



J. B. SHARP MEMORIAL REGATTA SERIES

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We are delighted to announce that a sponsorship has been secured with Lea Insurance Brokers, a leader in innovative broking. The following incorporates changes to the rules for the 86th Series to integrate the sponsorship's additional trophy events and perpetual trophy.

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	Host	GLEBE Rowing Club	DRUMMOYNE Rowing Club	BALMAIN Rowing Club	UTS Rowing Club	LEICHHARDT Rowing Club
	Course	Rodd Is. to Drummoyne	Rodd Is.t o Drummoyne	Bridge to Balmain	Stone wall to past Leichhardt.	Leichhardt.t o UTS
	Tide	0845 1.37m	0852 1.30m	TBA	TBA	TBA
Event	Start	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
#	Time	13/6/2010	27/6/2010	11/7/2010	25/7/2010	8/8/2010
	AM	800 M	800 M	1000 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 4+	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+

12.45 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; MN4x & WN4x <events marked * which are normally raced in 2 divisions [see 5.(f) fields]> at the host venue.

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 RNSW 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.

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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) 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 RNSW lane numbers corresponding to their crew number to assist the judges in identifying scullers. 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) by the Friday prior or with the Handicapper Kim Mackney (rowing_robbyn@hotmail.com) (0410 460355) by 9.30am at the venue so that they can be allocated a handicap and a lane bow number 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 excluding the women's Novice Scull.
- VIII. The Lea Insurance Brokers Trophy – women's Novice Scull point score.

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

(c) **Format** Five regattas will be conducted under the patronage of the Sharp family and sponsorship of Lea Insurance Brokers 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 (trophy events).
- A novice quad scull for men and women (trophy events).
- A Under 16 sculling race for men & women (trophy events).
- A handicap scull** (trophy event).
- 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 RNSW registered competitors with the following points being allocated :- 1st 8 points; 2nd 6 points; 3rd 4 points; 4th 3 points; 5th 2 points; 6th 1 point. The finish of the H1x will be video recorded.

II. Should more than 25 scullers indicate their intention to race then the Handicap Scull will be divided into two divisions based on handicaps. 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 time in the event. Points will be awarded to both divisions. Fields of 9 or 10 crews will be followed by 2 umpires.

(h) **Craft & Safety** All four and eight 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 RNSW safety rules ie. have bow balls fitted and heel tie downs must be fitted to prevent injury and drowning.

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(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 or D Grade** - For the purpose of the Series a novice competitor is one who has not won three novice (D Grade) races as a rower or three novice races (D Grade) 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 31st 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 or B Grade** - For the purposes of the Series an intermediate competitor must never have :-

- won a Senior (A Grade), or Elite race at any level of competition,
- won a Senior B (U23) 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 RNSW registration. This is essential for accident insurance cover. RNSW registrations are renewable on 1st July, 2010.

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 RNSW will roster a Jury and Referee from those available Officials for each regatta. The support of the RNSW and the Boat Race Officials in the conduct of the Series is most appreciated.

10. REGATTA HOST VOLUNTEERS 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 in a boat at the start. A PA system and commentator shall be provided situated with the Convener so that results and the Referee's instructions can be relayed at the host venue.

We would like to thank John and the Sharp family for their 86 years of continuous patronage of this wonderful Series. Through John's contacts we have been able to secure the support of Lea Insurance Brokers who we welcome to this prestigious event.

Terry Maher (Convener) 13/5/2010.

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