

Dexter Lake
Rowing Racecourse Installation, Removal and Regattas
December 2025 through June 2026

Rowing on Dexter Lake

The Dexter Lake rowing racecourse is the site of regattas for Oregon Association of Rowers (OAR, masters club), Eugene Rowing Club (ERC, high-school club), University of Oregon, and Oregon State University.

The course is typically used weekday mornings (5am to 9am) and afternoons (4:30pm to 7:00pm) for rowing practice. Regattas are held on weekends.

Event Calendar (Regattas are in **bold**)

Dec 28 to Jan 2: OSU rowing clinic

Late March (Date TBA) OSU Regatta

Apr 4: Collegiate Covered Bridge Regatta

Apr 11-12: Juniors Covered Bridge Regatta

Apr 25: Masters Covered Bridge Regatta

May 2: OSU Regatta

June 26-28: US Rowing Masters Regionals

Installation and Removal Calendar

Dec 6 - 21: Install three 2,000 meter lines and seven red buoys

March 13-16: Install five 2,000 meter lines

May 15-18: Uninstall east 1,000 meters of lane lines

June 29-July 2: Uninstall racecourse completely

Installation Description

- Three lanes of the racecourse will be raised in December 2025 in preparation for OSU's rowing clinic in late December to early January. (See
- The remaining lines of the course will be installed mid-March.
- The east 1,000 meters of the course will be lowered before Memorial Day. The remaining 1,000 meters are close to the cove, marina and nonmotorized launching dock, which are primarily in no-wake areas of the lake.
- The west 1,000 meters will be used for US Rowing's Northwest Masters Regionals on June 19-June 21. This portion of the racecourse runs in front of the cove, the swim beach and the marina.
- The west 1,000 meters will be lowered after the regatta concludes, with all components removed before the end of June.

Description of the Buoyed Racecourse

The raising and lowering of the entire course requires over 400 manhours, and includes the installation of:

- Large orange buoys mark the course every 500 meters (total of 10 buoys)
- Lateral cables cross the course at the start and finish and every 500 meters

- Lane lines consisting of cables suspended 4 feet below the surface of the water.
- Small can buoys attached by wires to the lane lines. These consist of red can buoys first 250 meters at the start and last 250 meters to finish, and white can buoys the 1500 meters between the start and finish.
- Medium-sized red buoys are located at the eastern and western ends of the lanes.

When the full course is up, it consists of 8 racing lanes, 13.5 meters apart, and 2,000 meters long. It extends from the Covered Bridge on the east to the non-motorized watercraft dock near the dam on the west.

Boater Education

Boater education about the ability to drive a motorized watercraft through the course will be clearly posted near the lake and on billboards at Lowell State Park and Dexter Park.

Clear signage at both parks to include:

- **Sandwich boards** near the boat launches reading "Rowing course buoys: safe for boats to cross. Please yield to rowers when present."
- **Map of lane lines and buoys**, clearly showing areas of lake with open water.
- **Diagram** of the lane lines 4 feet below the surface with a buoy floating at the surface attached by a wire.
- **QR Code to Oregon Association of Rowers website** with information about navigating the racecourse, dates of raising and lowering, illustrations of the lane suspension.