

Wichita Frostbite — November 3, 2012

PRESS RELEASE

Wichita State University Rowing team is currently preparing for their last race of the fall season. It will be the 21st Annual Frostbite Regatta on the Little Arkansas River in Wichita, KS on Sunday, November 4, 2012. The Wichita Rowing Association will be the host of this regatta, welcoming over thirteen crews. Boats will launch near the Tennis Center in Riverside at 551 N Nims, Wichita, KS.

The head race spans 1.7 miles and can be enjoyed by spectators along the sidewalk, by bicycle or on foot, for the entire length of the race. Since it is a head race the competing boats will be starting one after another with about five seconds to space them apart. Winners will be determined not by who crosses the finish line first, but rather by the end time it took to complete the course.

Grand Valley State University of Michigan will be a tough competitor for the team. Last year WSU women's open four placed second to Grand Valley by fourteen seconds and the women's open eight finished third behind two Grand Valley crews. On the men's side, the open men's four placed third behind Grand Valley in first by ten seconds.

Last year, the WSU women's novice eight was the gold winner in its event with a time of 9:50 minutes. It was a very exciting finish for these women as novice and hopes to continue the streak at this year's race as varsity.

One of the more fun race events at this regatta is the chance to row in mixed open eights in which boats can be filled with men and women, whereas normally all eight rowers are either all male or all female.

The fastest race time recorded for this course was in 2002 by the men's varsity eight of Marietta College with a time of 7:34 minutes.

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