

**ACA Sprint National Championship
US Masters National Championship
Oklahoma City, August 1 – 4, 2018**



EVENT OVERVIEW

The Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation (OKCBF) is pleased to host the 2018 ACA Sprint National Championship and US Masters National Championship (USMAS) presented by Liberty Mutual, August 1-4 on the Oklahoma River in downtown Oklahoma City. This year's event is the fifth National Championship to be held in Oklahoma City and will feature a new race program, with four days of competition for athletes in Bantam through Masters age classifications.

The Boathouse District is made up of three boathouses, a world-class finish line tower, an 80 foot ropes course, and RIVERSPORT Rapids all located along a 1000 meter stretch of the Oklahoma River that will serve as the stage for the 2018 ACA Sprint National Championship.

Oklahoma City is honored to welcome back the ACA Sprint National Championship and US Masters National Championship, and looks forward to a great week of racing for all.

DATES AND DEADLINES

COMPETITION

The ACA Sprint National Championship will be held Wednesday, August 1 through Saturday, August 4, 2018. The US Masters National Championship will be held in conjunction with the Sprint National Championship, with Masters events August 1 through August 4.

RACE REGISTRATION

All team entries will occur through HereNow Timing, unaffiliated individual entrants may email Aasim Saleh at asaleh@okcbf.org to complete entries. Entries are due by Sunday, July 15, 2018 at midnight Eastern Daylight Time.

ACA SPRINT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Entry fees are based on the number of events entered. Entry fees will be \$75.00 for athletes entered in less than four (4) events, or \$150.00 for athletes entered in four (4) or more events. Entry fees are non-refundable.

US MATERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Entry fees are based on the number of events entered. Entry fees will be \$75.00 for athletes entered in less than four (4) events, or \$150.00 for athletes entered in four (4) or more events. Entry fees are non-refundable. Masters athletes may also enter ACA Sprint National Championships events.



ELIGIBILITY

As the American Canoe Association is the sanctioning body of the ACA Sprint National Championship and US Masters National Championship, both events are open competitions for American Canoe Association competition members who are United States citizens, United States permanent residents or holders of current United States work visas.

International Competitors may enter but shall be subject to the progression rules for International Competitors.

For the purposes of eligibility to enter ACA Sprint National Championship or US Masters National Championship, all participants must have current membership through the conclusion of the event.

TEAM LEADERS/SCRATCH MEETING

The ACA Sprint National Championship and US Masters National Championship scratch meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 31 at 10am in the Devon Boathouse. NOTE: only scratches and competitor substitutions will be allowed.

No later than seven (7) days prior to the first day of competition a virtual/remote web based pre-scratch meeting will be held with member of the Competition Committee to resolve all entry issues and to complete any unresolved team boats.

A revised draft order of events which will include the names of the competitors in each event, distributed into heats or finals, will be sent to each team leader/coach at least seven (5) days prior to the first day of competition.

OFFICIALS MEETING

The Officials Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 31 at 3pm in the Devon Boathouse.

BOAT CONTROL

All boats are subject to weight and measurement specifications throughout competition. Boat Control will be open on Tuesday, July 31 from 10am-5pm for self-controlling. On competition days, Boat Control will open one hour prior to the start of the first event.

Teams and athletes must supply their own sprint boat numbers. Distance event numbers will be supplied by OKCBF.

Notice: There will be a \$10 charge for each bow number not returned.

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AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, August 4 at the Jeaneen and Bob Naifeh Family & Bud Wilkinson Event Center. The last day to purchase banquet tickets at regular price is Friday, July 20.

REGATTA T-SHIRTS

2018 ACA Sprint National Championship long sleeve t-shirts will be available for pre-sale only. The last day to purchase regatta t-shirts is Friday, July 20.

T-Shirts and tickets can be purchased online here:

<https://estore.riversportokc.org/estore/Content/Commerce/Products/DisplayProducts.aspx?ProductGroupCode=2030&ProductCategoryCode=2172>

REGATTA INFORMATION

The Boathouse District will open to all trailers, participants, and patrons on Monday, July 30 at 8am.

TRAILER PARKING

Trailer parking will be located in the Devon Boathouse Parking lot. All trailer spots will be pre-assigned. Please check in upon arrival with boat trailers and adhere to posted signage.

BOAT STORAGE & TEAM TENTS

Each club will have a pre-assigned location for boat storage and team tents at the venue. Security personnel will be on duty from 8 pm to 6 am. If clubs are interested in renting a tent locally, please contact the Race Director.

Notice: Team tents cannot be set up until 8am Monday morning, July 30.

ATHLETE CHECK IN

A representative from each team must register their club on Tuesday, July 31 between noon and 2pm. Athlete check-in will be located at the front desk on the second story of the Devon Boathouse.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

The Boathouse District is located at 800 Riversport Dr. in Oklahoma City, one-half mile south of the intersection of Lincoln and Reno. For the most current driving directions, please check online, <http://www.riversportokc.org/plan-a-visit/maps/>

Please contact the Boathouse District at (405) 552-4040 if you need assistance with directions.



HOTELS & HOSPITALITY

The Boathouse District is located adjacent to downtown Oklahoma City and the Bricktown entertainment district. With a sidewalk following the Bricktown canal to the Oklahoma River, teams staying in Bricktown hotels can easily walk to the venue.

Please visit <http://www.riversportokc.org/partner-hotels/> for a complete list of our hotel partners and the contact information to receive the special regatta rates.

The Embassy Suites at OUHSC has offered an additional discount beyond their partner rate for sprint nationals. Rooms can be reserved using this special link:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/O/OKCOKES-SNC-20180730/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

TIMING & RESULTS

All event timing and results will be posted on www.herenow.com.

RACE COURSE

THE OKLAHOMA RIVER

A seven (7) mile stretch of the North Canadian River has been transformed into a series of river lakes bordered by landscaped areas, trails and recreational facilities and is known as The Oklahoma River. The Oklahoma River is dam controlled and has no measureable current. From the Boathouse District, paddlers can access a four (4) kilometer stretch of water. The Oklahoma River is 10 – 12 feet deep.

TRAFFIC PATTERN

All athletes must use the North shore as a warm up lane during competition.

STARTING GATES

OKCBF plans to install starting gates at the 200m. All other races will use floating starts.

REGATTA UPDATES

Please continue to check <https://www.riversportokc.org/events/sprint-national-championship/> for regatta updates, schedule updates, or racing information.

PROGRAM & ORDER OF EVENTS

The order of events will be added to the ACA Sprint National Club Championship and US Masters National Championship invitation after its final approval by the America Canoe Association.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Chief Official and the LOC will work together to monitor the weather continuously during the event. Should it be determined that schedule changes are necessary due to weather concerns, the following communication plan will be utilized.

Teams are responsible for staying updated on announced schedule changes.

- Delay racing later the same day, if time is available.
- Begin racing earlier than previously announced. Announcement will be made no later than 3 hours before racing or 9:00 p.m. the evening before in the case of morning racing.
- Combine events within the same boat class, but across age categories.
- Cancel regatta.

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