



2012 Tail of the Bear Regatta

Tail of the Bear will be held on Bear Lake, Seward, AK
Saturday, August 11th

Tail of the Bear is a 5K head race.

August 3rd—Entries due, also attendee numbers needed, so we can plan for food.

August 8th—final schedule and start order posted on KCRC web page

August 10th, Friday, 4pm-8pm Course open for rowing or coxswain/bow seat viewing. Please RSVP if you want a tour of the course by motorboat. president@kenaicrewsers.org

August 11th --Safety, timers and officials meeting, 9am

Coaches, coxswains, bow seat meeting, 9:30am

First boats allowed to launch, 10am.

First race at 10:20am.

Equipment

Bow numbers are required.

Overnight parking for shell trailer is available, Friday, August 10th. It is offsite and remember you park at your own risk. We request that you unload your shell trailers on Friday and move all your equipment onto the regatta site. See parking section for more details and why this is so important.

Cost

Cost for athletes is \$15. Costs for spectators who would like to eat regatta food are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12, and free for babes in arms. Please reserve spectator lunches by August 3rd. Teams are responsible for collecting payment from members and submitting a single payment by check to KCRC. . We will also be selling a few "Alaska Crew" gear bags, "Alaska Crew" navy hats and spacer pushers.

Race Entries

Race entries are due August 3rd. Entries for races must include the number of boats in each event, the stroke's name, and the boat's average age as the end of the year (except juniors and novice). A confirmation email will be sent after receipt of your entry.

Categories and Handicapping

Masters: Athletes who are 19 or older as of the end of this calendar year.

Sweep Novice: Athletes who started sweep racing after January 1 of this year.

Sculling Novice: Athletes who started sculling racing after January 1 of this year.

Junior: Athletes under the age of 19 as of the end of this calendar year.

**coaches can see these definitions have some leeway, please just honor the spirit of these categories to give your rowers the best possible race experience. If it doubt email president@kenaicrewsers.com*

Age handicaps will apply to all races, except Novice events. Master's events, use each athlete's age, (19-99) in the handicap calculation.

All events will get a first place medal.

Course

All boats will launch from the designated beach launching areas. Rowers should expect to wade into the water up to mid-thigh and must wear water shoes for foot protection. We will be on private property, surrounded by private property. Please respect the boundaries and regatta staff instructions, including parking. The 5k course has four turn buoys, orange. Hazards will be marked with white buoys. Course map available on our web site, www.kenaicrewsers.org.

Practice Times

The course will be open for practice Friday, August 10th 4pm-8pm. No safety launches will be on the course, so row at your own risk. If coxswains or bow seat rowers wish to see the course from a motor launch, please RSVP to president@kenaicrewsers.org.

Directions to Regatta Site

South on Seward Highway, towards Seward. At mile 6.6, turn left onto Bear Lake Road. Cross over the railroad tracks, follow the pavement for one mile, and continue on the gravel for 1 block. Regatta site is on the left. **Please allow at least 2.5 hours from Anchorage due to road construction in Moose Pass/Crowne Point.** Please car pool, as parking will be limited and most will be 1 block away, off site.

Please leave your dogs at home. **NO DOGS** allowed on the regatta property. Remember this is private property and we must respect owners' wishes.

Parking

Communication is the key to hosting a successful Bear Lake rowing regatta. As parking and neighbor relations facilitator I hope you will find this information helpful. Parking for friends and family of visiting rowers as well as spectators from our own community is a concern we hope to address in an organized way with your help.

First and foremost I want to establish that **PARKING IS LIMITED!!!**

UNLOADING AND LOADING OF SHELL TRAILERS

The loading and unloading process will be done on a very narrow two lane road. There is only room for one trailer at a time. The out of town clubs will need to take turns with this process.

We have established suitable parking for your trailers once they are unloaded but will be a short distance from the launching and Regatta site.

PARTICIPATING ROWERS

Rower vehicles will be parked on private property a short distance away from the launching and regatta site. Because they will be on private property we request that they remain parked in that location for the duration of the Regatta. **CAR POOLING IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.** Overflow parking about .6 miles from the launching site will also be available after drop-off of rowers and gear if needed.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Friends and family will need to park in the spectator areas which you will find located on the attached map. If need be they may also park in the designated overflow parking and be car pooled to the rowing site.

Spectator roadside parking will be posted by staked signs and flagging tape. We will have 2-3 parking attendants—one posted at Old Saw Mill Road for directions, available maps and regulating parking on Old Saw Mill cul-de-sac. A second attendant will be in the 9 Partners cul-de-sac and a bike “rover” will be helping organize parking on Bear Lake Road. Our thoughts are to flour-line parking areas at Bleth Street and Bear Lake Road at the trail head.

Having an estimate of vehicles coming down from each club will be helpful to me in organizing the parking scheme. There are several B & B's in the Bear Lake area as well as camping available. You may find that unloading your trailers on Friday and having an opportunity to run the course will make Regatta Day less hectic and more enjoyable for all concerned.

Please direct information and communications concerning parking my way.

Parking and Neighbor Relations Facilitator,

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Waivers

Please submit with your entries a letter stating your club is a US Rowing member and all your members have signed a waiver with your club. Questions, please contact regatta director, Lori Landstrom, president@kenaicrewsers.org.