



SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 5 & 6, 2008

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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WELCOME!

The Board of Directors of the San Diego Crew Classic Inc.® takes pleasure in inviting you to compete in the 2008 Regatta. The 35th Crew Classic® will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, 2008. Please read the material carefully, register on-line at RegattaCentral.com provide the information required, and respond by the deadlines indicated.

Registration must be completed online by midnight **Friday, February 1, 2008** to avoid a late fee which will be enforced.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Entry fees are \$225 per boat. Late fees are an additional \$90 per boat after February 1.
- Lineups & Waivers will be submitted on-site at check-in. Lineups to be stapled to waivers for each person listed in the lineup.
- Masters rowers age 21-26 (AA) may compete in Masters events.
- Coxswains may compete in as many races as practical.
- A list of hotel partners is on the Crew Classic® Web site – click on “Host Hotels”. Be sure to mention the Crew Classic® to get the lowest rate. We urge you to use only host hotels. They are important event sponsors and help us keep events costs down. By patronizing them your help us develop this important source of revenue.
- For transportation and van rentals, click on “Transportation” on the Web site.
- It is possible for events to fill before the posted entry deadline. If an event is oversubscribed, the Crew Classic® will use its discretion in determining the event composition. Consideration will be given to the order of entries received. No more than 21 entries (three heats) will be accepted in any event.
- There will be no corporate presence at the event without prior Crew Classic® Board approval. No banners, stickers on boats, distribution of flyers, etc.
- No selling of merchandise or food is permitted. Pop-up tents are discouraged – clear with Beachmaster before setting-up.
- Collegiate coaches’ seeding input, including input for Varsity and Second Varsity events, will be requested after the publication of the pre-season polls.
- We expect food concessions will be available Friday and as always, will be available on Saturday and Sunday. Plan to attend the Annual Pasta Party in the big tent on Friday after the coaches and coxswains meeting.
- The Classic Brunch by the Bay, \$175 per person, will be Sunday, April 6, and often sells out. Please contact the office if there is interest in receiving an invitation.

1 EVENTS

All events are for 8-oared shells

COLLEGIATE EVENTS:

Collegiate Men

Varsity Copley Cup, Invitational
Varsity California Cup
Lightweight
Second Varsity
Novice

Collegiate Women

Varsity Jessop-Whittier Cup, Invitational
Varsity California Cup
Lightweight
Second Varsity
Novice

JUNIOR EVENTS

Junior Men

Varsity
Second Varsity
Junior Lightweight

Junior Women

Varsity
Second Varsity
Junior Lightweight

OPEN EVENTS

Men's Open
Women's Open

MASTERS EVENTS:

Men's Masters

- A (27-35)
- B (36-42)
- C (43-49)
- D (50-54)
- E (55-59)
- F (60+) (Handicapped)
- Club Championship (any age 21+) (Handicapped)

Women's Masters

- A (27-35)
- B (36-42)
- C (43-49)
- D (50-54)
- E (55 +)
- Club Championship (any age 21+) (Handicapped)

2 DEFINITIONS OF EVENTS

Collegiate, Open and Junior athletes may compete in only one event in their category.

The San Diego Crew Classic® reserves the right to modify events as necessary.

Each organization may enter only one boat per event with the exception of the Collegiate Second Varsity, Collegiate Novice and Masters events (space permitting).

COLLEGIATE EVENTS

The Collegiate events are open to collegiate athletes who meet NCAA Division eligibility requirements as they pertain to satisfactory progress, minimum grade point average, regular academic year (75-25) and the 5 year/10 semester rule.

The Copley and Jessop-Whittier Varsity events are open to those who receive separate invitations from the Crew Classic® Board of Directors. Other varsity events are open to any school varsity team not participating in the Copley or Jessop-Whittier events.

Collegiate Novice Events

A Collegiate Novice event is open to rowers and coxswains in their first year of collegiate competition. There are no other restrictions on prior rowing experience.

Collegiate Second Varsity Events (JV)

A Varsity event must be entered if a team wishes to enter a corresponding Second Varsity event.

