

Mercer Regatta: for the Club, Novice and School grades

3rd DECEMBER 2011

REGATTA CONDITIONS:

1. **RULE APPLICATION:** All events will be rowed in accordance with the rules of the NZRA and the Auckland Rowing Association Inc
2. **DISTANCE OF RACES:** The distance of all events will be approximately 1500 metres upstream with the finish in front of the Mercer clubhouse. Lane 1 is closest to the clubhouse bank. There will be no held starts. Masters will race over 1000 metres.
3. **REGATTA DATE:** This Regatta is a one day Regatta only and will start at 8.30 am on Saturday December 3rd, 2011.
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 five 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 (A=Race 1, B= Race 2, C= Race 3 etc.) and lane number as shown in the programme. Numbers must be placed on the boat to be read from the Judges side of the course at the finish and 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. Coxswains may be required to weigh in for the Regatta and they must ensure that they are on or above the minimum weight. They may be check weighed at the conclusion of any race in which they are competing and if found to be below the minimum weight, the crew will be liable to disqualification from that event.
Coxswains must wear a NZ Safety Std approved lifejacket.
7. **BOW BALLS** must be carried by all boats. **HEEL RESTRAINTS** must have a maximum of 50 mm free movement. **BOW COXED BOATS** must allow easy egress for the coxswain. If a safety sheet is not signed and presented by the start of racing then that club can not race. Spare sheets available on the day.
8. **DIVISIONS:** There will be a maximum of six boats in any race. Where there are more than six 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 8.00 am on Saturday December 3rd. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the regatta secretary, and will incur no extra fee.
10. **DISPUTES & REFUNDS:** The regatta is run under the control of the Auckland Rowing Association. 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 is compulsory for all entities rowing, whether they are club or schools. The signing of the boat certificate forms is also compulsory.
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.