

# (Trial) LMRC Race Boat Allocations – leading up to Regattas

## Context:

- LMRC is experiencing significant demand on boats due to the increased number of competing crews (>80% of active members), with a small boat trailer and new 4X- and 2X- racing shells now ordered.
- Controls around the use of Race Boats provide greater likelihood of maintaining their quality, so allocations are made based on crew's suitability and standard, whilst attempting to provide appropriate crews opportunity to race in quality craft rather automatic allocation to any one crew.
- Some race craft have been used outside of the access period of 2 weekends prior to the attended regatta – through either lack of awareness, intent, and/or a previous crew's error in use.
- We are also experiencing unclear, incomplete, or incorrect entries; and some people who are regularly requesting last minute changes to their race entries AFTER official close of entries - in some cases seeking changes by the CDRA without referral or approval from the Club Captain, making regatta allocations and tracking race fees far more difficult, placing unfair demands on personal time.

## Purpose:

- Provide greater clarity on Race Boat allocations and use - consistent with the LMRC Boat Allocation Policy, the intended use of race craft, and to maintain boat quality and longevity.
- Bring forward the LMRC Closing Dates for regatta entries to allow clearer Provisional boat allocations for crews and help ease the race allocation process with reasonable time to process and adjust.
- Address issues arising from poor race entry details, and eliminate last minute changes due to lack of organisation by members which place unnecessary demands on those doing the allocations.

## Processes for Regatta entries and boat allocations, complementary to the LMRC Boat Allocation Policy are:

- LMRC close of entries will be three (3) weeks prior to each regatta i.e. extended by one week to allow better planning and clearer provisional boat allocations – a schedule of respective dates is attached and will be placed on the LMRC Noticeboard. This will require urgent placement of entries for the next few regattas.
- Race entries are to be on the entry form provided, and COMPLETE (ALL crew, Coaches recommended but optional), CLEARLY WRITTEN with FULL, CORRECT NAME (not nicknames) – otherwise entries may NOT be processed.
- To reduce entry error / confusion / unpaid entry fees & unnecessary work, LMRC will request the CDRA NOT to accept any late entry changes unless approved by the LMRC Club Captain or nominee.
- The same Boat Booking requirements remain, including:
  - All boat bookings to be recorded on the board, clear name, date and time (max. 1 hr), non-racing crews are NOT to use Race Boats.
  - All Crews are to use boats within their weight range (as heavier crews have greater limitation on choice) – crew weights are listed on the Boat Booking Board.
- In order to use Race craft, "Race Crews" must have the majority of LMRC crew actually competing AT the impending regatta i.e. not less than 3 in a 4X/4-, or a full 2X/2- crew.
- Provisional race boat allocations may change once the final regatta programme has been determined by RNSW/CDRA – live with it!
- Only club oars allocated to the race boats are to be used UNLESS specific approval from the Captain.
- Provisional allocations are not exclusive use by any one crew – crews are to ensure common sense, courtesy, and a fair sharing of use with other allocated crews.
- Consistent non-compliance of members will be referred to the Committee.
- In the unlikely event of exceptional circumstances, a majority of LMRC Committee members present at the time may provide specific approval for a variation to these rules.
- Attempts to by-pass these processes outside of exceptional circumstances and without specific approval will not be viewed kindly and will solicit the appropriate response and future allocation.
- Genuine issues may be elevated to the LMRC Committee – with emphasis on the previous points!
- The Committee will regularly review the above during the trial to ensure suitability and compliance.

