

MERCER ROWING CLUB INC.

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PO Box 690, Pukekohe 2340

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Mercer Regatta: for the Club, Novice and School grades

WAIKATO RIVER, MERCER
Saturday DECEMBER 1st, 2012

Event Notice

The committee and members of the Mercer Rowing Club extend an invitation to clubs and schools to enter their annual regatta as a warm-up to the first Karapiro Regatta KRI1 on the 14th December.

Regatta Secretary
Mercer Rowing Club
PO Box 690
Pukekohe 2340

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REGATTA INFORMATION

- Entry Fees (GST inclusive) are:

Eights	\$40
Fours/Quads	\$20
Doubles/Pairs	\$10
Singles	\$5
- Entries must be made online via the rowIT entry system.
- Entries open November 12 and close 10pm on Sunday November 25.
- Entries must be submitted through and by Clubs. Please specify Club colours on entry form.
- Points will go from this regatta to the Waitemata Shield.
- The lunch break is flexible and may be used to bring the regatta back on time.
- Boat park: the car park area adjacent to the clubhouse is reserved for boats and boat trailers. Parking is provided in the paddock behind the Mercer clubrooms.
No parking on the road please.
- This regatta will be conducted under NZRA rules.

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CLUB ENTRIES

Regatta Date: Sat 1st December 2012
Entries Close: Sun 25th November

GST No: 23-465-374

To: The Regatta Secretary
Mercer Rowing Club, PO Box 690, Pukekohe 2340

Regatta entries have been made via the rowIT online entry system. Please find attached the summary of our Club’s entries for your regatta on Saturday 1st December 2012.

Our Club’s on-course Regatta Manager will be _____

All matters arising related to our club during the regatta should be directed to this person.

Our Club’s racing colours are _____

Payment (payable to Mercer Rowing Club):

Please find enclosed our cheque for \$ _____ covering the enclosed entries.

(If a receipt is required, please email treasurer@mercerrowingclub.org.nz)

Please indicate the number of rowers attending from your club _____

Entries submitted by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Position in Club: _____

Email address: _____

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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.
3. **REGATTA DATE:** This Regatta is a one day Regatta only and will start at 8.30 am on Sat Dec 1st 2012.
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 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 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 8.00 am on Saturday December 1st. 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 clubs rowing. 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.

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rowIT Online Regatta Entry System: www.rowit.co.nz

All clubs already have rowIT logins but many will not have used these for several seasons. It is recommended you contact Andrew Carr-Smith to get your logins updated and to make sure you have the setup that suits your club.

Clubs will need to update their rosters of athletes before making entries. All rowers who were issued a RowingNZ license number in recent seasons are already recorded in the rowIT database. All new rowers must be entered into the rowIT system before you make your entries. (Details of these new rowers will not be passed to RowingNZ or the ARA, so season levies will not be charged for these rowers until they are registered with RowingNZ by their club.)

For ease of identification of Clubs/Schools the following numbering system will apply:

Auckland Rowing Club (AKLC 1, AKLC 2...): Sacred Heart College (AKLC11, AKLC 12...); Epsom Girls Grammar (AKLC 21, AKLC 22...); Diocesan School for Girls (AKLC 31, AKLC 32...)

North Shore Rowing Club (NSHC 1, NSHC 2...): Westlake Boys (NSHC 11, NSHC 12...); Westlake Girls (NSHC 21, NSHC 22...); Carmel College (NSHC 31, NSHC 32...)

St Georges Rowing Club (SGEC 1, SGEC 2...): Macleans College (SGEC 11, SGEC 12...); Edgewater College (SGEC 21, SGEC 22...); Glendowie College (SGEC 31, SGEC 32...); Dilworth (SGEC 41, SGEC 42...)

West End Rowing Club (WESC 1, WESC 2...): St Peters (WESC 11, WESC 12...); Baradene College (WESC 21, WESC 22...); Mt Albert Grammar (WESC 31, WESC 32...); Wentworth College (WESC 41, WESC 42...)

If other Clubs/Schools wish to be separately identified they should apply a similar numbering system to the ones outlined above. The current 4 letter rowIT codes are summarised at the end of this section. Crews will be able to be entered into the rowIT regatta entry system from Monday 12 November 2012 and it will close at 10.00pm Sunday 26 November 2012.

Andrew Carr-Smith will be available assist Clubs with their entries and his contact details are: Email: andrew@rowit.co.nz Cell: 021 0251 8231

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rowIT codes

All organisations in rowIT have a four-letter code:

AKGC: Auckland Grammar RC

AKLC: Auckland RC

CAMC: Cambridge RC

COMC: Counties Manukau RC

HAMC: Hamilton RC

HKIC: Hauraki Plains RC

KICC: Kings College RC

MERC: Mercer RC

NSHC: North Shore RC

SGEC: St Georges RC

SKEC: St Kentigern RC

TGSC: Takapuna Grammar RC

WESC: West End RC

WHAC: Whakatane RC

WKOC: Waikato RC

WTMC: Waitemata RC

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

Scratchings, late entries and substitutions can be made, via the rowIT program, from about lunchtime Monday 27 November up to Thursday 30 November, but as the race program will be submitted in final form to the program printer on Wednesday 29 November any changes after that will not be included in the printed program. An amended day sheet will be available to Clubs and the umpires where late notifications are not included in the printed programme.

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

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<i>Event #</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Boat</i>	<i>No of Entries</i>	<i>Cost of Entry</i>
1	Women	U16	1x		\$5
2	Women	U18+Club	2x		\$10
3	Men	U18+Club	2x		\$10
4	Women	U17	4+		\$20
5	Men	U17	4x+		\$20
6	Women	Novice	4x+		\$20
7	Men	Novice	8+		\$40
8	Women	U15	8+		\$40
9	Men	U15	4x+		\$20
10	Men	U17	1x		\$5
11	Women	U/16	2x		\$10
12	Men	U/16	8+		\$40
13	Women	U/18+Club	4x+		\$20
14	Men	U/17	4+		\$20
15	Men	U/18+Club	4+		\$20
16	Women	U/17	8+		\$40
17	Women	U/15	4x+		\$20
18	Men	U/15	8+		\$40
19	Women	U/16	4+		\$20
20	Men	U/16	2x		\$10
21	Women	U/18+Club	4+		\$20
22	Men	U/18+Club	4x+		\$20
23	Women	Novice	4+		\$20
Lunch Break					
24	Men	U16	1x		\$5
25	Men	Novice	4x+		\$20
26	Women	U17	1x		\$5
27	Women	U/15	4+		\$20
28	Men	U/15	4+		\$20
29	Women	U/16	8+		\$40
30	Men	U/16	4x+		\$20
31	Women	U/17	4x+		\$20
32	Men	U/17	8+		\$40
33	Women	U/18+Club	1x		\$5
34	Men	U/18+Club	1x		\$5
35	Women	Novice	8+		\$40
36	Men	Novice	4+		\$20
37	Women	U17	2x		\$10
38	Men	U17	2x		\$10
39	Women	U16	4x+		\$20
40	Men	U16	4+		\$20
41	Women	U/18+Club	8+		\$40
42	Men	U/18+Club	8+		\$40