



**2013 USRowing Masters National Championships
Press Kit**

**Nathan Benderson Park
Sarasota, Florida
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The 2013 USRowing Masters National Championships is presented by USRowing and the Suncoast Aquatic Nature Center Associates. With more than 1,000 entries, masters rowers from 28 states in the U.S. and Canada will compete at the world-class Nathan Benderson Park. The four-day regatta will see 199 events across 11 categories, ranging from age 21 and up.

The Nathan Benderson Park venue is slated to become North America's premier course and regatta center by next year. More than \$40 million has been committed to improvements to the park. The 2,200-meter racecourse is now lined with straight shorelines, coaching lanes, starting huts, finish towers, grandstands and a state-of-the-art boat maintenance and testing facility.

Nathan Benderson Park is awaiting a final decision from World Rowing to be the host of the 2017 World Rowing Championships. The FISA Congress is set to vote on September 2 in Chungju, South Korea. The World Rowing Championships was last held in the United States in Indianapolis in 2004.

Of the range of this year's competitors, one of the oldest is 84-year-old Alvin Felman, of The Steward's Foundation, who is competing in the men's J single sculls and the men's lightweight J single sculls. In the heavyweight race, he will compete against Minneapolis Rowing Club's 82-year-old Arnold Lande. On the women's side, 81-year-old Eve Green of Saugatuck Rowing Club returns to compete in a variety of lightweight sweep and sculling events.

Recap of the 2012 USRowing Masters Nationals

Cambridge Boat Club and Minneapolis Rowing Club brought home the men's and women's points trophies and secured the respective overall points and efficiency trophies at the 2012 USRowing Masters National Championships.

Held in Worcester, Mass., at Lake Quinsigamond, the local team, Cambridge, took home the overall point's trophy, scoring 874. 2012 was the second-straight year in which Minneapolis won the women's overall point's trophy.

More than 2,000 rowers took the course over the four-day regatta, which was the largest USRowing masters national championships to date.

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, August 15 (Events 1-50)

Heats: 8:00 a.m. – 9:16 a.m.

Semifinals: 10:30 a.m. – 10:34 a.m.

Finals: 10:38 a.m. – 1:54 p.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 1-16): 11:40 a.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 17-30): 12:40 p.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 31-50): 1:50 p.m.

Friday, August 16 (Events 51-100)

Heats: 8:00 a.m. – 8:56 a.m.

Finals: 10:00 a.m. – 1:12 p.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 51-58): 10:40 a.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 59-73): 11:40 a.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 75-89): 12:40 p.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 90-100): 1:25 p.m.

Saturday, August 17 (Events 101-150)

Heats: 8:00 a.m. – 9:08 a.m.

Finals: 10:15 a.m. – 1:27 p.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 101-115): 11:15 a.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 116-129): 12:15 p.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 129-150): 1:35 p.m.

Sunday, August 18 (Events 151-199)

Heats: 8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

Finals: 9:30 a.m. – 12:34 p.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 151-166): 10:30 a.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 167-181): 11:30 a.m.

Awards Presentation (Events 182-199): 12:40 p.m.

View a full race schedule at:

http://www.usrowing.org/Libraries/Events/2013_Masters_Initial_Schedule_of_Races.sflb.ashx.

Rules

Eligibility:

Master: A master is a competitor who has attained or will attain the age of 21 during the current calendar year. A competitor's age is determined as of December 31 of the current calendar year, rounded down to the nearest whole number. A competitor thus becomes a master on January 1 of the year of his or her 21st birthday. A masters crew shall be comprised exclusively of masters rowers, but the coxswain need not be a master.

Event Limits:

No competitor (excluding coxswains) shall enter more than six events at the Masters Nationals.

Rules:

USRowing's Rules of Rowing will govern this event. All member organizations should have received a copy of the 2013 Rules of Rowing.

An online version is available at <http://www.usrowing.org/About/RulesofRowing.aspx>.

USRowing licensed referees will officiate the event to ensure fairness and safety.

Vanessa Flory, Chief Referee
Josie McNamara, Deputy Chief Referee

Jessica McAlear
Norman Thetford
Leah White

Mid Atlantic Region

Doug Jones
Stacey Ornitz
June Harper
Mike Jones
Robin Jones
Paul Phillips
John Kowal
John Musial

Northwest Region

Bob Cummins
Ron Tettrington
Jim Rawson

Southwest Region

Dennis Sullivan
Michaela Brockstedt

Midwest Region

Gregg Harris
Greg Soleau
Rebecca Thompson
William Hobbs

Southeast Region

Ed Murphy
Billy Cunningham
Clem Reiss
Dick Alcock
Jorge Salas
Zory Salas
Bob Weiss
Todd Yoemans
Julie Stewart

