

**MERCER ROWING CLUB**

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## **Mercer Masters' Regatta Event Notice**

***WAIKATO RIVER, MERCER***

***Saturday July 27th 2019***

***In Memory of James Boyce***

The committee and members of the Mercer Rowing Club, supported by the Legion of Rowers, extend an invitation to clubs to enter their Masters' Regatta. Come and experience the Waikato River in the middle of winter, and join us in remembering our fellow rower and official, James Boyce.

**Regatta Secretary**  
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### **REGATTA INFORMATION**

- Entry Fees (GST inclusive) are \$40 per rower (includes \$10 for beer and lunch post-racing)
- Please pay on day using cash or cheque or (preferably) in advance via direct deposit to Mercer Rowing Club Inc. ASB Account Number: 12-3023-0465963-00  
Important! Please email confirmation of payment to [pballe@gmail.com](mailto:pballe@gmail.com) for quicker registration. All rowers must have paid their entry fee to be allowed to row.
- Entries must be made online via the rowIT entry system.
- Entries open Thursday June 27 and close 10pm on Sunday July 21.
- Late entries will be accepted until 8pm on Thursday July 25.
- Boat park: the amount of parking available will likely be limited due to wet conditions in the paddocks surrounding the Mercer Rowing Club. Cars might be directed to park on the Counties Manukau side of the river, with more information to be provided closer to the regatta date. Boat trailers will be accommodated around the Mercer and West End sheds. Please come ready to be flexible!
- All rowers are asked to car pool as much as possible to maximise parking space.
- *No parking on the road on the Mercer side please – it is a 100kph zone and heavily loaded trucks cannot stop quickly once they come around the bend and down the hill.*
- Launch/recovery of skiffs will be from limited beach space so feet (minimum) will get wet!
- Racing is scheduled to start at 9.00am.
- Safety meeting at 8.15am for all clubs and single scullers in particular.
- First Aid on site.
- Hot food and drink for sale, and your entry fee includes beer and bbq post-racing

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## Mercer Masters' Regatta Programme of Events

The programme of events has been kept deliberately simple. All events aside from events 15 and 21 will be raced in individual age categories as a priority, though age categories will be combined where entries are limited for a better racing experience. Events 15 (novice quads) and 21 (open quads) will not be raced in age categories and will be open to all ages and combinations. Very new novices are very welcome! For all novice events, at least 50% of the crew must be novice.

No eights are included due to likely lack of beach space. All quads and fours can be boated with or without coxes and the starter will be asked to account for this. Composite entries welcome.

Event #	Event Type	Sex	Class	Boat
1	Mx Mst 2X	Mx	Mst A-K	2X
2	M Mst A-B 4[+]	M	Mst A-B	4(+)
3	M Mst D-K 1X	M	Mst D-K	1X
4	W Mst A-B 2X	W	Mst A-B	2X
5	M Mst C-K 4X[+]	M	Mst C-K	4X(+)
6	W Mst C-K 4[+]	W	Mst C-K	4(+)
7	M Mst A-B 4X[+]	M	Mst A-B	4X(+)
8	M Mst C-K 2X	M	Mst C-K	2X
9	W Mst A-B 1X	W	Mst A-B	1X
10	Mx Mst 4[+]	Mx	Mst A-K	4(+)
11	W Mst A-B 4X[+]	W	Mst A-B	4X(+)
12	M/W/Mx Mst 2-	M/W/Mx	Mst A-K	2-
13	W Mst C-K 2X	W	Mst C-K	2X
14	M Mst A-B 2X	M	Mst A-B	2X
15	M/W/Mx M-Nov 4X[+]	M/W/Mx	Mst Nov	4X(+)
16	M Mst A-C 1X	M	Mst A-C	1X
17	W Mst C-K 4X[+]	W	Mst C-K	4X(+)
18	W Mst A-B 4[+]	W	Mst A-B	4(+)
19	M Mst C-K 4[+]	M	Mst C-K	4(+)
20	W Mst C-K 1X	W	Mst C-K	1X
21	M/W/Mx Mst 4X[+]	M/W/Mx	Mst (Open!)	4X(+)

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## REGATTA CONDITIONS

1. **RULE APPLICATION:** All events will be rowed in accordance with the rules of the NZRA and the ARA.
2. **DISTANCE OF RACES:** The distance of all events will be approximately 1000 metres upstream with the finish in front of the Mercer clubhouse. Lane 1 is closest to the clubhouse bank (western side of Waikato River). There will be no held starts.
3. **REGATTA DATE:** This Regatta is a one day Regatta only and will start at 9.00 am on Sat July 27th 2019.
4. **WATER TRAFFIC RULES:** All crews must proceed to the start as directed. There will be traffic lanes which must not be crossed. Crews must not proceed to the start on the course or across the course at any stage during the Regatta. Crews must be above the start zone at least 5 minutes before the advertised start time of their race.
5. **BOAT NUMBERS:** All boats must carry one of the supplied alpha numeric numbers indicating the race and lane number as shown in the programme. Numbers must be returned to the regatta secretary after each race.
6. **COXSWAINS WEIGHTS:** The minimum weight for all coxswains is 55 kg. To make up this weight, dead weight to the maximum of 20 kg shall be carried in the boat. There will be no weigh-ins. Coxswains must wear a NZ Safety Standard approved lifejacket.
7. **BOW BALLS** must be securely fitted on all boats. **HEEL RESTRAINTS** must have a maximum of 70 mm free movement. **BOW COXED BOATS** must allow easy egress for the coxswain. **SHOES** must have a quick release Velcro strap or similar.
8. **DIVISIONS:** There will be a maximum of 7 boats in any race. Where there are more than 7 entries, races will be run in divisions. Where there are insufficient entries, Mercer Rowing Club reserves the right to alter or cancel any event as necessary.
9. **SCRATCHINGS:** Scratchings for all events must be lodged with the Regatta Secretary by 8.30 am on Saturday July 27th. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Secretary.
10. **DISPUTES & REFUNDS:** The regatta is run under the control of the ARA. Any disputes will be mediated by the ARA and their decision will be binding. Any protests lodged on the day will incur a fee of \$100. The ARA will mediate refunds if the regatta is cancelled. All clubs must pay the entry fees PRIOR to race day.
11. **SAFETY:** the safety meeting prior to the start of the regatta at 8:15 am is compulsory for all clubs rowing. Those who do not attend will not be allowed to race until they have received instruction by officials.
12. **EXCLUSION OF ALL TORT LIABILITY OF WHATSOEVER KIND:** The Auckland Rowing Association Inc. reminds Rowing Clubs and rowers participating in this Regatta that while every care will be taken by the Regatta Officials to ensure that the Regatta is conducted safely and efficiently, and in accordance with the Rules of Racing established by the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. and/or amended by the Auckland Rowing Association Inc.

It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that those rules are complied with and of rowers to comply with them to ensure safe rowing activity.

Further it is a condition of participation in this Regatta that all participants accept and note that no liability either in tort or any other nature whatsoever is accepted by, or will attach to the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. or the Auckland Rowing Association Inc. for any harm, damage, loss, costs, expenses, inconvenience, interference of whatever nature and whatever kind, including any damage to equipment or injury to persons of whatever nature incurred in the course of, or in connection with, or in any way related to the Regatta, regardless of whether any error or omission, wrongdoing, oversight, negligence, or other tort whatsoever on the part of any Regatta Official, or other person, may be established.