



REGATTA NOTICE
2018 Masters 49th Regatta

1. **Venue:**
Wemmer Pan, Pioneers Park, La Rochelle, Johannesburg
2. **Date:**
Saturday 1st of December 2018
3. **Time:**
Racing will commence at around 08h00.
4. **Events / Participants:**
The regatta will be run in terms of the relevant rules and laws as published in the ROWSA rulebook. Masters categories are as defined by the rules of racing, please enter accordingly. For clarity, please note that age will be for 2019 i.e. to calculate the age of a rower; simply subtract your year of birth from 2019. The nature and number of events will depend on the entries that are received.

New inclusion of non-masters:

This year The Wits University Boat Club has decided to open up racing to non-masters; so that inclusion of younger club members will be possible. However as this is a Masters Regatta the following rules will be put in place:

- Any boat including non-master's rowers will not be eligible for points or medals at the regatta.
- Non-masters will not receive points and will not contribute to their clubs overall points.
- No universities will be allowed to race at this regatta, the only non-master entries that will be permitted will be from clubs that are also entering Masters rowers in the same regatta.
- Medals will only be awarded to Masters.

We are hoping the inclusion of non-masters will create more competition within the races and expose younger members to Master's rowing.

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 the following boat classes however events offered will be determined by entries received.

Men's 1st Division 4-
Men's 1st Division 4x
Men's 1st Division 2x
Men's 1st Division 1x

Men's 2nd Division 4x
Men's 2nd Division 2x
Men's 2nd Division 1x

Ladies 2nd Division 4x

Ladies 2nd Division 2x
Ladies 2nd Division 1x

Mixed 3rd Division 4x
Mixed 3rd Division 2x
Mixed 3rd Division 1x

Mixed 8+

Please submit your entries in whichever boat class and category you wish to race. If we receive enough entries we will have races in three divisions for each class of boat (Division 1 being for the fastest irrespective of age). The winner and ranking will be determined by handicapping in

terms of the ROWSA Handicapping Table for Masters Racing. We want to accommodate everyone. The more racing the better!

All entries are to be submitted on www.regatta.co.za by 17:00 on Monday the 26th of November 2018.

9. Order of Events & Time Gaps:

The program 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 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)

9h00 Breakfast to be served.

11h00 Food cooked and ready to be served to athletes. Racing scheduled to end and elite rowers to be selected for a final race.

12h00 Food and drink to be enjoyed by all involved in the racing.

11. SELECTIONS OF SWANS AND GEESE

There will be a selector present at the regatta to watch over all division one races. He will decide at the end of all races and based primarily on results, which the top athletes of the day are. The top eight Men's athletes will be chosen to fill two quads and the top four ladies athletes will be chosen to fill two doubles. The top quad and double will be the Swans and the others the Geese. These boats will be mixed club boats and offers a chance to race with the enemy and develop more relationships within the Masters' community.

12.POINTS, PRIZES, TROPHIES AND/OR MEDALS

Winners of all races will receive Masters Regatta medals.
Selections for the Swans and Geese will receive a shirt for their respective crews.

Medals will not be awarded to non-masters.

Please note that prize giving will take place 30 minutes after the last race has been completed.

13.TRAFFIC RULES

Traffic rules will be published in the program 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.

14.CATERING

Food and drinks will be on sale throughout the regatta and special effort will be made to get lunch out and ready on time when athletes have finished racing.

15.General:

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

We are hoping to draw in many new masters. Please note for this year's Masters Regatta you are eligible to compete if you were born in 1992! But for the Alumni crews, you may make use of the odd person that is younger than 27 but not registered as a student.

Refreshments and food will be on sale at the regatta.
Bring your friends and families to share in the fun!

Yours in rowing

The SA Masters Regatta Committee
c/o Wits University Boat Club