

## 84<sup>th</sup> J. B. SHARP MEMORIAL REGATTA SERIES 2008.

A meeting of the J.B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series Committee was held at Balmain Rowing Club on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April and the following programme; conditions of entry and rules were adopted for the 2008 regatta series :-

### J. B. SHARP REGATTA PROGRAMME 2008

	Host	GLEBE	UTS	DRUMMOYNE	LEICHHARDT	BALMAIN
	Rowing Club	Rowing Club	Rowing Club	Rowing Club	Rowing Club	Rowing Club
	Course	Rodd Is. to Drummoyne	Leichhardt to UTS	Rodd Is. to Drummoyne	Stone wall to past Leichhardt.	Bridge to Balmain
	Tide	1039 1.27m	1055 1.39m	0933 1.31m	0939 1.44m	0829 1.36m
Event	Start	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
#	Time	22/6/08	6/7/08	20/7/08	3/8/08	17/8/08
	AM	500 M	1000 M	850 M	800 M	1000 M
1.	9.30	WU16 1x*	WU16 1x*	WU16 1x*	WU16 1x*	WU16 1x*
2.	9.40	MI 4+	MI 4+	MI 4+	MI 4+	MI 4+
3.	9.50	WI 4x	WI 4x	WI 4x	WI 4x	WI 4x
4.	10.00	MU16 1x*	MU16 1x*	MU16 1x*	MU16 1x*	MU16 1x*
5.	10.10	MO 2-	MI 2x	MO 2x	MI 2x	MO 2x
6.	10.20	WN 4x	WN 4x	WN 4x	WN 4x	WN 4x
7.	10.30	MN 1x*	MN 1x*	MN 1x*	MN 1x*	MN 1x*
8.	10.40	MO 4+	MO 4+	MO 4+	MO 4+	MO 4+
9.	10.50	WO 4x	WO 4x	WO 4x	WO 4x	WO 4x
10.	11.00	H 1x*	H 1x*	H 1x*	H 1x*	H 1x*
11.	11.10	MO 4x	MI 4x	MO 4x	MO 4x	MI 4x
12.	11.20	WO 4+	WO 8+	WO 4+	WO 8+	WO 4+
13.	11.30	WN 1x*	WN 1x*	WN 1x*	WN 1x*	WN 1x*
14.	11.40	MN 4x	MN 4x	MN 4x	MN 4x	MN 4x
15.	11.50	WI 2x	WO 2x	WI 2x	WO 2x	WI 2x
16.	NOON	MO 8+	MO 8+	MO 8+	MO 8+	MO 8+

12.40 PM Trophies will be presented to the winner of the Handicap Scull (H 1x) and the winners of the MN 1x; WN 1x; MU16 1x & WU16 1x <events marked \* which are normally raced in 2 divisions [see 5.(f) fields]>.

**2. CODE** W = Women's Event; M = Men's Event; H = Handicap Event; U16 = Under 16 (15 years or under [see 5. (j) II]; N = Novice Grade; I = Intermediate Grade; O = Open Grade (open to any age or status); 1x = single scull; 2x = double scull; 4x = quad scull; 4+ = coxed four; 8+ = eight.

**3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY** Competition (ie. starting) in races constitutes an undertaking that members of clubs and schools will abide by the rules and status conditions governing competition and will comply with any decision or instruction of the J.B. Sharp Regatta Series Committee and NSWRA Union of Boat Race Officials.

All rowing clubs are encouraged to compete in the Series and participate in the various point scores.

Schools are invited to compete however are not eligible to score points in the various trophies.

All competitors are required to wear their club or school's registered racing colours and be proficient swimmers.

**4. SCULLER REGISTRATION** Clubs and schools must advise the Convener of their competitors in the Men's & Women's Novice & U16 sculls full names and dates of birth by email ([terrymaher@fastmail.com.au](mailto:terrymaher@fastmail.com.au)) not later than the Thursday prior to the regatta. Clubs and schools with more than one competitor in these events will be allocated crew numbers (eg Leichhardt 1, Leichhardt 2, Leichhardt 3 etc) on the competition spread sheet and will carry NSWRA lane numbers corresponding to their crew number. The competition spread sheet will be emailed to competing clubs, schools and the Boat Race Officials on the Friday prior to the regatta. Unregistered Novice & U16 scullers may be denied a start.

**Handicap Scullers MUST register** either by email to the Convener ([terrymaher@fastmail.com.au](mailto:terrymaher@fastmail.com.au)) or with the Handicapper Kim Mackney ([rowing\\_robbyn@hotmail.com](mailto:rowing_robbyn@hotmail.com)) (0408 460355) by 9.30am at the venue so that they can be allocated a handicap and scullers bow number (\$20 deposit) for the Series. All competitors in the Handicap Scull are required to advise the Handicapper of their intention to start at each regatta. Refer to 5. (d) I; II; & III.

**No lodgement of entries is required in other events**, simply report to the starter not less than five minutes before the advertised starting time of the event for a lane allocation.

### **5. RULES**

(a) The Series will be contested by approved clubs and competition will take place for the following trophies :-

- I. The J.B Sharp Memorial Cup - overall point score (women's points included)\*\*
- II. The Sid Sharp Trophy - men's Novice & U16 point score excluding the men's Novice Scull .
- III. The Kayser Shield - women's Open and Intermediate point score.
- IV. Glebe Centenary Shield - men's Open and Intermediate point score.
- V. The Walker & Hall Challis\*\* - Handicap Scull point score (open to all registered competitors)
- VI. The Kevyn Webb OAM Cup - men's Novice Scull point score.
- VII. The John Sharp Trophy – women's Novice and U16 point score.