**All members are to constructively support this process and actively assist in its application.**

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<b>2013 - 2014 Regatta Calendar</b>						
LMRC Entry Closing Date	Date	Day	Regatta	Host	Venue	Type
	<b>January</b>					
Friday, 20-12-13	10/01/2014	Fri-Sun	Taree Summer Regatta	NSW	Manning River	Club
	<b>February</b>					
Saturday, 11-01-14	1/02/2014	Sat	Rowing NSW Small Boats Regatta	NSW	SIRC	Club
Saturday, 11-01-14	1/02/2014	Sat	Pymble Ladies College	NSW	Iron Cove	School
Saturday, 11-01-14	1/02/2014	Sat	Sydney Boys High School	NSW	Hen & Chicken	School
Saturday, 11-01-14	1/02/2014	Sat	Tweed Heads & Coolangatta Rowing Club	NRRA	Tweed River	Club
Sunday, 12-01-14	2/02/2014	Sun	NRRA Age Championship	NRRA	Clarence River, Grafton	Club
Saturday, 18-01-14	8/02/2014	Sat	Sydney Girls High School	NSW	Iron Cove	School
Saturday, 18-01-14	8/02/2014	Sat	Sydney Grammar School	NSW	Hen & Chicken	School
Saturday, 18-01-14	8/02/2014	Sat	Newcastle Grammar School	CDRA	Berry Park	Club
Sunday, 19-01-14	9/02/2014	Sun	Balmain Rowing Club	NSW	Iron Cove	Club
Sunday, 19-01-14	9/02/2014	Sun	Endeavour Rowing Club	CDRA	Berry Park	Club
Friday, 24-01-14	14/02/2014	Fri-Sun	NSW Rowing Championships	NSW	SIRC	Club
Saturday, 25-01-14	15/02/2014	Sat	St Josephs College	NSW	Hen & Chicken	School
Saturday, 1-02-14	22/02/2014	Sat	Newington College	NSW	Hen & Chicken	School
Saturday, 1-02-14	22/02/2014	Sat	PLC/Kings/RNSW	NSW	SIRC	School/Club
Sunday, 2-02-14	23/02/2014	Sun	Leichhardt Rowing Club	NSW	Iron Cove [LEICH]	Club
Sunday, 2-02-14	23/02/2014	Sun	South Grafton High Rowing Club & Iluka Rowing Club	NRRA	Clarence River, Grafton	Club
Sunday, 2-02-14	23/02/2014	Sun	AHIGS-IGSSA	NSW	SIRC	School
	<b>March</b>					
Saturday, 8-02-14	1/03/2014	Sat	The Shore School	NSW	Iron Cove	School
Saturday, 8-02-14	1/03/2014	Sat	MLC School	NSW	Hen & Chicken	School
Sunday, 9-02-14	2/03/2014	Sun	DRC Rowers	NSW	Iron Cove [DRUM]	Club
Saturday, 15-02-14	8/03/2014	Sat	Shore & St Josephs	NSW	Hen & Chicken	School
Saturday, 15-02-14	8/03/2014	Sat	Sydney Rowing Club	NSW	SIRC	Club/School
Saturday, 15-02-14	8/03/2014	Sat-Sun	CDRA Championships	CDRA	Manning River	Club
Sunday, 16-02-14	9/03/2014	Sun	NSW Schoolboy Head of the River	NSW	SIRC	School
Thursday, 20-02-14	13/03/2014	Thu	NSW Combined High School Championships	NSW	SIRC	School
Saturday, 22-02-14	15/03/2014	Sat	AAGPS Head of the River	NSW	SIRC	School
Sunday, 23-02-14	16/03/2014	Sun	NSW Schoolgirl Head of the River	NSW	SIRC	School
Sunday, 23-02-14	16/03/2014	Sun	NRRA Masters Championships	NRRA	Tweed River	Masters
Monday, 3-03-14	24/03/2014	Mon-Sun	Sydney International Rowing Regatta	RA	SIRC	
	<b>April</b>					
Sunday, 16-03-14	6/04/2014	Sun	Drummoyne Masters	NSW	Iron Cove [DRUM]	Masters
Saturday, 22-03-14	12/04/2014	Sat-Sun	NSW Edward Trickett Grade Championship	NSW	SIRC	Club
	<b>May</b>					
Thursday, 10-04-14	1/05/2014	Thu-Sun	Australian Masters Championships	RA	West Lakes, SA	Masters
Saturday, 19-04-14	10/05/2014	Sat	Iron Cove Masters	NSW	Iron Cove [LEICH]	Masters
Saturday, 26-04-14	17/05/2014	Sat-Sun	NSW Masters Championships	NSW	SIRC	Masters