

MERCER ROWING CLUB INC.

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Trader Lane, Mercer ~ PO Box 690 Pukekohe

www.mercerrowingclub.org.nz

Mercer Regatta: For the Club, Novice and School grades

WAIKATO RIVER, MERCER
Saturday DECEMBER 6th, 2014

Event Notice

The committee and members of the Mercer Rowing Club extend an invitation to clubs and schools to enter their annual regatta.

Regatta Secretary
Mercer Rowing Club
PO Box 690
Pukekohe 2340

Don Strachan
E-mail Address: regatta_sec@mercrowingclub.org.nz
Mobile Number: 027 292 6377
Phone Number: 09 236 0873

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 Monday November 17 and close 10pm on Sunday November 30.
- Late entries will be accepted until 9pm on Thursday December 4.
- Entries can be submitted through Clubs or Schools.
- 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 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.*
- This regatta will be conducted under NZRA rules.
- Racing is scheduled to start at 8.00am.
- Safety meeting at 7.15am for all clubs/schools

We look forward to seeing you and your supporters on the 6th. Please make sure your coxes and blind scullers all see the information sheet before the regatta day.

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Mercer Regatta Entries

Tax Invoice

Regatta Date: Sat 6th December 2014

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 the Mercer Regatta on Saturday 7th December 2013.

Please find enclosed our payment(s) of: \$ _____ (includes 15% GST)

Payment can be made by cheque to Mercer Rowing Club at the above address, or by direct credit to our bank account** as follows:

Mercer Rowing Club Inc.

Account Number: 12-3023-0465963-00

Please circle your payment method below:

Cheque enclosed

Paid direct to bank

**If paying by direct credit, please use REFERENCE “regatta”.

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

For planning purposes:

When your entries have been submitted, please scan and email this page to regatta_sec@mercerrowingclub.org.nz

Our Club/School name is _____

Our Club/School on-course Regatta Manager will be _____

The number of rowers attending will be _____

The number of boat trailers we will bring is _____

Our Club/School's racing colours are _____

Entries submitted by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Position in Club: _____ Email: _____ Mobile: _____

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

All Auckland Clubs and Schools already have rowIT logins. If your Club/School needs to change its login holder, contact Andrew Carr-Smith (details below).

Clubs and Schools need to make sure their rowIT Roster of athletes is up to date 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 making 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 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.

- Auckland Rowing Club (AKLC 1-9): Sacred Heart College (SHAK or AKLC 11-19); Epsom Girls Grammar (EGSS or AKLC 22-29); Diocesan School for Girls (DIOC or AKLC 31-39)
- North Shore Rowing Club (NSHC 1-9): Westlake Boys (WTLB or NSHC 11-19); Westlake Girls (WTLG or NSHC 21-29); Carmel College (CARM or NSHC 31-39), Wentworth College (WENT41-49 or NSHC 41-49)
- St Georges Rowing Club (SGEC 1-9): Macleans College (MACL or SGEC 11-19); Edgewater College (EDWT or SGEC 21-29); Glendowie College (GLDW or SGEC 31-39)
- West End Rowing Club (WESC 1-9): Baradene College (BARA or WESC 11-19); St Peters College (STPA or WESC 21-29); Mt Albert Grammar (MTAL or WESC 31-39)

- If other Clubs/Schools wish to be separately identified they should contact Andrew.

Ages for this regatta are based on the Rowing New Zealand Rules of Racing. The age-group reference date is 1 January 2015. A rower may row in an age-limited event if they are under the specified age limit on 1 January 2015, e.g., a rower can compete in an Under-15 event if they are under the age of 15 on 1 January 2015.

Crews will be able to be entered into the rowIT regatta entry system as follows:

<i>Entries Open:</i>	<i>Monday 17 November 2014</i>
<i>Entries Close:</i>	<i>Sunday 30 November 2014 10pm</i>
<i>Scratchings, Late Entries & Substitutions Open:</i>	<i>Monday 1 December around noon</i>
<i>Scratchings, Late Entries & Substitutions Close:</i>	<i>Thursday 4 December 2014 9pm **</i>

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

We will try to provide you a day sheet on Tuesday night before the regatta to check entries. All entries made after Wednesday night will not be included in the printed programme. Late entries will only be accepted if there is space in the programme.

Andrew can also assist Clubs/School with their entries (andrew@rowit.co.nz or 021 0251 8231)

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Programme of Events

Event #	Class	Event #	Class
1	Women U16 1x	22	Men U/18+Club 4x+
2	Women Novice 4x+	23	Women Novice 4+
3	Men Novice 8+	24	Men U16 1x
4	Women U18+Club 2x	25	Men Novice 4x+
5	Men U17 4x+	26	Women U17 1x
6	Women U17 4+	27	Women U/15 4+
7	Men 18+Club 2x	28	Men U/15 4+
8	Women U15 8+	29	Women U/16 8+
9	Men U15 4x+	30	Men U/16 4x+
10	Men U17 1x	31	Women U/17 2x
11	Women U/16 2x	32	Men U/17 8+
12	Men U/16 8+	33	Women U/18+Club 1x
13	Women U/18+Club 4x+	34	Men U/18+Club 1x
14	Men U/17 4+	35	Women Novice 8+
15	Men U/18+Club 4+	36	Men Novice 4+
16	Women U/17 8+	37	Women U17 4x+
17	Women U/15 4x+	38	Men U17 2x
18	Men U/15 8+	39	Women U16 4x+
19	Women U/16 4+	40	Men U16 4+
20	Men U/16 2x	41	Women U/18+Club 8+
21	Women U/18+Club 4+	42	Men U/18+Club 8+

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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 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 8.00 am on Sat Dec 6th 2014.
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 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 7.30 am on Saturday December 6th. 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 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 7.15 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.