



**88th Head of Harbour Regatta
Event Notice**

**Lake Pupuke – North Shore
Saturday, 10 February 2024**

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In conjunction with Auckland Rowing Association, Takapuna Grammar School Rowing Club is hosting the 88th Head of Harbour regatta at Lake Pupuke, North Shore on Saturday 10 February 2024.

A full programme of age group, masters and old boy / girl events is open to all clubs and schools who wish to attend. A full event list is enclosed on page 7

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Entry fees are \$25 + GST and an amenity fee of \$2.50 + GST per athlete with a maximum of 4 races per athlete. Fees will be invoiced after entries are loaded into rowIT and payable prior to the regatta start.

Entries open on 15 January 2024 at 9am and close at 10pm Friday 2 February 2024. If there are more No 1 crews than lanes, crews will be seeded into a second division.

All regatta entries must be made online using the rowIT entry system. Instructions for using the entry system are set out on page 4. The only exception being entries for the old boys and girls 8 event being held during the lunch break. Entries to be made directly to the regatta secretary along with a small cash donation.

Coxswain's weights are to be 55kg for all events. Crews are responsible for their own weights. Spot checks will be made by ARA officials. Crews with underweight coxswains will be relegated to last in the specific event the offence relates to.

Racing is scheduled to start at 8.00am and expected to finish around 5.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE – bow numbers, based on the alpha numeric system, will be available from the Secretary's tent, and must be used to identify crews for each race.



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Alcohol

A reminder that the consumption of alcohol, at any time during the event, is strictly prohibited. Please ensure that your parents and supporters are informed of this condition.

Points Trophies

There will be three points trophies awarded at this regatta. Points will be awarded to the first three finishes in all aged based races completed on the day as follows:

First - 5 points

Second – 3 points

Third – 1 point

Girls Points Trophy – most points accumulated in girls aged based events

Boys Points Trophy – most points accumulated in boys aged based events

Overall Points Trophy – most points accumulated in boys and girls aged based events.

Trophies will be presented at the end of the regatta on the grass area in front of the Amenities block.



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REGATTA ENTRIES:

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

For ease of identification of Clubs/Schools and clarity in billing athlete 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 in an easier division (ability reasons only please!) then allocate a higher crew number eg TAKA 2, etc.

Entries will be able to be entered into the rowIT regatta entry system from 15 January 2024 at 9am until at 10pm Friday 2 February 2024.

Changes (scratchings, late entries* and substitutions) can be made via the rowIT program from about Monday 5 February 2024 to 5pm Thursday 8 February 2024.

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

We will endeavour to provide a Draft Day Sheet in the week before the regatta for Clubs/Schools to check their entries.

Tent Sites: There will be no tent sites allocated at this regatta. Communal tents will be erected to enable spectators to shelter from the weather. They will be erected in positions to provide uninterrupted viewing for spectators.

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/School. A map showing allocations will be displayed at the boat park gate and emailed to participants before the event. Terry Tidbury (027 4744196) will be at Sylvan Park on Friday 9 February to assist Clubs/Schools park their trailers in the correct location. **Please do not set up a tent in the Boat Park until Saturday without prior consultation with Terry Tidbury.**

Andrew Carr-Smith will be available to assist Clubs with their entries: andrew@rowit.co.nz



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REGATTA CONDITIONS:

1. Events rowed under the NZRA Rule of Racing and Directives for Regattas with special conditions by ARA.
2. All participating Clubs/Schools to row out of the Sylvan Park boat park. There will be no exceptions.
3. Events rowed on an approximately 1000m course.
4. Lane 1 is nearest the starter.
5. All crews must be in the start zone 5 minutes before the actual published race time.
6. Every rower must wear either their Club or School colours.
7. Coxswain weight – 55kg for all events. Crews are responsible for their own weights. Spot checks will be made by ARA officials. Crews with underweight coxswains will be relegated to last in the specific event the offence relates to.
8. Bow balls must be the correct size and correctly attached.
9. Coxswains must wear a New Zealand Safety Standard approved life jacket.
10. In accordance with ARA safety requirements, shoes shall be independently restrained so that when they reach 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 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.
11. For bow coxed boats there must be an exit facility for coxes.
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 alphanumeric bow numbers supplied by the regatta organisers. Boats without bow numbers may not be allowed to start. Bow numbers will be supplied by the ARA from the Regatta Secretary's 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 run during the day.
17. Crews must finish outside the marked buoy anchored close to the finish. Failure to do so may result in being relegated to last in the specific event the offence relates to.
18. The ARA will mediate any disputes regarding racing, and their decision will be binding.
19. The ARA will mediate the refunds if the regatta is cancelled. All Clubs/Schools must pay the entry fees prior to race day.
20. Event billing will be finalised based on entered athletes at the completion of supplementary/late entries before the regatta.