(b) **Points** Points will be awarded to in the following manner :- **Novice & Under 16 races** : 1<sup>st</sup> 8 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 points. **Intermediate** : 1<sup>st</sup> 6 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 points. **Open** : 1<sup>st</sup> 4 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 point.

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**(c) Format** Five regattas will be conducted under the patronage of the Sharp family each commencing at 9.30am and having 16 events at 10 minute intervals concluding at noon. Each regatta will include:-

- A novice scull for both men and women.
- A novice four or quad scull for men and women.
- A Under 16 sculling race for men & women.
- A handicap scull\*\* (open to all NSWRA registered competing members).
- Three intermediate events.
- Two Open events for men & women.

**(d) Handicap Scull\*\*** I. No points toward the Memorial Cup will be awarded for the H1x which is open to all NSWRA registered competitors with the following points being allocated :- 1<sup>st</sup> 8 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> 4 points; 4<sup>th</sup> 3 points; 5<sup>th</sup> 2 points; 6<sup>th</sup> 1 point. The finish of the H1x will be video recorded.

II. Should more than 25 scullers indicate their intention to race, the Handicap Scull will be divided into two divisions based on handicap. The first division will comprise the faster scullers (those with higher handicaps) and the second division will comprise the slower scullers (lower handicaps). Margins will be timed for 2nd to 10th in each division. The Handicapper will calculate the winner and place getters from the two divisions factoring in handicaps.

III. Scullers “jumping the start” or starting prior to their allocated handicap will be disqualified.

**(e) Distances** The maximum distance of events will be 1000 metres or as indicated on the programme.

**(f) Finish** The first crew & subsequent crews will receive a horn blast. The race lapsed time & margins will be recorded.

**(g) Fields** Should more than 10 crews present themselves to the start, the starter will draw the competitors into two or more divisions (races). Trophies will be awarded to the crews recording the fastest times in the event. Points will be awarded to both divisions. Fields of 9 or 10 crews will be followed by 2 umpires.

**(h) Craft** All four oar events are coxed. Coxswains must carry weights as necessary to exceed the minimum weight rule. All quad scull events are coxless. Quads carrying coxswains will be permitted to start at the crew’s disadvantage. All quads must have an operative steering system. All equipment must comply with NSWRA safety rules ie. have bow balls fitted and heel tie downs must be fitted to prevent injury and drowning.

**(i) Lanes** Lane allocations will be at the discretion of the starter. In the handicap scull “go” will start nearest the starter and scullers will line up in order of their handicap. Host clubs will provide a marshalling boat to assist at the start.

**(j) Status** I. **Novice** - For the purpose of the Series a novice competitor is one who has not won three novice races as a rower or three novice races as a sculler or won a higher standard of race prior to the series. **Once a novice competitor has won a race in a class of boat (1x, 4x) during the Series, he/she/they are no longer able to compete in novice events in that class of boat. Additionally, competitors in the Novice Scull must never have faced the starter in rowing, sculling, surf boat or school rowing events prior to the commencement of the Series and must be registered with the Convener (see 4.).**

II. **Under 16** - A competitor ceases to be Under 16 on 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 15 years. **Under 16 competitors must be registered with the Convener (see 4.).**

III. **Intermediate** - For the purposes of the Series an intermediate competitor must never have :-

- won a Senior, or Elite race at any level of competition,
- won a Senior B (U22) Championship at state or national level or a Senior B race at a National Selection Regatta,
- represented the state or Australia at an interstate or international regatta in Senior A, Elite or Open events.

IV. **Open Events** - Are open to all registered competitors.

**(k) Coxswains** - May be of either gender and must comply with the minimum weight rules.

**(l) Composite** - No club or school will be permitted to row composite crews. Should circumstances necessitate it, women may compete in men's crews (to a maximum of 50%) provided that the status rules are complied with. **Women’s crews are not permitted to contest men’s events.**

**(m) Rowers Changing Clubs** - Competitors must race only for the club of their current NSWRA registration. This is essential for accident insurance cover. NSWRA registrations are renewable on 1st July, 2008.

**6. BREACH OF THE RULES** may result in disqualification from a race; an event; or for the entire Series and/or disqualification of a club or school from the Series. Breaches of the status rules will result in disqualification from the race/s and an 8 point penalty deduction per race.

**7. PROTESTS** Written protests shall be lodged with the Convener and resolved in consultation with the Jury and the Regatta Series Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final and binding.

**8. INCLEMENT WEATHER** A regatta may be postponed or abandoned by the Convener in consultation with the Referee and Jury due to inclement weather.

**9. RACE OFFICIALS** The NSW Rowing Association will roster a Jury and Referee from those available Officials for each regatta. The support of the NSWRA and the Boat Race Officials in the conduct of the Series is most appreciated. To assist in recruiting more Boat Race Officials, all competing clubs are asked to provide a minimum of one trainee (new) official for each regatta and a marshal at the start.

We would like to thank John and the Sharp family for their 84 years of continuous patronage of this wonderful Series.

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