

2005 H.O.S.R Newsletter

1 MONTH, 3 RIVERS, 9 MILES... CAN YOU HANDLE THE FALL FURY?

The Head of the Ohio, The Head of the Connecticut and the Head of the Schuylkill Regattas have combined forces to create a one of a kind challenge for rowers during the fall rowing season. The winners of the series will be deemed the Champions, as well as win some amazing prize packages.

With three full days of racing, over nine miles of rowing, thousands athletes and tens of thousands of spectators, the series is "THE" Event of the fall season. Athletes will experience an entirely new opportunity to expand their competitive natures. The goal is to have the athletes and all involved leave this series feeling like they just went through an "experience" not just another regatta. For spectators it will be an exciting progression of rowing events.

The union of these regattas will provide a unique convenience to the event organizers. All three regattas are making major changes to meld into one series, adding events, changing rules and consolidating services. The event organizers can share ideas and spread their best practices across the multiple races. The synergy of combining efforts in various areas will reduce the workload of each race while at the same time increase the level of success for each race. Over the next two years the events changes will show.

The new series has not forgotten about our main support groups, our vendors and sponsors will greatly benefit due to the creation of the series. Vendor packages will be offered with discounted pricing for all three events and marketing efforts attached to the packages will be highlighted over all three events. Sponsors will have the opportunity to support the entire series or each event individually.

Athletes, Coaches, and Friends,

The 36th Annual Thomas Eakins Head of the Schuylkill Regatta will be held on Saturday, October 29th, 2005 in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA. We would like to formally invite you to participate in the event! The organizers of the Head of the Schuylkill have been working hard all year in order to enrich the regatta experience for all, and we hope our newsletter will update you on all the great happenings at this year's regatta! We hope to see you in Philadelphia on October 28th and 29th!

Fun Facts about the Schuylkill River

The Schuylkill River is about 130 miles long from Tusarora Spring, PA to Philadelphia where it joins the Delaware River and. It's the largest tributary of the Delaware River, which contributes about 1/3 of the Delaware River's water flow.

Dutch settlers are responsible for naming the Schuylkill River. Schuylkill means "Hidden Creek," which refers to the thick vegetation that hid the river.

National Penn Bancshares, Inc. Presents the 2005 Picnic in the Park

2004 marked the first ever Picnic in the Park and was a great success as a fundraiser for the Fairmount Park Conservancy as well as a wonderful new feature to the many festivities of the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta. Last year over 200 people showed their support of the Fairmount Park Conservancy and attended the Picnic in the Park.

The 2005 Picnic in the Park, Presented by National Penn and Center Mortgage, promises to be even bigger! The 2nd annual Picnic in the Park benefit luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2005 during the Thomas Eakins Head of the Schuylkill Regatta. The Picnic in the Park benefit luncheon will raise funds and awareness for Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia.

Enjoy a delicious buffet style lunch in a "reservation only" area on the banks of the Schuylkill River and enjoy the excitement of the 36th annual Head of the Schuylkill Regatta. All are welcome to attend the Picnic in the Park. Show your support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia and reserve your ticket on the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta website (www.hosr.org). Each ticket is \$35 for the elegantly catered buffet lunch and includes beer and wine. All the proceeds will be donated to support the mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Philadelphia! Seating for the event is limited and reservations are required.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia is to inspire and empower young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential to become productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Pre-Order your Event T-shirt Today!

You can pre-order your 2005 HOSR event t-shirt online, and pick it up at the regatta! The 2005 event shirt is a 100% cotton long-sleeve t-shirt featuring a graphic interpretation of the painting, The Biglin Brothers Turning the Stake by Thomas Eakins! Pre-order shirts will also receive a discount! See www.hosr.org for more information!

New Timing System Provided By Ronin Racing

The 2005 HOSR will be utilizing the team at Ronin Racing for all of the race timing. As a result of this new partnership, results will be processed in real-time and will be automatically posted online. Monitors will be located at prime locations for easy access to the results. Competitors, spectators and coaches will be able to view the results of their races or have them sent directly to their email or phone without a prolonged waiting time!

Alumni Fundraising Opportunities

We would like to extend a special opportunity for participating schools to invite alumni and friends of their programs to this event. Tickets will be offered to participating schools at a discount, so they may be sold as a fundraiser for respective programs.

The Picnic in the Park is catered by one of Philadelphia's finest microbreweries, The Manayunk Brewery & Restaurant, under a "reservation only" tent along the banks of the Schuylkill right at the Three Angels docking area. Supporters of your rowing program can enjoy a delicious buffet lunch while cheering on your crews!

The Picnic in the Park is not only a great event, but also a great opportunity to raise money and offer the supporters of your program the finest view at the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta. Any interested parties should contact the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta Committee no later than October 12, 2005. If you have any questions you may contact us at (866) 546-7574.

Registration Now Open!

Registration for the 36th Annual Thomas Eakins Head of the Schuylkill Regatta is officially open! Just visit the HOSR website, www.hosr.org to complete your registration information. Registration is provided through Ronin Racing to make your online registration a simple, and fast process!

Get Your Registration Materials at Lloyd Hall

Coaches and teams may pick up their registration packets at Lloyd Hall on Friday, October 28, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 29, 6:30 - 10:30 a.m.