Northeast Region

Jan Gaus
Kris Thorsness

Participating clubs

Team Name	City, State	Team Name	City, State
American Rowing Camp, LLC	Oak Ridge, Tennessee	Annapolis Rowing Club	Edgewater, Maryland
Asheville Rowing Club	Asheville, North Carolina	Atlanta Rowing Club	Atlanta, Georgia
Austin Rowing Club	Austin, Texas	Avalon Rowing Club	Washington, D.C.
Aviron Lachine Rowing	Montreal, Québec, Canada	Bachelors Barge Club	Havertown, Pennsylvania
Bair Island Aquatic Center	Redwood City, California	Baltimore Rowing Club	Baltimore, Maryland
Bay Area Rowing Club of Houston	Houston, Texas	Berkeley Paddling and Rowing Club	Berkeley, California
Cambridge Boat Club	Cambridge, Massachusetts	Cape Coral Rowing Club	Cape Coral, Florida
Capital Rowing Club	Washington, D.C.	Carnegie Lake Rowing Association	Princeton, New Jersey
Carolina Masters Crew Club	Chapel Hill, North Carolina	Central Pennsylvania Rowing Association	Shamokin Dam, Pennsylvania
Charleston Community Rowing Club	Charleston, South Carolina	Chelsea Boat Club, Inc.	Norwich, Connecticut
Chester River Rowing Club, Inc.	Chestertown, Maryland	Cincinnati Rowing Club	Cincinnati, Ohio
Colorado Rowing	Breckenridge, Colorado	Columbia Rowing Club	Columbia, South Carolina
Community Rowing, Inc.	Cambridge, Massachusetts	Dallas Rowing Club	Dallas, Texas
Detroit Boat Club Crew	Detroit, Michigan	Durham Boat Club	Durham, New Hampshire
East Bay Rowing Club	Oakland, California	Edgewater High School	Orlando, Florida
Fairmount Rowing Association	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Florida Athletic Club	Winter Park, Florida
Ft. Worth Rowing Club, Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas	Gainesville Area Rowing, Inc.	Gainesville, Florida
Genesee Rowing Club	Rochester, New York	GMS Rowing Center	New Milford, Connecticut
Greater Columbus Rowing Association	Columbus, Ohio	Greater Dayton Rowing Association	Dayton, Ohio
Greater Houston Rowing Club	Sugar Land, Texas	Green Lake Crew	Seattle, Washington

Halifax Rowing Association	Daytona Beach, Florida	Hollywood Rowing Club	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Hull Lifesaving Museum	Hull, Massachusetts	Jacksonville Rowing Club	Jacksonville, Florida
Lake County Rowing Association	Clermont, Florida	Lake Lanier Rowing Club	Gainesville, Georgia
Land O Lakes Rowing Club	Land O Lakes, Florida	Lightwave Rowing Association	Palm City, Florida
Lincoln Park Boat Club	Chicago, Illinois	Lookout Rowing Club	Chattanooga, Tennessee
LPJ – Chicago Rowing Foundation	Chicago, Illinois	Malta Boat Club	Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania
Masters Coaching	Cambridge, Massachusetts	Miami Beach Rowing Club	Miami Beach, Florida
Miami Rowing and Watersports Center	Miami, Florida	Miami Rowing Club	Miami, Florida
Minneapolis Rowing Club	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Mohawk River Boat Club	Amsterdam, New York
Navesink River Rowing	Red Bank, New Jersey	Navy Masters Rowing Club	Annapolis, Maryland
Nelson Rowing	Saint James, New York	New York Athletic Club	New York, New York
Northern Virginia Rowing Club	Springfield, Virginia	Oak Ridge Rowing Association	Oak Ridge, Tennessee
OKC Riversport	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Old Lyme Rowing Association/Blood Street Sculls	Old Lyme, Connecticut
Orlando Area Rowing Society	Windermere, Florida	Orlando Rowing Club	Orlando, Florida
Palm Beach Rowing Association	Palm Beach, Florida	Palmetto Rowing Club	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Palo Alto Rowing Club	Palo Alto, California	Potomac Boat Club	Washington, D.C.
Ridley Graduate Boat Club	St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada	Riverfront Recapture, Inc.	Hartford, Connecticut
ROCCS, Inc.	Lecanto, Florida	Rocket City Rowing Club, Inc.	Huntsville, Alabama
Rockford Crew	Rockford, Michigan	Rollins College Crew	Winter Park, Florida
Rowing Association of Naples	Naples, Florida	Rowing Club of the Woodlands	The Woodlands, Texas

San Diego Rowing Club	San Diego, California	Sarasota County Rowing Club	Sarasota, Florida
Sarasota Crew	Osprey, Florida	Sarasota Scullers	Osprey, Florida
Sarasota Scullers Masters	Sarasota, Florida	Saugatuck Rowing Club	Westport, Connecticut
Space Coast Crew	Indian Harbour Beach, Florida	St. Andrews Alumni Racing	Middletown, Delaware
St. Croix Rowing Club	Hudson, Wisconsin	St. Louis Rowing Club	St. Louis, Missouri
Syracuse Chargers Rowing Club	Syracuse, New York	Tallahassee Rowing Club, Inc.	Tallahassee, Florida
Tampa Preparatory School	Tampa, Florida	Tampa Rowing Club, Inc.	Tampa, Florida
Texas Rowing Center	Austin, Texas	The Stewards Foundation, Inc.	Tampa, Florida
Three Rivers Rowing Association	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Treasure Coast Rowing Club	Palm City, Florida
Tulsa Rowing Club	Tulsa, Oklahoma	Unaffiliated	USA
Undine Barge Club	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	V-Sculls/Riverside Rowing	Cos Cob, Connecticut
Vesper Boat Club	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Virginia Boat Club	Richmond, Virginia
Western Reserve Rowing Association	Cleveland, Ohio	White Rock Boathouse, Inc.	Dallas, Texas
Winnipeg Rowing Club	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada		

Information

Event Information can be found on USRowing's website:

<http://www.usrowing.org/Events/MastersNationals.aspx>

Press Coverage for the event can be found on USRowing's website:

<http://www.usrowing.org/Events/MastersNationals/2013MastersNatPress.aspx>

Full regatta entries, heat sheets, and club listing can be found at RegattaCentral:

https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/index.jsp?job_id=2964

Live Streaming for the regatta will be located on USRowing's You Tube Channel:

www.youtube.com/usrowingorg.

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