

NORTH SHORE ROWING CLUB Inc.

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EVENT NOTICE

R F BENNETT MEMORIAL SHIELD REGATTA

LAKE PUPUKE, NORTH SHORE

Saturday, 4 November 2023

In conjunction with the Auckland Rowing Association, the North Shore Rowing Club is hosting the annual R.F. Bennett Memorial Shield Regatta at Lake Pupuke, North Shore, Auckland.

We extend a warm invitation to all clubs and schools to enter crews for this historic event. This year we have planned a weekend of rowing with Eric Verdonk Memorial on Sunday 5 November. Boat Park security will be provided on Friday 3rd November and Saturday 4th November. Entries for Eric Verdonk memorial will be sent separately.

Entry Fees are \$25.00 +GST per rower with a maximum of 5 races per rower. (There is no limit on crews coxed and cox-only competitors are not charged an entry fee)

Please pay fees by **Bank transfer to North Shore Rowing Club: Account: 03-0275-0330121-00.**
Ensure your Club Code is included in the Reference Field

Regatta Secretary
North Shore Rowing Club
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Sharon Ducker
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rowIT All regatta entries must be made online using the rowIT entry system. Instructions for using this system are set out on page 2.

Entries open Wednesday 4 October 2023 and will close at 10.00pm Friday 27 October 2023.

Contact Please contact Regatta Secretary Sharon Ducker 021 550 597 or email her with any queries.

Racing is scheduled to start at 8:00am and expected to finish around 2.30pm.

Boat Park To ensure we can accommodate everyone comfortably within the limited space available in the boat park, spaces will be allocated to each Club based on the size of your squad etc. A map showing allocations will be displayed on the boat park gate area and emailed to Clubs before the event. **Please do not set up your tent until Saturday.** This will ensure ease of access for late comers and avoid the inconvenience of having to take your tent down to allow access. Avoid erecting your tent on access lanes and tree drip lines.

We look forward to seeing you and your supporters on Saturday, 4th November for a successful day of racing. Until then, happy training and here's hoping for calm, sunny conditions!

Nikki Douglas
REGATTA MANAGER

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rowIT Online Regatta Entry System: <https://rowit.nz/>

All Auckland Clubs and Schools already have rowIT logins. You should contact Andrew Carr-Smith if your logins need updating and to make sure you have the set-up that suits your club or school.

As this is the start of a new Season clubs may need to update their Roster before making entries.

- Rowers who have been entered in regattas previously are already recorded in the rowIT database.
- All new rowers must be in the rowIT system before you make your entries.

"You can add new rowers directly to the rowIT database. But it is recommended you add them to the RNZ database as unlicensed or licensed members of your club or school and then import them into rowIT."

rowIT can provide dual recognition of both club and school. This can be used to supplement the identification of schools using one of the above methods. It is done during entries by recording both school and club for a crew. Details have been provided to rowIT login holders by Andrew Carr-Smith.

For ease of identification of Clubs/Schools and clarity in billing seat fees we request Clubs/Schools enter under their own rowIT code. School crews that are entered under a club's code should use double-digit crew numbers for identification.

Crew numbers will be used for seeding crews into divisions. If you are using double-digit crew numbers, the second digit is the important one. If you have a crew that is your only entry in an event, but you wish to row it in an easier division (ability reasons only please!) then it allocates a higher crew number e.g., AKLC 2, WESC 22, etc.

Composite Crews may be entered through rowIT. This is achieved by linking with another entity and bringing their athletes into your squad (then selecting a crew mix of those athletes and your own athletes). Composite crews will be identified as belonging to the entity that enters the crew e.g., a crew entered by North Shore will be a North Shore composite.

Entries Crews will be able to be entered into the rowIT regatta entry system based on this timing

Entries	Open	Wednesday	4 October 2023
Entries	Close	Friday 10pm	27 October 2023
Scratchings, Late entries* & Substitutions	Open	Monday 12 noon	30 October 2023
Scratchings, Late entries* & Substitutions	Close	Thursday 12 noon	2 November 2023

* Late entries will only be accepted if there is space in the program, and it does not increase the number of races.

