

Faultline Faceoff

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Regatta Information Packet

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Regatta Overview

At the Faultline Faceoff Regatta, our goal is to be the best place to get early season racing experience in California. We pride ourselves in running a regatta that offers fast racing for Varsity crews and opportunity to learn by racing for younger crews. We hope to make this a great experience for all teams.

We will be running on a 2000 meter course with a starting platform. Timing and race results will be hosted by HereNow.com.

Looking forward to a great 2024 regatta!

Regatta Staff

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Registration

Due to the size restrictions of the venue, the Faultline Faceoff regatta is an **Invitational** event. Invited crews should register for the race at Regatta Central.

Regatta Site

The regatta will be held at the boat launch on **San Pablo Reservoir**. We are guests of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and Rocky Mountain Recreation at San Pablo. Please follow their rules and respect their personnel on site so we can continue to use this fantastic venue for future regattas.

Address: 522 Old San Pablo Dam Road, Orinda, CA

Note that there is no address shown on the street, but there is a big sign reading "San Pablo Dam Boat Launch" at the entrance.

You can find directions on our website here: <https://www.oaklandstrokes.org/facilities>

Park Opening and Closing:

Saturday Park is open from 6:30am to 6pm
Everyone must be out of the park by 6pm, no exceptions. Do not plan on having your dinner at the race course, practicing after the last race, etc.

Sunday - Park gate will open at 6am - Please do not arrive earlier than 6am.



Site Space Allocation

As with past years, there are no assigned spaces at Faultline. Teams are expected to work with each other to create enough space for all to use the regatta site. We would like to note the following items:

1. Due to a long term construction project at the reservoir, the available parking lot space has been dramatically reduced from pre-2020 levels. Therefore we will be using the same reduced footprint site map as 2023 to get more car parking in the main lot. This will mean that teams will not get many parking spaces within the venue and that bus parking has been completely eliminated.
2. We have boat racks to reduce the footprint of the Oakland Strokes and free up more space for other teams.
3. If you have portable boat racks and can bring them, please let us know. We will provide a \$200 credit on your parking permit fees for every set of racks that fits 4 or more boats. Please contact the Regatta Director if you can bring racks.
4. Saturday versus Sunday - We ask that teams recognize that some boats do not need to be removed from the trailer and rigged on Saturday if they are not going to be raced until Sunday. Additionally, if a boat is done being raced on Saturday please derig and load it back on the trailer ASAP. Please use trailers for boat storage. Those racks on the trailers are great places to store boats between races. Make use of them.

We will be looking for other opportunities to create more space for shells. However, we are at our limit in terms of space and we will rely on teams to get along and help each other to make this work.

Regatta Site Deposit

In previous years we have had teams leave their team tents and staging sites overflowing with trash. This is disrespectful of the park staff and jeopardizes the future use of the site for rowing regattas.

Therefore, all crews are required to provide a check for \$300 made payable to "Oakland Strokes, Inc." as a deposit against the proper management of the site. This check must be received by the Strokes prior to the start of the Regatta. No boats will be allowed to race until this deposit is received.

Please instruct your coaches, rowers, and volunteers to keep your areas clean. If the trash cans in your area are full, particularly at the end of the regatta as you are packing up, please make use of the dumpster for your trash

Once your area has been cleaned, please check in at the information tent. Volunteers from the Oakland Strokes will visually inspect your team site for trash and/or damage. Deposit checks will be returned to teams with clean sites. Dirty sites and/or non-inspected sites will mean that the check will be cashed.



Regatta Rules of Racing

We will be using the event classification rules for the Southwest Youth Championship regatta. As this is a “friendly” regatta, we will not be checking credentials or verifying lineups. Coaches are assumed to be behaving properly. Please do not do anything that will make us think otherwise.

Format

Races on Saturday will be run in single flights. While we will do our best to keep “A”, “B”, “C”, etc. boats together, we cannot promise that you will be in the same race as a particular crew. Sunday races will be run in two flights of however many heats we need to get everyone a race. There are no progressions; this is a round robin style event with the crews re-mixed between the flights. We do our best to balance the competing interests of keeping an even mix of SoCal and NorCal crews and keeping the flight speeds even. All within the confines of early season racing.

Entries

All entries must be made on Regatta Central. See Regatta Central for events, schedule, fees, registration deadlines, etc. All entry fees must be paid prior to the regatta.

Coaches & Cox Meeting:

New for 2024!! We will be holding a coaches and coxswains meeting **Tuesday, February 27th at 8p on Zoom**. Please plan on attending. We will also record the meeting and make that recording available for those who cannot attend in person. Information provided at that meeting will supersede any information in this packet, on Regatta Central, etc.

A link to the Zoom Coach and Coxswains meeting will be made available closer to the event.

Boat Check for Mussels:

Every boat must be checked for Quagga Mussels before launching. If you launch without a blue tag on your boat you will be disqualified. This is a priority of the venue and not being checked will put our ability to run future regattas in jeopardy.

To pass the muscle inspection, boats must be dry inside and out (including inside any accessible hatch in the bow deck, under seats, and in the stern deck) and need to be clean. We will start checking boats at **8:30am Saturday** morning and at **7:00am Sunday** morning. If your boats don't pass the inspection, you can't launch.

All teams must fill out the EBMUD Recreation Area Private Boat Launch Inspection Form (copy of form at the end of this document and link to form below). To save time, please fill out that form ahead of time and email to Dana Hooper at danahooper@oaklandstrokes.org. If you do not do this ahead of time, please be prepared to be stopped and told to fill out the form on the spot when your first boat tries to launch. Note that you only need one form per team. Indicate the number of hulls you will be bringing to the event next to the “CF Number” entry in the form.

