



# the 125th annual BUFFALO REGATTA 2012

## Regatta Notice and information

The East London Boating Association is pleased to invite entries for the 125<sup>th</sup> annual Buffalo Regatta to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 in East London on the Buffalo River.

### Regatta format

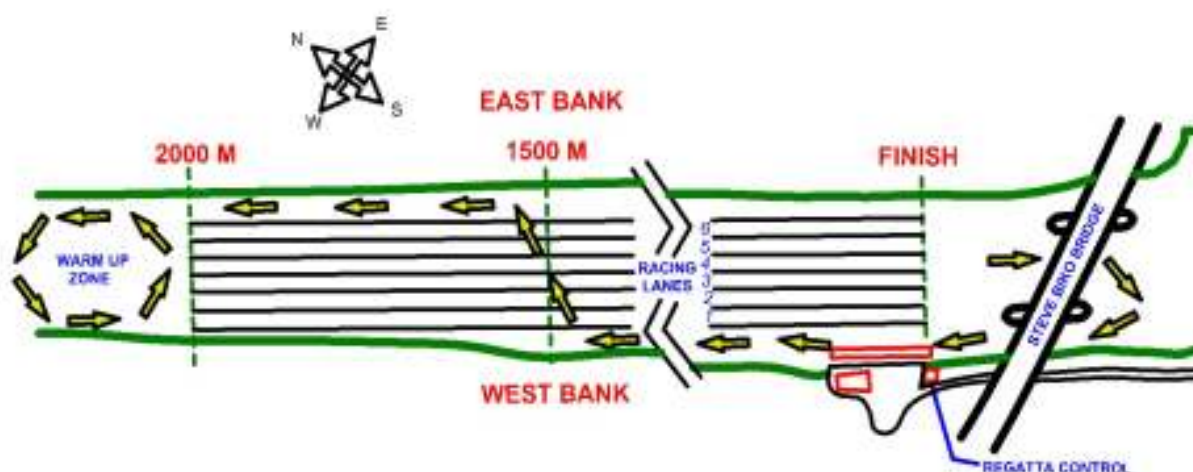
1. The regatta consists of six lane sprint racing over 1000 and 2000 meters.
2. The provisional schedule for the Buffalo Regatta is as follows:

16 <sup>th</sup> February	06h00 to 18h00	- Junior heats
18 <sup>th</sup> February	06h00 to 08h00	- Senior heats
18 <sup>th</sup> February	08h00 to 17h30	- Finals
3. Rope held starts will be used at all starts.

### Local Rules

4. Except as detailed below the RowSA Rules of Racing apply.
5. Junior rowers may enter as many events as they wish, however no junior may enter a senior event.
6. Junior clubs/schools may enter a maximum of two (2) crews per event except as allowed in rule 39.
7. All events are restricted to a maximum field of 18 boats. If the maximum limit is exceeded, clubs with more than one entry will be subjected to a random elimination of the required number of second crews.
8. Senior rowers and clubs may enter as many crews and races as they wish, provided the maximum limit of 18 boats per event is not exceeded, in which case rule 7 will apply.
9. No composite crews are permitted, except in Masters Events.
10. No sculler or complete crew may enter in two different age categories.
11. Progression to finals will be as follows:
  - a. 1 entry - no race
  - b. 2 – 6 entries - straight final
  - c. 7 – 12 entries - 2 heats, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> from each heat, and next two fastest times.
  - d. 13 – 18 entries - 3 heats, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from each heat.
12. If a crew is too far behind the leading crews such that it is an impediment to the following race, the umpire will instruct the crew to stop rowing and vacate the course immediately.
13. No crew from a club that has outstanding entry fees will be allowed to boat until appropriate arrangements have been made with the Regatta Treasurer.