** After this time, any entry changes must be submitted to the Regatta Secretary's tent on the morning of the regatta.

We will endeavour to provide Clubs with a day sheet early in the week before the regatta so you can check your entries.

Andrew will also be available assist Clubs with their entries and his contact details are:

Email: andrew@rowit.co.nz

rowIT codes	CLUB		rowIT codes	CLUB	
AKGC	Auckland Grammar RC		MERC	Mercer RC	
AKLC	Auckland RC	AKLC 1-9	MTAL	Mt Albert Grammar	WESC 31-39
RPCA	Auckland RPC		NSHC	North Shore RC	NSHC 1-9
BARA	Baradene College	WESC 11-19	PUKE	Pukekohe High School	AKLC 41-49
CAMB	Cambridge RC		SGEC	St Georges RC	SGEC 1-9
CARM	Carmel College	NSHC 31-39	SKEC	St Kentigern RC	
COMC	Counties Manukau RC		STPC	St Peters College	WESC 21-29
DILW	Dilworth College	SGEC 41-49	STPA	St Peters School	CAMB 1-9
DIOC	Diocesan School for Girls	AKLC 31-39	SHAK	Sacred Heart College	AKLC 11-19
EBSC	Eastern Bay Scullers		TAKA	Takapuna Grammar RC	
EDWT	Edgewater College	SGEC 31-39	WTMC	Waitemata RC	
EGGS	Epsom Girls GS	AKLC 21-29	WENT	Wentworth College	NSHC 41-49
GLDW	Glendowie College	SGEC 21-29	WESC	West End RC	WESC 1-9
HKIC	Hauraki Plains RC		WTLB	Westlake Boys HS	NSHC 11-19
KGCA	Kings College RC		WTLG	Westlake Girls HS	NSHC 21-29
MACL	Macleans College	SGEC 11-19	WREC	Whangarei RC	

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Conditions of Entry

1. Events are rowed under the NZ Rowing Association Rules of Racing and Directives for Regattas with special conditions applied by the ARA.
2. Events are rowed on approximately 1000m course.
3. Lane 1 is the position nearest the starter.
4. All crews must be at the start zone 5 minutes before the actual race time.
5. Every rower must wear either their club or school colours.
6. Coxswains' weights are to be 55kg for all events. Crews are responsible for their own weights. Spot checks may be made by the ARA Representative following races. Crews with underweight coxswains will be disqualified.
7. Bow balls must be the correct size and correctly attached.
8. Coxswains must wear a New Zealand Safety Standard approved lifejacket.
9. In accordance with ARA safety requirements, shoes shall be independently restrained so that when the heel reaches the horizontal position the foot will be released from the shoe. In addition, where laces, Velcro or similar materials must be opened before the rower can remove their feet from the shoes, all such materials must be able to be released immediately by the rower with a single quick hand action of pulling on one easily accessible strap. Where shoes or other devices holding the feet will not remain in the boat, each shoe or device must be able to be released by the rower without using their hands or with a single quick hand action of pulling on one easily accessible strap or release device.
10. For bow coxed boxed boats there must be an exit facility for coxes.
11. There will be a safety briefing via Zoom on Thursday 2nd November. The Chief Official will send out the link prior to this meeting. Any clubs or schools who are unable to attend this must be present at the safety meeting at 7.15am, on the grass bank in front of the marquees. Those that do not attend will not be allowed to race until they have received instruction from the officials.
12. Programme alterations may be made to suit the day's weather conditions.
13. Umpires and starters may combine races at their discretion.
14. Boats to be identified by fixed bow numbers.

