



## **Swimming Competence Certification**

### **Adult Participants (18 and over):**

The sport of rowing poses significant risks to the participant because most activities occur in, around or on water. The risks include, but are not limited to, expected and unexpected immersion into cold water as a result of a boat flipping, collisions with other boats, being involuntarily removed from a boat as a result of an oar's momentum ("crabbing"), falling off docks, authorized and unauthorized swimming, changing weather conditions, or other occurrences.

These perils are magnified since adults have the ability to use club equipment without a coach being on the water supervising. Therefore, a rower or rowers could become immersed in cold water and separated from their boat far from shore, without any help nearby. For your safety, we high recommend the buddy system.

I certify that I am a competent swimmer. I understand that I have the responsibility to determine the extent of the training I need and to obtain that training so I am able to participate in the sport of rowing and related activities safely.

### **Participant's Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Release of Liability



IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in any USRowing activity, including scheduled, supervised club activities, and registered regattas, during the policy term 12/31/15 – 12/31/16, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin.

1. I ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Rowing Activities, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity.

2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a.) ROWING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death ("Risks"); (b.) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Release named below; (c.) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

3. I AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member of USRowing and that, if I observe any condition which I consider to be unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will notify the proper authority in charge of the Activity and will refuse to take part in the Activity until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction.

4. I HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue USRowing, the Club, the Regatta, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, other participating regatta organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises, on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasee or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a result of such claim, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE OR ALTER THE WORDING ON THIS WAIVER WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM USROWING

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

**Printed Name of Participant:**

USRowing # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENTAL CONSENT

(if participant is under the age of 18).

AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of rowing activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasee, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost any may incur as the result of any such claim, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature (only if participant is under the age of 18):**

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This is THE USRowing Release of Liability, which should be copied for your use.

## **Regatta Photo Release**

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in a USRowing registered regatta (the "Regatta") taking place in this calendar year, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

HEREBY GRANT my specific permission to USRowing, the Regatta, the Regatta's host organization(s) (collectively referred to as the "Regatta Manager") and their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, regatta organizers, sponsors, advertisers, participants, agents, and assigns to make and/or obtain photographic images of me on the day(s) of the Regatta and to publish, copyright, distribute and/or display photographic images taken of me on the day(s) of the Regatta. I further waive the right to inspect and/or examine all photographs and/or written text to which the images may be applied before use. I also waive any and all rights and claims, including future rights and claims to such photographic images and any interest therein. I hereby release and discharge the Regatta Manager, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, regatta organizers, sponsors, advertisers, participants, patrons, agents, licensees, affiliates and assigns from any and all liability by virtue of distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion, digital scanning and manipulation, and/or use in composite form, whether the same is intentional, or otherwise. I understand that the Regatta Manager, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, regatta organizers, sponsors, advertisers, participants, agents, and assigns may use any process or procedure resulting in the completion of the finished product for publication, display, copyright or distribution.

HEREBY GRANT my specific permission to the Regatta Manager, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, regatta organizers, sponsors, advertisers, participants, patrons, agents, licensees, affiliates and assigns a fully paid-up, non-exclusive, worldwide right and license to use, display or otherwise exploit my name, nickname, voice, photograph, statements, biographical information, and likeness, as well as images of me in motion picture, videotape, electronic, and similar formats ('My Image'), so long as My Image relates to my participation in the Regatta, whether in original or modified form. I waive any rights of privacy.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

**Printed Name of Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name of Parent/Guardian (if participant is under the age of 18):**

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_