

# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Head of the Indian Creek Regatta 2008



The Head of the Indian Creek Regatta will be held on the Indian Creek Waterway at Miami Beach Rowing Club on Sunday, **October 12<sup>th</sup> 2008**.

Several changes are adopted by the HEAD RACE each year therefore the following details are important to review.

**REGATTA INSURANCE:** All participating organizations **MUST** register with USRowing to compete at the Indian Creek Regatta. Your USRowing registration is required for the regatta insurance coverage to be valid. Please plan in advance so that your team is not turned away on race day.

**RACE DISTANCE:** 4,450 meters or 2.7 miles

## [RACE MAP](#)

**REGISTRATION** opens on **August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008** at: [www.regattacentral.com](http://www.regattacentral.com)

\$75.00 per eight   \$60.00 per four/quad   \$50.00 per double/pair   \$35.00 per single

Organizational Fee Cap \$950.00

**DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**WAIVERS:** The Waiver from Miami Beach Rowing Club, separate attachment, must be completed for each competitor and submitted at registration.

**SCRATCHES:** Each entry scratched after Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 will result in a \$25 scratch fee in addition to the entry fee. Entries not showing up to the start for their event may be subject to a \$25 scratch fee.

All of the organization's entry and scratch fees must be paid in full prior to launching any of the organization's boats.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration will be 2:00 – 6:00pm on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> in front of the Miami Beach boathouse. Registration may be available Sunday morning. Bow numbers will be supplied in the regatta package. Any boat not displaying a bow number on the racecourse will incur a **30 second penalty**.

**COACHES' & COXSWAINS' MEETING:** The meeting will be on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Miami Beach boathouse. It will cover scratches, starting procedure and the officiating aspects relevant to the conditions expected on race day. We strongly encourage coaches and coxswains to attend the meeting for safety issues and also for additional tips for the race. All crews and teams shall be responsible for any information disseminated at this meeting.

**MEDALS AND TROPHIES:** medals will be presented throughout the day; trophy awards ceremony will follow the last event of the day. First, second, and third place medals will be awarded for all events. A crew must not necessarily beat another crew to medal. Only coaches may pick up medals for junior teams. All points trophies will be awarded to the Junior, College and Master Program that accumulate more points overall.

**PARKING:** Parking is available for \$10 at the city lot on the Collins and 73rd street, there will be a FREE shuttle running from the lot to the spectator area on race day starting at 6:00 am.

**TENT & SPECTATOR AREA:** At the finish line in Brittany Bay Park 2 blocks south of the Center. **ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING ON THE GRASS AT THE PARK - THE CITY WILL TOW!** We expect each organization to be responsible for cleanup of their camp. Please bag all trash, wet socks and anything else being left at the park. Trash bags should be tied and neatly stacked close to the vendor parking area ready for pick-up.

**TRAILERS:** Trailer parking is available at the Center 6500 Indian Creek Dr, Miami Beach, 33141. Trucks must detach as soon as the trailer is parked. Cars bringing singles can only stay as long as it takes to drop off the boat. No cars/trucks/vans/buses will be allowed in the parking lot at the Center, only boats and trailers. 65th street will be closed to traffic between Collins Ave and Indian Creek Drive and used for trailer parking. The street will be closed on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm by Miami Beach Police. There will be overnight security. The street will remain closed until 3:00 pm on Sunday; all trailers must be ready to go by this time.

**PRACTICE:** Safety and insurance considerations mandate that all boats be off the water by 4:00 PM on Saturday October 11. **No boats will be allowed to launch after 3:00 PM for practice on Saturday.** The course will not be open for practice on Sunday. Crews violating this rule may be assessed penalties accordingly.

**SAFETY:** Boats will be checked for bow balls and bow numbers; quick-release shoes with a 3-inch maximum tie down; coxswain's opening in bow loaders to be at least 2.30 feet long, as wide as the hull and free of obstacles. Boats not complying with the required safety features will not be allowed to race. Respect for the safety of other competitors and their equipment must be observed at all times. Any boat showing a disregard for safety or failing to follow the instructions of officials will be given a **60-second penalty** or may be excluded.

**THE BODY OF THE RACE:** If one or more rowers are ejected or lost from a boat during a head race, the affected crew must stop and remain with those individuals until all are safely out of the water.

**DOCKMASTER:** Each event will be called 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to the start time. Crews will be expected at the launch dock no less than 1 hour before the race time. It is your responsibility to have your boat and oars at the dock on time. We will not chase down missing crews. **ANY CREW NOT AT THE DOCK ON TIME MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE RACE.**

The dockmaster will launch all participants in order for their event. Only one coach and one assistant per boat will be allowed to accompany a crew into the dock area.

