

**MERCER ROWING CLUB**

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## **Mercer Regatta: For the Club, Novice and School grades**

**WAIKATO RIVER, MERCER**  
**Saturday DECEMBER 7th, 2019**

### **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**

**Tricia Balle**  
**E-mail Address: [regatta\\_sec@mercerrowingclub.org.nz](mailto:regatta_sec@mercerrowingclub.org.nz)**  
**Mobile Number: 021 265 0857 (Tricia Balle)**

#### **REGATTA INFORMATION**

- Entry Fees are: \$4.50 per sliding seat (+ GST)
- An amenity fee of \$2.50 (+ GST) per rower will also be charged
  
- Entries must be made online via the rowIT entry system
- Entries open Monday November 11 and close 10pm on Sunday December 1
- Late entries will be accepted until 5pm on Wednesday December 4
- Entries can be submitted through Clubs or Schools
- Points will go from this regatta toward 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

The Don Strachan Mercer Regatta Cup will be awarded to the club who gains the most points over the day. Last year's winners: Mercer Rowing Club tied with Counties Manukau Rowing Club!

We look forward to seeing you and your supporters on the 7th . Please make sure your coxes and uncoxed scullers all see the information sheet before the regatta day.

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## Mercer Regatta Entries

### Tax Invoice

Regatta Date: Sat 7th December 2019

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 2019.

Entry fees must be paid by direct bank credit into the bank account listed below for:

\_\_\_\_\_ sliding seats @ \$4.50 + 15% GST per seat = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (A)

\_\_\_\_\_ rowers @ \$2.50 + 15% GST amenity fee per rower = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (B)

Total due = (A) + (B) = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (inc. GST)

Payment should be made by direct credit to our bank account as follows:

Mercer Rowing Club Inc.

ASB Bank Account Number: 12-3023-0465963-00

Please use "REGATTA" in the reference field and your club or school code (e.g. "WESC") in the particulars field. If a receipt is required, email [regatta\\_sec@mercerrowingclub.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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: [rowit.nz](http://rowit.nz)**

Auckland Clubs and Schools already have rowIT logins. If your Club/School needs to change its login holder, or needs help with entries, contact Andrew Carr-Smith: [andrew@rowit.co.nz](mailto:andrew@rowit.co.nz)

Clubs/Schools must make sure their rowIT Roster of athletes is up to date before making entries. Rowers who have been previously entered in regattas are already in the rowIT database. All new rowers must be in the rowIT database before you make your entries.

You can either add new rowers directly to the rowIT database, or you can add them to RNZ's database as unlicensed or licensed members of your Club/School then import into rowIT.

**For ease of identification of Clubs/Schools and clarity in billing fees we request Clubs/Schools enter under their own rowIT code. School crews 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 (EGGS or AKLC 22-29); Diocesan School for Girls (DIOC or AKLC 31-39); Howick College (HOWI or AKLC51-59)
- 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 (WENT 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.

**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 allocate it 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.

**Entry dates:** crews will be able to be entered into the rowIT regatta entry system as follows:

- Entries Open: *Monday 11 November 2019*
- Entries Close: *Sunday 1 December 2018 10pm*
- Scratchings, Late Entries\* & Substitutions Open: *Monday 2 December around noon*
- Scratchings, Late Entries\* & Substitutions Close: *Weds 4 December 2018 5pm \*\**

\* Late entries will only be accepted if there is space in the programme.

\*\* After this time, any entry changes must be submitted to the Regatta Secretary on 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 Tuesday night may not be included in the printed programme.

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Event #	Class	Event #	Class	Event #	Class
1	W Int 8+	27	B U15 8+	50	G U15 8X+
2	M Int 8+	28	M Int 2X	51	W Int 2X
3	G U16 2X	29	W Nov 4+	52	G U16 4X+
4	W Nov 4X+	30	B U17 4X+	53	B U17 8+
5	W Snr 2-	31	W Int 4X+	54	W Snr 2X
6	G U17 1X	32	G U16 8+	55	M Nov 4X+
7	W Int 1X	33	B U18 4+	56	W Nov 8+
8	B U17 4+	33	M Clb 4+	57	B U16 8+
9	W Clb 2-	34	G U18 4+	58	G U18 4X+
10	M Snr 2-	34	W Clb 4+	58	W Clb 4X-
11	B U16 2X	35	W Snr 1X	59	M Snr 4-
12	G U16 4+	36	M Snr 4X-	60	B U15 2X
13	M Clb 2-	37	G U17 2X	61	W Snr 4-
14	W Snr 4X-	38	M Nov 4+	62	B U18 1X
15	B U15 4X+	39	B U16 4+	62	M Clb 1X
16	G U17 8+	40	B U15 8X+	63	G U15 4+
17	G U15 8+	41	G U15 4X+	64	M Int 4X+
18	M Nov 2X	42	M Int 4+	65	B U17 2X
19	B U18 4X+	43	G U16 1X	66	M Nov 8+
19	M Clb 4X-	44	G U17 4+	67	G U17 4X+
20	B U17 1X	45	G U18 2X	68	W Nov 2X
21	M Int 1X	45	W Clb 2X	69	G U18 8+
22	G U18 1X	46	B U18 2X	69	W Clb 8+
22	W Clb 1X	46	M Clb 2X	69	W Snr 8+
23	W Int 4+	47	B U15 4+	70	B U18 8+
24	B U16 4X+	48	B U16 1X	70	M Clb 8+
25	G U15 2X	49	M Snr 2X	70	M Snr 8+
26	M Snr 1X				

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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 (western side of Waikato River). 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 7th 2019.
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 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 securely fitted on all boats. **HEEL RESTRAINTS** must have a maximum of 70 mm free movement. **BOW COXED BOATS** must allow easy egress for the coxswain. **SHOES** must have a quick release Velcro strap or similar (lace-up shoes are not permitted).
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 7th. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Secretary.
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.