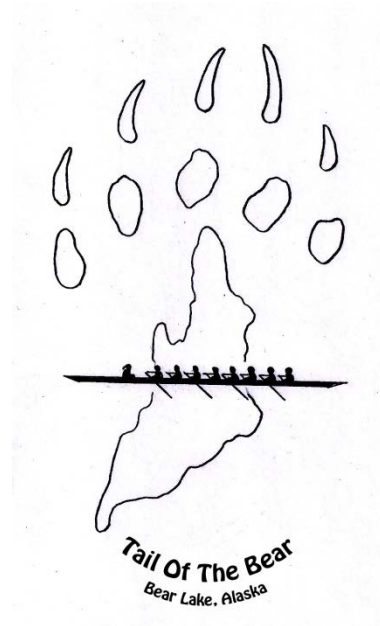


2015 Tail of the Bear Regatta Entry Packet

Tail of the Bear will be held on
Bear Lake, Seward, Alaska
Saturday, August 29th

Tail of the Bear is a 5K head race



DATES AND TIMES

August 21th—Entries due, also attendee numbers needed, so we can plan for food

August 27th—Final schedule and start order posted on KCRC web page and emailed to coaches

August 29th —Safety, timers and officials meeting, 9am

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

First boats allowed to launch, 10am

First race at 10:20am

NEW THIS YEAR

We will have a large tent along the lake shore for all rowers and spectators to watch and relax under. We will not have use of the close car pool parking lot, so slightly longer walks from your car. Due to increased costs of medals, extra tent rental and porta potty rental- a slight entry fee increase.

EQUIPMENT

Bow numbers and heel ties are required. Please bring 1 thru 9.

COSTS

Cost for athletes is \$20. 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 21th. Teams are responsible for collecting payment from members and spectators and submitting a single payment by check payable to KCRC.

REGATTA MERCHANDISE

Various regatta and rowing merchandise will be for sale on regatta day. We will be selling several "Alaska Crew" and "Row Alaska" items-ranging from gear bags, hats, shopping bags, stickers and note cards. Also a very few 2013 and 2014 TOTB shirts. We are also exploring fleece Tail of the Bear beanies. NO pre-order required. Bring cash or credit cards.

RACE ENTRIES

Race entries are due August 21th. 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.

FINAL SCHEDULE

Events that only have one entry will be combined. Regatta Director will be contacting each club contact person listed on the entry form before the final schedule is posted.

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.

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, litr@gci.net.

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 white or yellow buoys. Course map available on our web site, www.kenaicrewsers.org.

NO DOGS

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

LODGING

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. Contact Regatta Director, Lori Landstrom, if you need suggestions.

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 2.5 hours from Anchorage.**

PARKING – Overview

PARKING IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. WE WILL NOT HAVE USE OF THE PARKING LOT NEXT TO THE REGATTA SITE THIS YEAR. More parking along the local streets, expect slightly longer walks from your parked cars. The regatta site is in a neighborhood on private property. Please help us to maintain good relations with the community and our neighbors by following our parking requests. Parking maps will be sent out to clubs and posted on KCRC website prior to the regatta day. Having an estimate of vehicles coming from each club would be helpful in organizing the parking scheme. **Please car pool!**

PARKING – Shell Trailers

The loading and unloading process will be done on a very narrow two lane road with room for one trailer at a time. Out of town clubs will need to take turns with this process. Please load and unload in the designated area only. Loading and unloading on the 90 degree corner adjacent to the rowing site is not acceptable. Once unloaded, we have established suitable parking for your trailers a short distance from the launching and regatta site.

PARKING – Participating Rowers

CAR POOLING IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. Parking is about a couple blocks to 0.6 miles from the launching site. There will be a drop off zone. Please notify the regatta director, Lori Landstrom, if you know of handicap or elderly parking needs. We will try to make accommodations.

PARKING – Friends and Family

Friends and family will need to park in the spectator areas or the designated overflow parking and car pool to the rowing site. Spectator roadside parking will be posted by staked signs and flagging tape. We will have parking attendants to assist at Old Saw Mill Road for in the 9 Partners cul-de-sac.

UPDATES

See <http://kenaicrewsers.org/totb.php> for updates to schedule and other details.