



**NOTICE OF THE KNYSNA MIDWAY REGATTA AND HEADS RACE HOSTED BY
WESTERN CAPE ROWING
13th AND 14th of October 2018**

This notice of regatta is an invitation to all rowing senior schools/clubs in Southern Africa to participate in the Knysna Midway Classic Regatta and Knysna Heads Race as detailed in the notice below.

1. Venue:

- 1.1. Knysna Midway Classic Regatta: Belvidere Estate, Knysna.
- 1.2. Knysna Heads Race: Finish at the Belvidere Estate.

2. Date:

- 2.1 Knysna Midway Classic Regatta and Heads Races: Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th of October 2018.

3 Regatta Format:

- 3.1 The Knysna Midway Classic Regatta event consists of 4 lane sprint racing over a 1000m straight buoyed course.
 - 3.1.1 Final Race format will be dependant on the number of entries but will be a mixture of time trials and side by side racing over 1000m .
 - 3.1.2 WCRA and WESPRO hold the right to switch race formats/protocols if weather conditions require it.
- 3.2 Finals will only be scheduled for priority U19 1st crew events, where necessary. All other events will have times achieved in the heats determine their overall event positioning.
- 3.3 Saturday afternoon once all side by side finals are completed, WCRA hold the right to hold shorter course (4000m) heads racing on Saturday afternoon to include mid size boat classes.
- 3.4 The Sunday Heads Race is a 6km unbouyed course. While it is preferred that this event be rowed in 8+, any boat class will be allowed to enter. With times being the deciding factor of who wins in each category.
 - 3.4.1 Categories will be split by age group and by gender, not by boat class.
 - 3.4.2 It is at the schools discretion to enter **ONLY** competitive crews when choosing what boat class to select and it is at the organisers discretion to exclude any crew(s) for the same rationale.

4. Entries:

- 4.1 Entries are being limited to one crew per school/club per event, with additional crews being accommodated only where possible.
- 4.2 All entries must be submitted using **the online regatta entry system** at regatta.co.za (the event is already available on the system). Contact Mandy Henry , secretary@wcrowing.co.za should you need assistance.
- 4.3 Events offered along with the proposed race schedule are attached.
- 4.4 Closing date for entries and payment is Thursday 4th of October 2018 by 15h00.
- 4.5 NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED
- 4.6 The first draft will be emailed to participating schools/clubs by 09:00 on Tuesday the 9th October 2018; crew changes will be allowed until 10:00 on Wednesday 10th October by 10:00. Final draw to be finalised by the 11th October 2018.
- 4.7 Cost per entry: R70.00 per competitor per event including coxes. R5.00 from each seat to go towards development rowing and allowing for development rowers to attend the event.
- 4.8 Direct deposits can be made by using the following Banking Details:

WESTERN CAPE ROWING
STANDARD BANK
BRANCH NUMBER 036309
ACCOUNT: 07 304 8518
Reference: Club Name - Knysna

Proof of payment to Helene du Plooy (treasurer@wcrowing.co.za)

5 Refreshments:

The event will offer a free entry marquee with a variety of food and beverage vendors from the local Knysna area.

6 Rules and regulations:

- 6.1 The final draw will be published on the regatta.co.za website on Friday 11th October 2018. All issues relating to the programme are to be addressed with the regatta organisers well before this time. Only minor crew changes will be allowed after the final draw is published.
- 6.2 The Regatta will be run by WESPRO in terms of RowSA's Rules of Racing, available on the website: www.regatta.co.za. In addition, local regatta rules specific to the event will be published prior to the event.
- 6.3 All rowers entering the Regatta must be registered with RowSA.
- 6.4 By entering this regatta both the club and rower acknowledge that the entered rower has undergone and passed a sculling test.
- 6.5 All boats are to be fitted with heel straps, bow balls and lane numbers, and failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification.
- 6.6 No boats will be allowed through Control Commission without the Club ID file having been provided. All files are to be collected from Control Commission immediately before the final race of the day. Wespro accepts no responsibility for the file if not collected.

6.7 The two minute rule will be strictly applied for the duration of the regatta.

6.8 Events with two or less entries could be combined into another race – results will still be recorded in the specific event category.

7 Traffic Rules

7.1 The traffic rules applicable to the regatta are attached

7.2 A compulsory traffic rules and safety briefing for all coaches (or delegated person), coxes and rowers of non-coxed boats will be held at 06h00. Roll call will be taken and absence will result in disqualification.

7.3 Umpires briefing will take place at 05h45.

7.4 The first race of the day is scheduled for 06h30

8 Prize Giving:

A short prize giving and thanks will take place in the spectators Marquee 20 mins after the end of the final race, but all medals can be collected by winners of finals after each session is closed.

Medals will be awarded to 1st place in A events only.

9 Adverse Weather Conditions:

Regatta Control reserves the right to make changes to the racing Programme if the weather creates unfair or unsafe conditions.

10 Indemnity:

WCR; RowSA; WESPRO; NSRI, and ER24 medical facilities provided do not take responsibility for any damage to property or any bodily injury during the Knysna Midway Classic Regatta and Heads Race.

The entering of your club members serves as an acceptance of INDEMNITY in this regatta:

Viz: "We declare that we accept the rules of entry and that we shall participate in the Knysna Midway Regatta and Heads Race; at our own risk and indemnify the organisers, sponsors and officials of this rowing regatta against any claim of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising; which may result from our club's participation."