JUNIOR EVENTS

A Junior event is open to rowers who are 18 years old or younger on December 31, 2008, or who are enrolled as full-time high school students on the day of the Regatta. "High school" is defined as K through 12th grade per the American educational system.

OPEN EVENTS

An Open event is open to collegiate or Masters athletes for whom there is no suitable alternative consistent with Crew Classic rules subject to the sole discretion of the Crew Classic.

MASTERS EVENTS

Rowers' age will be that of their birthday in 2008 and the minimum age for any rower is 21. AA rowers may compete in any age category so long as the average age of the crew falls within the applicable category. The age category of a Masters crew shall be determined by the average age of the rowers in the crew, rounded down. The age of a coxswain shall not be counted. The Men's and Women's F 60+ will be age handicapped consistent with USRowing guidelines.

* All Masters events will be finals only except the Club events which will have qualifying heats

* Masters rowers will be limited to one masters letter event, except for coxswains who may enter as many races as practical and should keep in mind that races will not be delayed at the start line or rescheduled because there was not enough time between events for the coxswain to reach the start line in time. Boats may not leave the launch area without a coxswain.

The Club Championship races will be open to any Masters average age and will be handicapped. The finals will be held as featured races on Sunday. Lineups submitted at registration must have the signatures certifying the eligibility of all athletes: active member since October 2007 and residence within 100 miles of the club. See below.

Handicapped Lineups must be in on time or a zero handicap may be assigned.

3 WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

All Regatta participants who must meet a weight requirement are required to weigh-in wearing normal rowing attire. Only one weigh-in will be required for the weekend.

LIGHTWEIGHT ROWERS

The following lightweight weight limits are in conformity with USRowing Rules:

CREWS	ROWERS
Men	160 pounds maximum
	155 pounds average
Women	130 pounds maximum
	No weight average required

COXSWAINS

The weight requirement for coxswains of crews participating in Collegiate men's events deviates from USRowing Rules. Coxswains who do not meet the minimum weight required shall carry sufficient additional deadweight to satisfy the minimum. ***Such weight shall be placed in the boat as close to the torso of the coxswain as possible; it is strictly forbidden to distribute the additional weight throughout the boat.*** Weight will be randomly checked. Clothing, equipment, electronic systems, tools or other utilitarian devices germane to competition shall not be considered part of either the coxswain's direct weight or the required additional weight. Coxswains must provide their own specific weights or bags for sand.

The following are the minimum weight requirements for the coxswains of men's and women's crews:

EVENTS	CREWS	COXSWAINS
Collegiate	Men	125 pounds minimum
All Others	Men	120 pounds minimum
All	Women	110 pounds minimum

4 CERTIFICATION & FORMS

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Collegiate: Collegiate institutions must formally certify the NCAA eligibility of their student athletes to compete in Collegiate events. The signature of the university's athletic director or appropriate official on *each page of a hard copy of the roster of rowers* is required for certification. This form is submitted at Check-in.

Club: The Club Championship will require the club president, or other appropriate officer, to certify that every member of the competing crew has been an active member of the club since October 2007, has regularly participated in club rowing and training, and lives within an approximate 100-mile radius of the club facilities. The roster, with appropriate signature, is to be submitted at Check-in.

CREW LINEUP FORM:

- Lineups will be submitted at check-in, stapled to a waiver for each person in the lineup
- All Masters and Juniors must complete birth date and age information.

