

MERCER ROWING CLUB

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Mercer Regatta Event Notice

For the Senior, Club, Intermediate, Novice and School grades

WAIKATO RIVER, MERCER

Saturday DECEMBER 5th, 2020

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

Regatta Secretary
Mercer Rowing Club
PO Box 690
Pukekohe 2340

Tricia Balle
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021 265 0857

REGATTA INFORMATION

- Entry Fees are: \$5.00 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 9 and close 10pm on Sunday November 30
- Late entries will be accepted until 12pm on Wednesday December 2
- If the regatta is cancelled due to Covid levels, or a Club has to pull out due to a rower testing positive, entry fees will be refunded. However, if the cancellation occurs on Race Day (December 5), costs will have been incurred and refunds will unfortunately not be possible.
- 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. NO CLUBS ASIDE FROM COUNTIES MANUKAU CAN LAUNCH FROM THE COUNTIES SIDE. Parking is provided in the paddock behind the Mercer clubrooms.
- 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

For the first time ever, the final races of day will be a DASH FOR CASH! Each club or school taking part in the regatta can enter one boat into the Intermediate double (male and female) and the Club single (male and female) dashes. The dashes will take place upstream close to the boatsheds and the entrants will compete for at least \$100 cash per race. Entries can be made online or during the day of the regatta (a \$10 contribution will be collected on the day) and we encourage all clubs to enter rowers for this final fun event of the day.

Masters are encouraged to enter Novice, Intermediate or Club events! The list of events has been altered slightly from previous years.

The Don Strachan Mercer Regatta Cup will be awarded to the club who gains the most points over the day. *Last year's winner: Mercer Rowing Club*

We look forward to seeing you and your supporters on the 5th. Please make sure your coxes and blind scullers all read the information sheet before the regatta day.

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Mercer Regatta Entries

Tax Invoice

Regatta Date: Sat 5th December 2020

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 5th December 2020.

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

_____ sliding seats @ \$5.00 + 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.

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: 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

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 9 November 2020*
- Entries Close: *Sunday 30 November 2020 10pm*
- Scratchings, Late Entries* & Substitutions Open: *Monday 1 December around noon*
- Scratchings, Late Entries* & Substitutions Close: *Wed 3 December 12pm ***
 - * 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 Wednesday night before the regatta to check entries. All entries made after Tuesday night may not be included in the printed programme.

Please note that seat fees include a 50c+GST charged to be returned to the ARA to cover rowIT costs.

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Event #	Class	Event #	Class	Event #	Class
1	M Nov 8X+	25	M Int 4+	49	B U15 8+
2	W Nov 8X+	26	W Snr 2-	50	G U17 8+
3	W Int 4+	27	W Clb 2-	51	M Int 2X
4	M Snr 2-	28	G U15 4+	52	W Snr 4-
5	M Clb 2-	29	B U17 8+	53	W Clb 4+
6	G U16 2X	30	G U18 2X	54	B U16 1X
7	B U15 4X+	31	M Nov 4X+	55	G U15 2X
8	G U17 1X	32	W Int 8+	56	B U17 2X
9	B U18 2X	33	M Snr 2X	57	M Nov 4+
10	W Nov 4X+	34	M Clb 2X	58	M Snr 4X-
11	M Int 1X	35	G U16 1X	59	M Clb 4X-
12	W Snr 4X-	36	B U15 4+	60	G U17 4X+
13	W Clb 4X-	37	G U17 2X	61	M Int 4X+
14	B U16 2X	38	B U18 1X	62	W Snr 1X
15	G U15 8+	39	W Nov 4+	63	W Clb 1X
16	B U17 4+	40	M Int 8+	64	B U17 1X
17	G U18 1X	41	W Snr 2X	65	W Nov 8+
18	M Nov 8+	42	W Clb 2X	66	W Int 2X
19	W Int 4X+	43	G U15 4X+	67	M Snr 8+
20	M Snr 1X	44	B U17 4X+	68	M Clb 8+
21	M Clb 1X	45	M Nov 2X	69	W Snr 8+
22	B U15 2X	46	W Int 1X	70	W Clb 8+
23	G U17 4+	47	M Snr 4-	71	M Int 2x
24	W Nov 2X	48	M Clb 4+	72	W Int 2x
				73	M Club 1x
				74	W Club 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 5th 2020.
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 5th. 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.