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Tulsa Rowing Club Hosts 17th Annual Route 66 Tulsa Regatta May 31
Event to Help Raise Funds for Junior Rowing Program

The Tulsa Rowing Club will host more than 200 rowers from the region Saturday, May 31 for the 17th annual Route 66 Tulsa Regatta on the Arkansas River.

Teams from Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Texas will compete in 1,000-meter sprint races on the Arkansas River, beginning south of the 21st Street Bridge and finishing near the River West Festival Park.

Spectators can watch a full slate of high school, college and master's crew races from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The best place to view races is at the Tulsa Rowing Club boathouse, 2100 S. Jackson Ave., near the floating amphitheater on the Arkansas River's west bank.

Corporate sponsors of the regatta include: SpiritBank, CFR, Oklahoma Energy Services, QuikTrip and Jason's Deli.

According to Suzanne Dudding, Tulsa Rowing Club race chairman, the annual event boosts the city's image with visitors and helps draw attention to one of the city's crown jewels – the Arkansas River.

“The success of our regatta, and the fact that we have such a well-established rowing program right here in Tulsa, is a great attraction to people from other parts of the country,” she said. “We hope to build on that awareness – by inviting former rowers to become ‘reacquainted’ with the sport and by introducing rowing to all Tulsans through our club’s inexpensive summer lessons.”

In addition to its monthly rowing lessons, the Tulsa Rowing Club will offer Summer Rowing Camp for juniors and adults June 23 – July 3 and August 11-23.

Dudding said the May 31 regatta also serves as an important fundraiser for the Tulsa Juniors Rowing Team, which is made up of athletes from various Tulsa area high schools. Members of the Tulsa Juniors rowing team will sell concessions during the regatta, with all food/beverage proceeds going to benefit the Tulsa Rowing Club juniors program. Additional donations will be accepted and are tax-deductible.

For more information about the May 31 Route 66 Tulsa Sprints Regatta, or to learn how you can become an event sponsor, please visit <http://www.route66regatta.com/> or contact Janeann Taubel at (918) 853-5133.

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