



2013 Tail of the Bear Regatta Entry Packet

Tail of the Bear will be held on Bear Lake, Seward, AK
Saturday, September 7th

Tail of the Bear is a 5K head race.

August 30th—Entries due, also attendee numbers needed, so we
can plan for food.

Sept. 4th—final schedule and start order posted on KCRC web page
and emailed to coaches.

September 7th --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 and heel ties are required.

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 30th. Teams are responsible for collecting payment from members and submitting a single payment by check to KCRC. . We will also be selling “Alaska Crew” gear bags, “KCRC navy or white hats, regatta t-shirts (new design and color this year) and spacer pushers.

Race Entries

Race entries are due August 30th. 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, red. Hazards will be marked with yellow buoys. Course map available on our web site, www.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 along Turnagain Arm.** Please car pool, as parking will be limited and some 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. Please load and unload in the designated area. Loading and unloading on the 90 degree corner adjacent to the rowing site is not acceptable. Please be sensitive to our Bear Lake neighborhood.

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

PARTICIPATING ROWERS

Only rower vehicles with at least 4 active rowers participating in the TOTB Regatta will be allowed to park on the private property adjacent to the regatta site. Because they will be on private property and tightly parked it is necessary 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 and regulating parking on Old Saw Mill cul-de-sac. A second attendant will be in the 9 Partners cul-de-sac.

Having an estimate of vehicles coming from each club would be helpful in organizing the parking scheme. There are several B & B's in the Bear Lake area as well as camping available if you choose to make it a fun packed weekend. Do not hesitate to contact me with parking questions or concerns.

Parking and Neighbor Relations Facilitator,

Rhonnie Berklund

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Parking maps will be sent out to clubs and posted on KCRC web site closer to the regatta day.

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.