Note, bow numbers will be based on an alpha numeric system and MUST be used to identify crews for each race. These bow numbers will be supplied by the ARA from the Regatta Secretary's NSRC Control tent.
15. Late entries accepted only where numbers permit. Payment must accompany late entries otherwise the crew will not be allowed to start.
16. Late scratchings must be handed to the Regatta Secretary before the start of the regatta or if crews are scratched during the day they need to be notified well before the race is due to be run during the day.
17. Crews must finish outside the marked buoy anchored close to the finish. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
18. The ARA will mediate any disputes regarding racing, and their decision will be binding.
19. All Clubs must pay entry fees prior to race day. In the event of the regatta being cancelled, the ARA will mediate any refunds.
20. Event billing will be finalised based on entered rowers at the completion of the supplementary/late entries BEFORE the regatta.
21. There will not be any refunds for scratched entries, or adjustments for any crew substitutions made on the day.

22. Ages for this regatta are based on the Rowing New Zealand Rules of Racing. The age-group reference date is 1 January 2024. A rower may row in an age limited event if they are under the specified age limit on 1 January 2024 e.g. a rower can compete in an Under-15 event if they are under the age of 15 on 1 January 2024.

Bennett Shield 4 November 2023 Race Schedule

The gap between races will be 5 minutes, and 6 minutes for novices and U15.

Event	Time	Event Type	Event	Time	Event Type
1	08:00	M Nov 8X+	28B		W Int 8+
2		W Nov 8X+	29		B U18 4X+
3		M Opn 2-	30		G U18 4X+
4		W Opn 2-	31		M Nov 4X+
5		B U17 8+	32		W Nov 4X+
6		G U17 8+	33		B U16 8+
7		M Opn 4-	34		G U16 8+
8		W Opn 4X-	35		M Clb 8+
9		B U15 4X+	36		W Clb 8+
10		G U15 4X+	37		B U17 4+
11		M Int 4+	38		G U17 4+
12		W Int 4+	39		B U18 8+
13		B U18 4+	40		G U18 8+
14		G U18 4+	41		B U15 4+
15		M Nov 4+	42		G U15 4+
16		W Nov 4+	43		M Int 4X+
17		B U16 4+	44		W Int 4X+
18		G U16 4+	45		M Nov 8+
19		M Opn 2x	46		W Nov 8+
20		W Opn 2x	47		B U16 4X+
21		M Clb 4-	48		G U16 4X+
22		W Clb 4-	49		M Clb 4X-
23		B U17 4X+	50		W Clb 4X-
24		G U17 4X+	51		M Opn 8+
25		M Opn 4X-	52		W Opn 8+
26		W Opn 4-			
27A		B U15 8+			
27B		M Int 8+			
28A		G U15 8+			

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS & CLUBS

- Only vehicles towing boats and official cars with a parking pass will be allowed entry to the car park. Limited disabled parking is available.
- The Boat Park will be open on Friday 3rd November from 10am-6pm, and on Saturday from 6am. Security will be provided by the organisers on Friday evening to Saturday morning.
- Buses are not permitted in the Park of Sylvan Park Avenue. Please advise buses of this restriction.
- Parking has been restricted in Sylvan Park Avenue as a condition of use of the reserve. Please observe the requests of the regatta marshals.
- Car parking suggestions Henderson Park and local side streets. Please note the Mall car park is patrolled.
- Regatta traffic is not permitted into the cul-de-sac past the park gates.
- For safety reasons, the boat park should only be used by rowing squad members, coaches and officials. Spectators should be encouraged to stay out of the boat park area.
- Auckland Council has signalled their intention to strictly enforce parking restrictions around Lake Pupuke during the regatta. Any vehicles parked on verges or designated no parking zones will be automatically towed.
- Exclusion of All Liability

North Shore Rowing Club reminds all clubs, schools 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 established by the Auckland Rowing Association, it is the responsibility of the Clubs to ensure safe rowing activity.

Further, it is a condition of participation in this Regatta that all participants accept and note that no liability of any nature whatsoever is accepted by or will attach to the Auckland Rowing Association or the North Shore Rowing Club, including for any harm, damage, loss, cost, expense, inconvenience, or interference incurred in the course of or in any way related to the Regatta, regardless of any error or omission, wrong doing, oversight, negligence or other tort whatsoever on the part of any Regatta official or other person.