Link to form:

[https://www.ebmud.com/download_file/force/4002/565?Boat Inspection form rev1216.pdf](https://www.ebmud.com/download_file/force/4002/565?Boat%20Inspection%20form%20rev1216.pdf)



Course Map and Traffic Patterns:

Please familiarize yourself, your coxswains and crews the course map found on our website. Crews must follow the attached traffic patterns. Crews found to be in violation of the traffic pattern are subject to exclusion from the event.

Please stress to your crews to avoid turning toward land in the last 300m. There is a peninsula sticking out from the shoreline at 300m, after which the shore pulls away. We have had several crews steer towards land as they approach the finish line and hit the shore side finish line buoy. The buoys are large and do not yield well to the crews, particularly the white buoys.

Launch and Landing dock:

The location of the launch and landing docks are subject to the water levels at the reservoir, which is subject to the drought levels of Northern California. We will publish the locations of the launch and landing docks once the locations have been determined. We try to keep them as close to the staging area as possible.

Bow Numbers:

All teams are responsible for providing their own bow numbers for each race. We will be checking bow numbers prior to launch. If your crew has an incorrect bow number they will not be allowed to launch.

Starting Line:

There will be a starting platform for the races. This will require your crews to be able to back into a stake boat and to scull their bows for alignment.

Notes for coaches of inexperienced crews: Please take some time to instruct your crews how to align themselves in a start dock, particularly what “sculling” means in that context. Our goal is to facilitate getting your crew locked onto the dock and down the course. We will have people on the dock who will help crews who appear to be having issues, but it does not work if your crews do not understand those terms.. Please instruct your crews to listen to the starter. We will do our best to have a fair and calm start.

Scratches:

Please report all scratches to the finish line as soon as possible. We will generally try to hunt down missing crews on the water, so knowing about scratches is critical to keeping the race on time.

Inclement Weather:

We will attempt to race rain or shine. However, if racing becomes unsafe due to wind, lightning or storms, then racing will be delayed or canceled. Please note that entry fees will not be refunded if racing is delayed or canceled due to weather.



Regatta Venue Information

Boat Trailers:

Teams must purchase a trailer parking pass for every trailer that they bring on site. This includes boat and hospitality trailers. **Trailers are welcome to come into the park on Friday from 8am to 4pm. All trailers must be parked by Friday evening, no trailers will be allowed into the venue on Saturday. The park closes at 5pm on Friday, so please plan ahead so that you have fully vacated the park by 5pm.** If you attempt to bring your trailer in before 8am Friday (such as Thursday afternoon), the gate officials will be advised to tell you to turn around and leave. If you talk your way past them, expect to receive harassing phone calls to come remove your trailer. If you do not respond in an appropriate amount of time, your crews are subject to disqualification and your entry fees will be forfeited.

Trailer Unloading and Boat Staging:

No boats, slings, boxes, oars, etc. may be unloaded before 7:30am on Saturday. This is to allow for teams to get into the venue in an orderly and reasonable time frame.

Boats should be stored in the indicated areas between the cones. There must be a clear fire lane around the perimeter of the parking lot, which will be delineated with cones. No materials should be stored in the lane, including oar handles, bows of boats otherwise behind the cones, rowers back packs, rowers and coxswains themselves, etc.

Practice:

Crews are invited to practice on the course on Saturday morning starting at 8:30am. No crew shall launch without a blue Quagga Mussel inspection tag. Crews should be off the course an hour before the first race.

Parking on-site:

Parking on site is extremely limited. Therefore, we will not be selling permits to individuals. As noted above, due to a long term construction project at the reservoir, the available parking lot space has been dramatically reduced from past years. This will mean that teams will not get many parking spaces within the venue and that bus parking has been completely eliminated.

Permits will be sold to each team for distribution to their parents, coaches, and volunteers. The permits will be for in and out privileges for both Saturday and Sunday. There will be no purchasing of permits on-site.

Please Note: Only permits purchased from the Oakland Strokes will be accepted for entry the weekend of the Regatta. Daily, Seasonal, and Annual permits purchased from EBMUD will not be valid for the regatta weekend.

Parking off-site and shuttle:

Please see our [website](#) for information regarding off site parking and shuttle from Orinda BART.



Drop off Information:

We will have a drop off location in the parking lot near the bus drop off. Cars without a permit will be allowed into the site so they can drop off athletes and/or spectators. Cars must then turn around and leave the venue. There are no facilities for cars to wait or idle. Note that at peak times lines will form at drop off points. Please plan ahead and allow plenty of time.

Bus Permits and Parking:

Those teams looking to bring a bus into the venue will need to purchase a bus pass. **There will NOT be space on site for bus parking.** Buses will be allowed on site to drop off and pick up athletes, but must leave site immediately afterwards. No onsite idling will be allowed.

Due to the extremely tight space on site, we ask that teams do not call for their bus until they are ready to quickly load onto the bus and leave.

Tents:

Tents will be available for rent, with the option of renting tables and chairs. Located on the main knoll behind the finish line, these tents are prime real estate for hosting your team. If interested, please contact the Race Director.

Space for team tents will be tight. No team tents will be allowed on the knoll without permission of the Race Director. Team tents are allowed at the picnic areas as long as they do not block boat movement, launching and landing facilities, or fire lanes.

Team provided tents may not be set up until 7:30am Saturday morning.

Trash:

All teams are responsible for managing their own trash. In years past we have had many teams leave their location filthy with overflowing trash bags littering the tent. There will be trash cans provided on site in and around the tents. Additionally, there will be a dumpster on site behind the main kiosk. Teams should use this dumpster when the trash cans are full and especially when breaking down the site at the end of the weekend.

As noted above we will be collecting a Regatta Site Deposit to help ensure that the team sites are left clean. In addition, teams that do not manage their trash may not be invited to future regattas.