No spectators will be permitted access to the launching area or dock.

**LAUNCHING:** All boats have a maximum of two minutes to launch from the dock. Any boat on the dock longer than two minutes for any reason will incur a **30 second penalty**. **Boats must proceed north from the dock and U-turn at the orange buoy then head south to the start.**

**HOT SEATING:** If you are hot seating equipment or rowers, display a pink “Hot Seating” card when coming into the dock and the dockmaster will give priority docking to that boat. Ask the dockmaster for a pink “Hot Seating” card before your event.

**NOTE:** No accommodation will be made for hot seating crews arriving late to the start.

**TRAFFIC PATTERN:** Boats must keep to the right of the racecourse (coxswain's view) at all times. In areas where there are no buoys (below the start and above the finish), boats should still keep to the right side of the creek (coxswain's view). When racing, oar blades may go over the buoys but the hull of the shell must stay on the course. A 10 second penalty shall be assessed to any boat passing on the wrong side of a buoy. A crew that fails to yield to a crew having proper right of way shall be penalized **30 seconds**. Traffic patterns should be observed during practice as well as during races.

**START AREA:** All boats are expected to follow instructions from the Marshal and Starter. Boats are not permitted to travel south of the footbridge at the start. Proceed in sequence and single file once you approach the start line. Crews or scullers failing to follow the Starter's command may be penalized with a 60 second penalty. We will not wait for latecomers. At the Starter's discretion, boats that arrive late may be allowed to start behind their assigned position and may incur a 60 second penalty. Any boat that starts out of sequence against the orders of the Starter may be excluded.

**PASSING:** The boat overtaking (Passer) has the right of way to pass on the side of its choice if a safe pass can be accomplished. However, crews and scullers must take note of the following: If a pass is attempted and there is not adequate room and time to perform the pass, the Passer is at risk of incurring interference penalties. There are areas such as the approach to the 63<sup>rd</sup> street Bridge arch where passing cannot be accomplished safely. (See NO PASSING ZONE) In these situations the Passer must delay the act of passing until the pass can be accomplished without incident. The boat being overtaken (Overtake) must yield and give suitable room to the Passer (on the side chosen by the Passer) if a safe pass

can be accomplished. Generally this will be the shortest line that gives an advantage. Failure to yield to the Passer is one of the most serious infractions of competitive conduct. Crews and scullers must be alert to possible upcoming passing attempts and promptly yield when there is adequate room and time. Be prepared to miss a few strokes to allow the Passer to pass safely and without interference however, the boat being overtaken is not expected to move into a position that could be dangerous to equipment or rowers. All shells with bow-loaded coxswains are strongly advised to have their bow seat rower notify the coxswain if a following crew is about to make a pass. Timely instruction from the bow seat rower may assist the coxswain in avoiding an interference penalty.

**NO-PASSING ZONE:** The areas beneath the designated arch at each bridge and the area from the southern tip of Allison Island to the 63rd street Bridge are officially no-passing zones. Passing must be completed before reaching Allison Island. If interference occurs in these zones, the Passer will be deemed to be at fault and will be penalized with a **60 second penalty**.

**63<sup>RD</sup> STREET BRIDGE:** All boats must race through the **CENTER (DRAWBRIDGE) ARCH ONLY**.

**NON-RACING BOATS:** which interfere in any way with a racing boat, may face possible exclusion. Interference and/or buoy penalties are assigned at the sole discretion of the observing official. Repeated or severe interference will result in exclusion.

**GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP:** must prevail at all times. Profanity in any language will result in exclusion of that crew.

**APPEALS:** The decision on questions of interference and buoy violations will be final and are not subject to appeal.

**PROTESTS:** Protests must be made by the crew at the finish while still on the water. A crew wishing to be heard by a jury shall provide a written statement with \$25 cash or check to the chief judge within one hour after reaching land. If the protest is upheld the \$25 will be refunded.

**DIRECTIONS: Miami Beach Rowing Club,**

Ronald W Shane Center, 6500 Indian Creek Drive, Miami Beach, FL, 33141

From I - 95,

Take Exit 7, Miami Beach 195 (Julia Tuttle Causeway).

Approaching Miami Beach, take the Alton Road NORTH - HOSPITALS exit.

Follow Alton Road for approximately 3 miles then the road will curve sharply to the east.

Stay in the left lane and cross the 63<sup>rd</sup> Bridge.

At the traffic light turn left onto Indian Creek Drive.

At the first traffic light, 65th Street, turn left into the boathouse parking lot.