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# Wemmer Pan Rowing Club

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22 August 2011

## NOTICE OF THE WEMMER SPRINT ROWING REGATTA 15 & 16 October 2011

**This notice of regatta is an invitation to all rowing clubs in Southern Africa to participate in this prestigious sprint rowing regatta, celebrating 100 years at the Pan, as detailed in the notice below.**

- 1. Venue:**  
Wemmer Pan, Pioneers Park, La Rochelle, Johannesburg.
- 2. Date:**  
Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 October 2011
- 3. Time:**  
Racing starts at 08h00 on Saturday and Sunday.
- 4. Events/Participants:**  
The events are listed on the attached draft programme and all will be rowed over a straight course of 702 metres less the boat length. The Regatta will be run in terms of the relevant rules and laws as published in the RowSA rulebook, and in terms of the conditions contained in this notice.

Masters categories are as defined by FISA. The RowSA handicapping system will be used.

**Please note that no Junior open events or Junior 16 sweep oar events have been offered. Any Junior open or Junior 16 sweep oar crew are encouraged to enter Senior events. Junior first crews should enter Senior A events, Junior second and third and Junior 16A sweep oar crews should enter Senior B events and Junior 16 B sweep oar crews should enter Senior C events.**

- 5. Entry Fees:**  
**Spectators:** Non-competing spectator gate entry fee will be R 25.00 per day for adults **OR**, R40 for two days and R 20.00 per day for children and teenagers **OR**, R30 for two days.

**Competitors:** Scholars and all coxswains and parents in parent's race - Free. Masters and Senior Club competitors will be charged R20 per rower per race. Entry fees are to be remitted by the clubs on the race day before the first race.

**ANY ROWERS OR CREWS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR ENTRY FEES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RACE.**

**6. Course:**

The course consists of 8 fully buoyed straight lanes. There is no current. Each lane is equipped with a rope start buoy that should be used by all crews during the aligning process.

All parties must please familiarise themselves with the new rules of water. These rules will be published in the Sprint brochure and on the notice board at the end of the slipway.

**Trailers:**

All trailers must be parked in the swimming pool lot from where the boats are carried into the rowing enclosure.

While security will be provided from the Friday evening through to the Sunday evening, all visiting clubs are reminded that they need to make their own insurance arrangements and that the Wemmer Pan Rowing Club will not accept any liability for any loss or damage to equipment on our premises.

**7. Entries**

7.1 Entries close at 17h00 on Monday 10 October 2011. Late entries may be accepted provided there are available lanes.

7.2 Only 2 entries per club per event will be accepted. If there are available lanes thereafter, they will be assigned to third and subsequent entries by lot until all lanes have been allocated.

7.3 The draw will take place on the evening of Tuesday 11 October 2011. The draw will be published on the [regatta.co.za](http://regatta.co.za) website.

7.4 As per the RowSA directive entries should be made via the internet at ([www.regatta.co.za](http://www.regatta.co.za)). Club representatives who are not familiar with the regatta entry system should contact Carol at RowSA to obtain a password and operating instructions.

7.5 Provision has been made on the program of events for a parent's race on the Saturday and Sunday. Entries will be confirmed on each day not via the regatta entry system.

7.6 Late entries will be allocated to empty lanes in existing events in the order in which they are received. If no empty lanes are available, the late entry will not be accepted. No late entries will be accepted after 12h00 on Wednesday 12 October 2011. A fee of R25 per seat will be charged for late entries.

**8. Order of Events and Time Gaps**

The order of events will be as indicated on the attached draft programme. The organisers however reserve the right to alter this programme if necessary.

Club captains' and coaches' attention is drawn to the sequencing races as set out in the draft programme. Crew entries and boat allocation should be planned around this order of

events. The organisers will not be able to delay the published start times of any races in order to accommodate crew or boat clashes.

**9. Heats**

No heats will be rowed. If more than 8 entries are received for any event, the entries will be divided by draw into straight races, which will be rowed successively. The crew recording the fastest time of all the relevant races will be declared the winner of the event and awarded the medal(s).

**10. Lateness at the Start and False Starts:**

10.1 Any crews who are late for the start of any event without prior approval of Regatta Control will be excluded from the race. The “2 minute rule” will be strictly applied.

10.2 Any crew that makes a false start will be excluded from that event and will be instructed to stop rowing by the umpire. No race will be interrupted because of a false start.

11. Any event attracting less than 2 entries at the time of the draw will be cancelled.

12. There will be no Representatives Meeting. Crew name changes, scratching and applications for late entries may be made via the internet before Wednesday 12 October 2011.

13. Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

14. A 100 Year At The Pan celebration party will be held in the evening of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October after the day’s racing. Tickets will be advertised in advance and will be on sale throughout the day.

**15. Trophies awarded at the regatta.**

**- Wemmer Sprint Trophy 1970 - Points Award**

This floating trophy will be awarded to the club gaining the highest number of points on the following basis:

- a) All open and school clubs may compete.
- b) Clubs may select a maximum of 4 events of those offered, from which they can earn points.
- c) The events selected, together with the name of the nominated crews must be filled in on the forms provided and must be handed to the Regatta Secretary before the first race on Saturday 15 October 2011.
- d) Only one crew per club may be nominated to earn points in any one event. The nominated crew must be identified.
- e) Points will be awarded as follows:
  - 1st place      3 points
  - 2nd place     2 points
  - 3rd place     1 point
- f) The club gaining the highest number of points will be awarded the trophy.

**- Youngest Oarsman Shield - Donated by C G Cavalieri**

This trophy will be awarded to the youngest rower competing at the regatta. The qualification being that the rower must have competed during the current season in at least two (2) regattas prior to the Wemmer Sprint. Nominations must be handed to the Regatta Secretary before the first race on Saturday 15 October 2011.

**15. The Decade Record Awards**

The winning crew which breaks a record that has stood for ten years or more in any Senior A or Junior A event, will be awarded a cash contribution to their club for the amounts as listed below:

Event	Set By	Record Time	Date Set	Cash Incentive
Mens A 4-	Old Eds	1:56.81	1993	R10,000-00
Mens A 4+	Old Eds	2:02.38	1994	R1,000-00
Mens A 8+	VLC/Viking	1:51.7	1996	R1,000-00
Mens A 1x	VLC	2:18.00	1994	R1,000-00
Womens A 8+	Wemmer	2:13.66	1996	R1,000-00
JM14 A 1x	Parktown	2:46.00	1986	R500-00

**As you note we are very keen to have a new record time for the Men's A Coxless four and have set a once-off increase in the incentive for this club's centenary regatta.**

This notice has, to the best of our knowledge, been sent to all rowing clubs in South Africa at the addresses known to us. Additional electronic copies of this notice can be requested by e-mail at [shaun@housesupreme.co.za](mailto:shaun@housesupreme.co.za).

Yours faithfully

Rod MacKinnon  
Chairman

**WEMMER SPRINT  
10 OCTOBER 2009  
NOMINATIONS ENTRY FORM**

**Name Of Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Event Number</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Name of Stroke</b>
<b>1</b>			
<b>2</b>			
<b>3</b>			
<b>4</b>			

**Club Captain/Coach**