid coxswains in navigation.

The course will allow up to three lanes and events with more than three entries will be raced as separate heats, with finals. Events with less than two entries may be cancelled. With the exception of single sculls, teams are limited to two entries per event.

The regatta will be run on ten-minute centers, so efficiency is paramount to keeping the regatta on schedule. Boats must be launched at least 30 minutes prior to your start time and be in the staging area five minutes prior to start time. We will not delay an event so an athlete can 'hot seat.'

All competitors will race 1500 meters with floating start. Two large (48") buoys on either side of the course will mark the start and finish lines. A map will be provided on race day illustrating the course and the patterns to be followed for rowing to the start, the race, and rowing to the launch area. Coxswains must obey the commands of the starting officials. Broken equipment will be recognized within the first 20 seconds.

The course is partially marked with lane buoys. Competitors are responsible for maintaining their lanes. Buoys mark the, 500m, 1000m and 1500m points.

Protests

Protests involving the conduct of a race must be lodged by the crew at the finish line while still on the water and before the referee declares the race to be official. A coach or other team member may not lodge a protest on behalf of a crew.

A crew wishing to lodge a protest must signal to a referee immediately after finishing the race by having a member of the crew raise his or her hand until the attention of the referee has been gained and acknowledged.

Classifications

All classifications are per our governing body, the New York State Scholastic Rowing Association.

- MODIFIED - An athlete who is enrolled in grades 6-8
- NOVICE - A high school athlete who is in their first year of competitive rowing
- VARSITY - An athlete with over one year of competitive rowing experience who is enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12.
- COXSWAIN - may be of either gender, and of any skill or age classification (not withstanding the age maximum). There is no weight minimum for coxswains.
- MASTER - a rower who will attain the age of 27 in the calendar year.

Medals

Medals with neck ribbons awarded for first, second and third places.

Scoring

Medals will be awarded to the top three boats in each final event. All boats are eligible for medals.

Awards

Awards for final events will be given immediately after each race provided there is not a protest or a scoring complication. Medals will be handed to the bow person or coxswain for distribution. Medals are awarded for the first, second, and third place of the finals following US Rowing guidelines for the number of entries per final.

Directions

From points south:

- Interstate 87 North to Exit 9
- Take right off Exit ramp onto route 146 west
- Follow Route 146 West
- At Route 146 & Glenridge Road intersection, stay straight onto Glenridge Road (Do not follow Route 146W)
- Take a left on Bruce Drive (last left before the railroad underpass).
- Take a right on Alplaus Road.
- Go over the small bridge over Alplaus Creek.
- Take the third left onto Maritime Avenue
- Go straight through the Mohawk Avenue intersection
- Then the road will bear sharply right.
- The Mohawk Rowing Center is wooden structure with Burgundy trim.
- Look for the Shen Crew sign.
- Our bay is the one closest to the Maritime Center.

Parking

Trailers and boats may be left overnight in the parking lot adjacent to the launch area. The lot will be unsupervised; therefore equipment is left at your own risk. Please park in designated areas only. A parking fee of \$5.00 per car will be charged.

Trash and Recycling

Trash and recycling barrels are located around the park and we ask that teams do their share to **use** these receptacles especially before departure. Thank you!

Accommodations near Shenendehowa Boat House

- Best Western, Clifton Park - 518-371-1811
- Comfort Inn, Clifton Park - 518-373-0222
- Hampton Inn, Clifton Park - 518-373-2345
- Holiday Inn Express, Clifton Park - 518-579-3000

Food

During the regatta, breakfast and lunch will be available at our concession area. There will be a wide range of food choices that will please anybody from athlete to spectator. Breakfast will start at 6:00 am. Your patronage is appreciated.

Regatta T-shirts

T-shirts will be available for \$15. Cash only.

Please join us at the end of the race on Saturday
for our Rubber Ducky Regatta Celebration.
For more information please visit our
[Rubber Ducky Regatta Webpage.](#)

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