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REGATTA CONDITIONS:

21. There will be a safety briefing via Zoom on Thursday 8 February 2024. The Regatta Secretary will send out a link prior to this meeting. Any Clubs/Schools who are unable to attend this Zoom Safety Meeting will need to contact the ARA representative to organise a safety briefing. **This is only a last resort.** Any Clubs/Schools that have not attended a safety briefing will not be allowed to race until they have received instructions from officials.
22. A safety briefing will be held for umpire boat drivers, marshalls and safety boat crews at 7.15am in front of the judges tower.
23. Ages for this regatta are based on the Rowing New Zealand Rules of Racing. The age-group reference date is 1 January 2024. An athlete may row in an age limited event if they are under the specified age limit on 1 January 2024 eg an athlete can compete in an under 15 event if they are under the age of 15 on 1 January 2024.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CLUBS/SCHOOLS

1. Only vehicles towing boats and official cars with a parking pass will be allowed entry into the car park. Disabled parking will be available.
2. The boat park will be open on Friday 9 February 2024 from 8am – 6pm, and on Saturday from 6am. Security will be provided by the organisers on Friday evening to Saturday morning.
3. Buses are not permitted in the park of Sylvan Park Avenue. Please advise buses of this restriction.
4. Parking has been restricted in Sylvan Park Avenue as a condition of use of the reserve. Please observe the requests of the regatta marshalls.
5. Regatta traffic is not permitted into the cul-de-sac past the park gates.
6. 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.
7. **Auckland Council has advised that vehicles parked on verges or in no parking zones around the lake will be towed away. Please advise your club/school members as Auckland Council has advised parking restrictions will be actively policed at all Lake Pupuke Regattas.**
8. Car parking suggestions – Henderson Park and local side streets. Please note that the Milford Mall car park is patrolled.



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LIST OF EVENTS

Order of Events	Event Name	Order of Events	Event Name
1	Boys under 17 single Scull	31	Masters coxless quadruple sculls
2	Girls under 17 coxed four	32	Girls under 16 coxed quadruple sculls
3	Boys under 15 double sculls	33	Boys under 16 double sculls
4	Girls under 15 coxed quadruple sculls	34	Girls under 18 single Scull
5	Boys under 18 coxless pair oar	35	Boys under 18 single Scull
6	Girls under 18 double sculls	36	Girls under 15 double sculls
7	Boys under 16 coxed quadruple sculls	37	Boys under 15 coxed quadruple sculls
8	Girls under 16 single scull	38	Girls under 17 coxed eight
9	Masters single scull	39	Boys under 17 coxed four
10	Boys under 18 novice double sculls	40	Girls under 18 novice coxed quadruple sculls
11	Girls under 18 novice eight	41	Masters coxless four
12	Boys under 17 coxed eight	42	Boys under 18 novice four
13	Girls under 17 coxed quadruple sculls	43	Girls under 16 coxed four
14	Boys under 15 coxed octuple sculls	44	Boys under 16 coxed eight
15	Girls under 15 coxed four	45	Girls under 17 coxless pair oar
16	Boys under 18 coxed quadruple sculls	46	Boys under 17 coxless pair oar
17	Girls under 18 coxless pair oar	47	Girls under 18 coxed quadruple sculls
18	Boys under 16 coxed four	48	Boys under 18 double sculls
19	Masters double sculls	49	Girls under 15 coxed eight
20	Girls under 16 coxed eight	50	Boys under 15 coxed four
21	Boys under 18 novice eight	51	Masters coxed eight
22	Girls under 18 novice double sculls	52	Girls under 17 double sculls
23	Boys under 17 double sculls	53	Boys under 17 coxed quadruple sculls
24	Girls under 17 single Scull	54	Girls under 18 novice coxed four
25	Girls under 15 coxed octuple sculls	55	Boys under 18 novice coxed quadruple sculls
26	Boys under 15 coxed eight	56	Girls under 16 double sculls
27	Boys under 18 coxed four	57	Boys under 16 single Scull
28	Girls under 18 coxed four	58	Girls under 18 coxed eight
29	Boys old boys coxed eight	59	Boys under 18 coxed eight
30	Girls old girls coxed eight		
	Lunch Break		



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LIABILITY AND POLICY

Exclusion of All Liability

Auckland Rowing Association and Takapuna Grammar School Rowing Club remind all clubs, schools and athletes 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 clubs and schools to ensure safe rowing activity.

Further, it is a condition of participation in this regatta that all participants accept and note that no liability whether in tort of any nature whatsoever is accepted by or will attach to the Auckland Rowing Association and Takapuna Grammar School Rowing Club, for any harm, damage, loss, costs, expenses, inconvenience, interference of whatever nature incurred in the course or in connection with or in any way related to the Regatta, regardless if 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.

Cancellation/Entry Fee Refund Policy

If the regatta organisers have to cancel the regatta on race day (10 February 2024) for any entry, unfortunately entry fees cannot be refunded as running costs will have been incurred.

Alcohol Free

No alcohol is to be brought into the regatta area or consumed during the regatta and during boat loading at the end of the day.