All lightweight competitors must weigh in, but may do so either on Friday evening or Saturday morning. All coxswains are exempted from weighing in. Late registrations and weigh-ins (after 10:30 a.m. Saturday) take place at the Regatta Headquarters at the Finish Line. A late registration/weigh-in fee of \$20 US per boat will be charged.

You must register, weigh in if necessary, and obtain the correct bow and back number(s) for your boat(s) no later than one hour before the published start time of your event(s). Bow and back numbers will not be released unless and until the regatta committee has received all waiver forms, duly signed, for the boat in question. In addition, any scholastic, freshman or novice crew must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will sign a form at registration warranting that the athletes have appropriate boat-handling and racing skills for participating in a major regatta, or the crew will not race.

Spaghetti Warehouse Hosts the 2005 HOSR Pasta Dinner

There is nothing like a heaping plate of delicious homemade spaghetti the night before a big race! The University Barge Club invites all competitors and coaches to attend the 2005 Welcome Pasta Dinner, during registration on Friday, October 28th, at The Spaghetti Warehouse located on 1026 Spring Garden Street.

The HOSR has arranged a special price for all participants. For only \$10.00 per person, you can have a great-power packed sit down dinner, which includes a choice of the Spaghetti Warehouse's special recipe spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, house salad, bread and lemonade. This special deal is only available for three seatings at 5PM, 7PM or 9PM. Get your teammates and sit down for a wonderful hearty dinner together! Seating is limited, so make sure to reserve your spot when registering for the Head of the Schuylkill.

There is plenty of parking available at the Spaghetti Warehouse and the restaurant is only a short trip from Boathouse Row! Directions are available at www.hosr.org, and buses are welcome.

Welcome 2005 Sponsors!

The Head of the Schuylkill Regatta would not be possible if not for our generous sponsors. For 2005, we see some familiar sponsors as well as some brand new ones to the event! Thank you!

**Subaru of America,
The Masters Rowing Association,
Pepsi,
National Penn,
Utz Quality Foods,
Thomas Jefferson University
Hospital,
Jones Apparel Group,
Mariner Insurance,
Connect-A-Dock,
RegattaShots.com,
Verizon Wireless,
the Rowing News,
Row2k.com,
Carr & Duff,
Atkins Nutritional.
J & J Snack Foods**

2004 Governor's Cup Winners

Congratulations to the University of Pennsylvania Women's club eight and the Carnegie Mellon Men's club eight for winning the Governor's Cup at the 2004 HOSR! The Governor's Cup was developed to annually award the top Pennsylvania men's and women's college or university Club Eight crews on a rotating basis at the Head of the Ohio and Head of the Schuylkill Regattas. The 2005 Governor's Cup will be awarded at the Head of the Ohio. Good luck to all the Pennsylvania crews!

Philadelphia Accommodations

We encourage you to reserve your hotel plans now! Hotel reservation can be made directly from the HOSR website. Head of the Schuylkill organizers have arranged for regatta participants to receive special discounted hotel rates at some of the best hotels in Philadelphia!

Make your reservations today!
www.hosr.org/travelinfo

MRA Head of the Schuylkill Reception Party

Friday, October 28th During Registration! The Masters Rowing Association will once again be holding a MEMBERS ONLY party at MRA headquarters during the registration for the HOSR. Stop by Boathouse #4 and say hello to everyone who works at the Masters Rowing Association. Enjoy h'orderves and of course beverages provided by Victory Brewing Company!

Not a member yet? The MRA staff would be happy for non-members to visit the party to learn all the great benefits one receives with a Masters Rowing Association and join right on the spot! While you are there you can enjoy some fantastic artwork! Rich Walker from RegattaShots.com. will be exhibiting some of his best photographs, which will be available for sale. Also Tracy Cunningham will also be exhibiting some of her beautiful rowing inspired artwork.

Other October Philadelphia Events

“Philly is more fun when you stay over!” Make a weekend of it, come early and stay the weekend!

There are always tons of interesting things to do and see in Philadelphia, and the Head of the Schuylkill weekend is no different. Step into America's past by visiting the Liberty Bell, the Betsy Ross House or the brand new Constitution Center. Philadelphia is also home to some of the world's most important art galleries as well as museums such as the Philadelphia Art Museum and the Rodin Museum. If you have an inquisitive side there is also the Franklin Institute or the Philadelphia Zoo, which is fun for people of all ages! For the more daring type, take a haunted tour of the Eastern State Penitentiary at the “Terror Behind the Walls!” And of course there is great shopping everywhere, from downtown to the nearby King of Prussia Mall! Plan to come a day early or stay the weekend, there is so much going on in Philadelphia.

For more information check out these sites:

Philadelphia Convention Center and Visitors Bureau: www.pcvb.org

Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation: www.gophila.com

Philadelphia Art Museum: www.philamuseum.org

Philadelphia Zoo: www.philadelphiazoo.org

Franklin Institute: www.fi.edu

Independence Center:

<http://www.gophila.com/whatsnew/index-ivcc.htm>

Eastern State Penitentiary: www.easternstate.org

*See a list of local restaurants at www.hosr.org/travelinfo.html