FEES

There is an entry fee of \$225.00 for each boat entered in each event, with the exception of the individual boats entered in the Copley and Jessop-Whittier varsity invitational events. The Copley and Jessop-Whittier entries are exempt from the per boat entry fee; however, all other entries from a Copley-entered or Jessop-Whittier-entered institution are subject to the entry fee. Entry fees must be submitted on-line or by mailing a check to the Crew Classic® Office. **Entries are not processed as final until all fees have been received.**

LATE ENTRY AND SCRATCH PENALTIES

- **LATE ENTRY PENALTIES:** A “late entry” is any regatta entry submitted, or fees received after February 1, 2008. A \$90.00 penalty will be assessed all late entries and late payments. Thus, the late entry fee per boat will be \$315. Acceptance of entries after February 1, 2008, will be at the sole discretion of the Crew Classic®. ***This will be enforced. No grace period.***

SCRATCH PENALTIES: A handling fee of \$35.00 will be assessed as a penalty for any scratch submitted before March 3, 2008. An entry scratched after March 3 shall forfeit the total entry fee. Please submit all scratched entries in writing (Fax 619 225-0301).

- **REFUNDS:** Refunds are not handled by RegattaCentral. Checks will be sent by the Crew Classic office.

COMPETITOR T-SHIRT ORDER FORM: Due Friday March 21. Form available at crewclassic.org.

*Please Be Sure Your Team Members are
Aware of This Offer.*

These shirts may not be for sale at the event. A form must be received with payment by Friday March 21, 2008, in order to guarantee availability at participant prices.

5 RACE SCHEDULING

It is the policy of the San Diego Crew Classic® that any event with fewer than four entries, on the entry deadline date, *may* be scratched from the schedule or combined with another race. If race schedules permit, three-boat events *may* be allowed.

Heats, when required, will be scheduled for Saturday, April 5, if possible. Preliminary Schedule is posted on the Web site.

No more than three heats will be scheduled for any event. Events can fill quickly, register early.

6 GENERAL INFORMATION

BOAT SHARING

Coaches interested in borrowing boats should contact their counterparts on the West Coast. The Crew Classic® office may be able to provide assistance with contact information.

BOAT STORAGE, SLINGS AND BOW MARKER CLIPS

There will be no indoor storage available for shells. Limited security will be available at Crown Point Shores beginning at 5:00 PM, Wednesday, April 2. It is strongly suggested that you provide your own security if you arrive in San Diego before Wednesday. Please bring your own slings as no extra slings will be available. All boats must be equipped with standard bow marker clips. Mission Bay has salt water. Remember towels.

COACHES' AND COXSWAINS' MEETING

Coaches and Coxswains: There will be a mandatory coaches' and coxswains' meeting on Friday, April 4, late in the afternoon. Specific details will be posted on the Web site. Honoraria checks will be available at this meeting only.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Check the Web site for a list of host hotels. We have negotiated the lowest rates and these hotel partners are helping support the Crew Classic® by donating a percentage of room revenues which does not affect room rates. Participants are urged to use only these hotels.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- **FRIDAY NIGHT PASTA DINNER:** For all crews, family, friends and coaches on Friday, April 4 at the Crew Classic® venue on Crown Point Shores. \$10.00 donation per person (\$4.00 for children under 12) for all the pasta you can eat and includes drinks. Located in the Big-Top Tent from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Courtesy of **Lotsa Pasta Restaurant**, 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. For more information about the restaurant and menu, call (858) 581-6777 or try their Web site: www.yumm.com.
- **SUNDAY BRUNCH:** The elegant “Classic Brunch By The Bay” will take place Sunday, April 6, in the Stewards Enclosure on the Finish Line. Guests are invited for early races with a scrumptious buffet brunch served at 10:00 a.m., hosted bar, auction, favors and more are also included. Cost: \$175.00 per person; tables of ten are available. Advance reservations are necessary. Visit the Web site or call the Crew Classic® office for information.
- **ALUMNI & CLUB EVENTS:** Each year alumni groups and clubs reserve tents in our Alumni Tent area for social gatherings, Regatta watching and cheering on their teams. Catering is available or bring your own! Contact your alumni club, or the Crew Classic® office.

7 DEADLINES AND DUE DATES:

FORMS	DUE DATES
Regatta Entry Form, on line at RegattaCentral.com	February 1, Friday midnight
No-Forfeit Scratch Date	March 3, Monday, midnight
Release and Waiver Form	On site
Crew Roster Form	On site
T- Shirt Order Form	March, Friday 17

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