Clemson teaming up to host sailing regatta

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CLEMSON — A total of 33 rowing teams will take to the waters of Lake Hartwell Saturday to compete for the President's Cup while also benefiting local charities.

Team Up for Clemson, hosted by the Joint City-University Advisory Board and sponsored by Barnes and Noble at Clemson University, will feature amateur volunteers from the community, local businesses, Clemson University and the City of Clemson. Joined by athletes from the Clemson University Women's Rowing Team, the regatta will raise money for six local non-profit organizations — Littlejohn Community Center, Clemson Arts Center, Clemson African-American Museum, Clemson Child Development Center, Clemson Community Care and the Clemson Free Clinic.

Races begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the university rowing facility on Lake Hartwell and end with the President's Cup finale at 3 p.m.

THE DETAILS

What: Team Up for Clemson, a sailing regatta featuring six amateurs and two professionals
When: All day Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.
Where: CU Women's Rowing Facility off Dyke Road
Purpose: To raise money for six local non-profit organizations

Clemson City Council member Crossie Cox, who represents the city on the Joint City-University Advisory Board, said the goal is to provide a collaborative event for the city and university.

"From its inception, the idea has been to provide a partnership in bringing the university and city together for a fundraiser to support the local nonprofit service organizations which provide services to the area's residents and university," Cox said. "Many Clemson students also call upon these organizations for intern positions during their college experience and this events allows them to meet and greet those agencies who gladly provide those employment and community service projects they need in fulfilling their academic requirements."

Cox said the winner of each individual class of competition will compete for the President's Cup, awarded to the overall winner. Approximately 75 percent of the proceeds raised will go to the non-profit organizations and the remaining 25 percent to the CU Rowing Team.

Teams scheduled to participate as well as the race schedule is as follows: 9 a.m. — Non-profit division, consisting of the six local non-profits; 10 a.m. — Community and business division: Clemson Conference Center and Inn, Clemson University Faculty Senate, Upstate Boot Camp, Sardis Den and Soluna; 11 a.m. — College team division: Tri-County Technical College, Southern Wesleyan University, Clemson University Staff Senate, Clemson University School of Accountancy and Finance, Clemson University Office of Human Resources, Clemson University Division of Student Affairs; Noon — Clemson community division: (Teams of area residents) Team Hot Flash, Crazy Cousins, The Yankee Clippers, Team Cold Sweats and Rock and Rowers; 1pm — Church team division: St. Andrew's Catholic Church, First Baptist Clemson, First United Methodist Church, Clemson Presbyterian and Cannon Memorial Baptist Church; 2 p.m. — Service organization division: Rotary Club of Clemson, Clemson Lions Club, Calhoun Rotary Club, City of Clemson, Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce and Clemson Sertoma Club.

Saturday

While the event is open to the public, an entry fee of $1 or two cans of food per person is suggested. Parking will be available on the rugby practice fields with shuttle pickup throughout the day.

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