



46th Head Of The Charles® Regatta

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Separate Men's & Women's divisions in each Event • Medals awarded in each event-division

QUADRUPLE SCULL

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The event is open to all **experienced** scullers with no age minimum. Applicants must list each crew member's years of sculling experience, and must detail steers-person's relevant steering experience. The Head Of The Charles Regatta will review all entries and reserves the right to exclude any entry deemed to have insufficient experience to safely navigate a course as difficult as the Head Of The Charles Regatta course in a quadruple sculling boat.

All Handicaps are currently under review by the Managing Directors of the Head Of The Charles Regatta. Please check www.hocr.org for 2010 Handicap updates in August.

SIZE OF EVENT-DIVISIONS

The maximum number of accepted entries will be 100 (sum of all three divisions). The event will operate with an age-handicapping system.

SPECIFICATIONS OF QUADRUPLE SCULLING EVENTS

Men's divisions: Male scullers only.

Women's divisions: Female scullers only.

Mixed divisions: two male scullers and two female scullers only

AWARDS:

Awards (winners and fastest raw time) will be presented at the last awards ceremony after racing on Sunday.

FIRST PLACE MEDALS: 2 ½-inch individually struck bronze medallions will be awarded to the members of the winning crew in each of the men's, women's and mixed divisions of the event.

SUBSIDIARY MEDALS: 1 ¾-inch individually struck bronze medallions will be awarded to the members of the runner-ups in each of the men's, women's and mixed divisions of the event. A subsidiary medal is awarded per every 10 entrants per event-division (up to a maximum of 5th place for at least 40 entrants), as for other events in the Regatta.

ROWING ATTIRE: There will be fun prizes awarded for the most creative rowing attire in the Directors' Challenge Quad events. The judges for this awards category will review passing crews from the Reunion Village.

This event does **not** contribute points towards the Paul Revere Points trophy.

ENTRY RULES

The limitation that no one, including coxswains, may compete more than once in the Regatta will not apply to the Directors Challenge Quadruple Sculls or the Directors Challenge Double Sculls.

The event is open to experienced scullers, and will have **three divisions** for male, female and mixed (two male, two female only) crews. The race will be held on the last day of the Regatta.

Competitors must race in traditional (sliding seat, fixed rigger) racing shells equipped with a steering mechanism. Crews may race in shells with coxswain (coxswain may be of either sex in any event-division). There will be no weight-limit set for coxswains in this event, with no separate category for quadruple sculls with coxswain, and those without coxswain. Crews will not be allowed to start the race in a boat lacking an adequate steering mechanism operated by a sculler, or a coxswain.

There are no guaranteed entries and no guaranteed entry privileges at any future Head Of The Charles Regatta. Winning an event-division in this event, or finishing within the top half of the field, will **not** earn the institution or the individual competitors a guaranteed entry into any event at the succeeding year's Head Of The Charles Regatta, nor will it have any bearing on the Club specification at any future Regatta.

Each entry must comply with all the general rules governing all other events of the Regatta, except where otherwise stated herein. Entry applications will be accepted only from crews comprising U.S.A. residents who are members of a USRowing-member institution AND/OR an organization having "institutional membership" in the Regatta, or, if competing "unaffiliated", are individual members of USRowing, and from foreign nationals who are in good standing with their nation's FISA-recognized national governing body. The names of the individual scullers, and their affiliation, must be stated on the application form. In this event only, entries will be accepted from composite crews. No one may represent an institution of which he or she is not a bona fide member. If there is more than one entry from a single institution into an event-division, they should be identified by sequential letters of the alphabet.

Competitors may solicit corporate sponsorship for their boats (display of sponsor's name on the boat AND/OR name the crew for the sponsor in the Regatta program provided all individuals are individual members of USRowing or, if a foreign national, their equivalent FISA-recognized national governing body) only with prior approval from the Head Of The Charles Regatta.

OTHER RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The person responsible for operating the steering mechanism of the boat is strongly recommended to attend coxswain's training. The starting gap between crews, normally 8 to 10 seconds, will be increased to about 15 seconds (subject to the Starters' instruction) in this event. Regatta officials (river control) may actively warn crews to correct their course around hazards (for example, bridge arches at Weeks footbridge, at Anderson bridge and at Eliot bridge).

CLOSING DATE: October 13, 2010 Midnight .

Entries will be accepted on a **first-come-first-served** basis (receipt of completed application form **and** full payment of entry fees by the Regatta office) at any time prior to midnight on Wednesday October 13, 2010, subject to a maximum number of 100 accepted entries. However, the deadline for being listed in the Regatta program is October 1, 2010. Substitution of any member except the steers-person prior to registration is permitted, provided all other entry rules and specifications are met. Substitution of the steers-person requires prior approval. No substitutions are permitted once a crew's boating form has been submitted at registration.

Entry Applications to The Directors' Quad event will be accepted only from crews comprising U.S.A. residents who are members of a USRowing-member institution AND/OR an organization having "institutional membership" in the Regatta, or, if competing 'unaffiliated,' are individual members of USRowing, and from foreign nationals who are in good standing with their nation's FISA-recognized national governing body. The names of the individual sculler, and their affiliation, must be stated on the application.

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