

ROWING INSTRUCTIONS -- RHR 2012

Rowing, along with Sailing, has been continuously conducted at the Royal Hobart Regatta since its inception in 1838.

Originally, local and visiting whaling crews competed for valuable 'purses' of gold sovereigns, over a triangular course starting at Hunter Point (the site of the current grandstand), upstream to a point under Government House, then to the eastern shore Battery at Howrah Point, and return to the start at Hunter Point.

Later in the 19th Century the rowing races were conducted in eight-oared and four-oared boats with coxswains very similar in design to those still raced today. The current course is just over 1100 metres in length, starting from a fixed toggle line attached to the abutments of the Tasman Bridge by the Water Police for day/s of Royal Hobart racing. The course finish is from a point on the outer end of the 'Cattle Jetty', immediately in front of the grandstand, to a point on the eastern shore approximately 200 metres north from Rosny Point and marked by a white post (slightly leaning) adjacent to a submarine cable sign.

There will be a large buoy placed about 180 metres east from the Judges position, which is only an indicator to crews that they are in close proximity to the Finish; it does not have any status in determining race placings. Each crew finishing will have a sound signal accorded in a similar fashion as is normal for all rowing races nowadays. It is impossible to accurately lay a buoy at this location due to the extreme depth of water and a fast running stream.

The regatta will be conducted under the Racing Code and By-Laws of Rowing Tasmania (RT) unless specifically noted in order to facilitate the course and operations of this particular regatta.

Competing Clubs and Schools are requested to take particular note of Racing Code rule 21 re "Special Conditions for Racing"; rule 25 re "Side and Toggle Starts"; and rule 7 re "Racing Uniforms and Club and School Colours". Bow numbers should be used by all competitors. At present we don't generally have numbers 9 to 16 available, so if you are allocated a number over 8, please use the corresponding numbers 1 to 8 place on their side or upside down.

All entries will be scrutinised by the RT regatta manager to ensure that rowers are both properly registered and that under-age entrants conform to their correct status.

Some events are handicapped to allow for a variety of crews both in age and rowing experience, along with crews of either men or women, or mixed 50/50 men and women in the same crew, to race in the same event.

It is important that the rowing program finishes within its allotted time schedule in order that swimming and power boat events which follow are not unduly delayed. Therefore, the starter in conjunction with the umpire/s reserve the right to exclude any crew or sculler from racing, which excessively delays the start of any race due to lateness of arrival to the start, or in manoeuvring their boat into position on their allotted start toggle.

Lane One is nearest to western shore; that is nearest to the judges and spectators at the finish.

As a general rule, no power boats, with the exception of the umpires and rescue craft, are to follow any of the rowing races, saving for boats carrying media persons individually authorised by the Rowing co-ordinator, David Rattray. Any authorised boat may not proceed in front of the umpires at any stage of the race.

ROWING Program of Events for Royal Hobart Regatta -- Monday 13th February 2012

Time	Race No.	Event	Boat type					Classification					Category		
			1X	2X	4X	4+	8	U15	U17	U19	Open	Rec/Vet	Men	Women	Mixed
7.50am	1	M4X U17			x				x				x		
7.57am	2	W2X U17		x					x					x	
8.05am	3	M/W 1X Open	x								x				x
8.15am	4	M/W 8 Rec/Vet										x			x
8.25am	5	M4X U15			x				x				x		
8.35am	6	W2X U15		x					x					x	
8.45am	7	W8+ U19						x			x				x
8.55am	8	M8+ U19 and Octo						x			x			x	
9.05am	9	M/W 4X Rec/Vet			x							x			x
9.12am	10	W4X U17			x						x				x
9.20am	11	M2X U17		x							x				x
9.37am	12	W4X U15			x				x					x	
9.45am	13	M2X U15		x					x					x	
10.00am	14	M/W 8 Open handicap									x				x

Notes : *Boat-type codes : 1X = single scull; 2X = double scull; 4X = quad scull; 4+ = coxed four; 8 = coxed eight; Octo = 8-man scull .*

All competing rowers & coxswains MUST BE registered, financial members of 'Rowing Tasmania Inc'.

All Open and Recreation/Veteran races will be subject to handicapping wherever deemed necessary.

Quad Scull events should be preferably coxed, but any coxless crews will receive a 10 second handicap.

Each entry must include full names of all rowers, starting with Bow thru to Stroke, plus cox when applicable.

The basic on-water traffic rules that apply at Lake Barrington or Franklin shall apply at this regatta; with the same time & crew arrangements as apply within the 'Start zone' and for movement around the course.

Subject to the number of entrants to races 7 & 8, Under 19 Eights, we may opt to combine these races, leaving some vacant lanes between Men & Women crews.

Race start times may be amended slightly after all entries have been received.

All crews entered in the last event, 14; M/W 8 open handicap, must comprise at least 75% of rowers who have contested earlier races on the program.

After the last race, all crews will be required to be off the water by 10.15am in order for other R.H.Regatta events to commence.

Entries Close at NOON on Tuesday 7th Feb 2012; by email to : drat8194@bigpond.net.au