

Wits University Boat Club

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Notice of the 2nd Wits Winter Rowing Regatta 2018

1. VENUE:

Wemmer Pan, Pioneers Park, La Rochelle, Johannesburg

2. DATE:

Saturday 09 June 2018

3. TIME:

Racing will commence at 08h00 and end at approx. 14h00.

4. EVENTS / PARTICIPANTS:

The regatta will be run in terms of the relevant rules and laws as published in the RowSA Rules of Racing. All age divisions are welcome to enter.

Masters categories are as defined by the rules of racing, please enter accordingly. For clarity, please note that age will be for 2018 i.e. to calculate the age of a rower; simply subtract your year of birth from 2018. The nature and number of masters events will depend on the entries that are received.

5. ENTRY FEES:

Clubs are to be charged R50 per seat (excluding coxes). Clubs will be invoiced on the final draw and invoices will be handed to each club on the day of racing.

6. COURSE:

The course consists of eight fully buoyed straight lanes. There is no current. The start will be from rope held starts.

7. TRAILERS:

To prevent any traffic jams on the day it would be appreciated if trailers could be parked in the main car park. Boats may be kept within the venue. Cars are to be parked in the parking lot beyond the boatsheds. No parking will be allowed on the road down to the slipway.

8. ENTRIES:

Entries are available for all boat classes and age categories however **events offered will be determined by entries received**. Please submit your entries in whichever boat class and category you wish to race. We want to accommodate everyone. The more racing the better!

All entries are to be submitted on www.regatta.co.za by 17h00 on Monday 28 May 2018. The first draft will be emailed to each club on Tuesday 29 May 2018.

9. ORDER OF EVENTS & TIME GAPS:

The programme of racing will be sent to club captains beforehand to alleviate any problems that may arise. The organisers reserve the right to alter the program if necessary. Races will be raced to accommodate boat and people alleviate clashes wherever possible.

10. ON THE DAY

- **7h00** Welcoming of all athletes and a briefing of the Rules and race programme. This serves as a safety meeting and is compulsory to all those entered into the regatta.
- **7h15** Water opened for the athletes to warm up once the marshals have launched.
- **8h00** First Race of the day to commence and races every +-5min from there on. (Programme decided upon receiving entries)
- **14h00** Regatta scheduled to end. Food and drink to be enjoyed by all. Sing song and mixing of clubs to share the great atmosphere after a successful regatta!
- **General** Food and drink will be served all day

11. POINTS, PRIZES, TROPHIES AND/OR MEDALS

Winners of all races will receive medals. No points, prizes or trophies are offered.

12. TRAFFIC RULES

Traffic rules will be published in the programme distributed on the day. We will also run through them at the welcoming of the regatta to ensure clarity. All rules are posted on signs at the water and official RowSA rules must be followed whilst on the water at all times. There is to be no practicing of starts during the warm up owing to past accidents.

13. CATERING

Food and drinks will be on sale throughout the regatta and special effort will be made to get breakfast and lunch out and ready on time.

14. GENERAL:

The Wits University Boat Club members will be umpiring and running the entire regatta. We will have qualified officials advising and supervising the day's events.

For the parents of school rowers who wish to have a taste of rowing, we invite you to put together a crew and join us at the regatta. The S class category or the third division has been created for new rowers like you. It will be lots of fun!!

Refreshments and food will be on sale at the regatta. If anyone wishes to advertise in the regatta program please contact Brandon Bews at bewsbrandon@gmail.com.

Bring your friends and families to share in the fun!

We invite you to join us for festivities as well as copious supplies of food and drink in front of the Club House throughout the day and after prize giving. All are welcome!!!

Yours in rowing

Brandon Bews
Treasurer
Wits University Boat Club