## Rules of navigation (during the regatta)



14. Boats may only be launched from the jetties.
15. Crews are requested to spend no longer than 2 minutes launching and landing boats.
16. Boats must be launched on the West Bank with bows pointing up river.
17. All boats must proceed upriver against the West Bank (Clubhouse Bank) and must remain on this side of the river as they move towards the start marks. At the 1500 metre mark, crews must move across the course to the East Bank and carry on to the 2000 metre start mark. Crews may only cross the course when it is safe to do so. It is strictly forbidden for any crew to move upriver against the West Bank between the 1500 metre and 2000 metre marks.
18. It is strictly forbidden for any crew to row upriver in any one of the 6 buoyed racing lanes at any time.
19. The designated warm-up area is upriver of the 2000m mark. During warm-up all crews are to circulate moving upriver against the East Bank (City side) and downriver against the West Bank (Clubhouse side).
20. During training, crews moving from the start to the finish line may only row down the course in lanes 5 and 6. Lanes 3 and 4 must be considered as forbidden territory and lanes 1 and 2 for moving upriver. No training crews will be permitted to boat during regatta time.
21. Any crew required to return to the jetties during a regatta and is not part of a race, may only do so under the permission and instruction of a regatta umpire. The returning crew must utilize the racing lanes in between races to move safely to the finish line.
22. Crews reaching the finish line and intending to return to the jetties must proceed through the Steve Biko Bridge between the pylons before turning towards the West Bank. No boats may turn in front of the bridge. Crews moving up river towards the jetties must pass under the Steve Biko bridge between the West Bank and bridge pylon.
23. In the interests of general safety any crew found not adhering to the above rules of navigation will be yellow carded.

## Events

24. The following events and provisional format are offered for the Buffalo Regatta.

EVENT				EVENT			
NO.	TIME	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	DISTANCE	NO.	TIME	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	DISTANCE
1	8:30	Jnr Women U15B Sculls	1000	39	12:56	Jnr Women 1st Double Sculls	2000
2	8:37	Snr Men D Sculls	1000	40	13:03	Snr Men B Coxed Fours	2000
3	8:44	Jnr Men U15B Sculls	1000	41	13:10	Jnr Women 3rd Double Sculls	2000
4	8:51	Snr Women C Coxed Fours	1000	42	13:17	Jnr Men 3rd Coxed Fours	2000
5	8:58	Jnr Women U15A Double Sculls	1000	43	13:24	Jnr Men U15B Quads	1000
6	9:05	Jnr Men U15A Sculls	1000	44	13:31	Jnr Women U16A Sculls	2000
7	9:12	Jnr Women 3rd Sculls	2000	45	13:38	Jnr Men 2nd Double Sculls	2000
8	9:19	Snr Women B Double Sculls	2000	46	13:45	Snr Men A Pairs	2000
9	9:26	Snr Women C Sculls	1000	47	13:52	Snr Men B Sculls	2000
10	9:33	Jnr Women U15B Quads	1000	48	13:59	Snr Men A Sculls	2000
11	9:40	Jnr Men U16A Eights	2000	49	14:06	Snr Women A Coxless Fours	2000
12	9:47	Jnr Women 2nd Sculls	2000	50	14:13	Jnr Men 1st Coxed Fours	2000
13	9:54	Jnr Men 2nd Pairs	2000	51	14:20	Jnr Women 1st Pairs	2000
14	10:01	Jnr Women U16B Quads	2000	52	14:27	Jnr Men U15A Double Sculls	1000
15	10:08	Snr Men B Coxless Fours	2000	53	14:34	Snr Women B Coxed Fours	2000
16	10:15	Snr Women A Pairs	2000	54	14:41	Snr Men B Eights	2000
17	10:22	Jnr Men 1st Double Sculls	2000	55	14:48	Jnr Women U15A Sculls	1000
18	10:29	Snr Men A Coxed Fours	2000	56	14:55	Jnr Men U16B Sculls	2000
19	10:36	Jnr Women 1st Sculls	2000	57	15:02	Jnr Women U16A Quads	2000
20	10:43	Snr Women B Sculls	2000	58	15:09	Masters Single Sculls	1000
21	10:50	Jnr Women 3rd Quads	2000	59	15:16	Jnr Men 2nd coxed Fours	2000
22	10:57	Jnr Men 3rd Sculls	2000	60	15:23	Snr Men A Coxless Fours	2000
23	11:04	Jnr Men U16B Coxed Fours	2000	61	15:30	Jnr Men U16A Sculls	2000
24	11:11	Snr Women A Quads	2000	62	15:37	Jnr Men 2nd eights	2000
25	11:18	Jnr Men U16 Pairs	2000	63	15:44	Snr Men C Coxed Fours	1000
26	11:25	Jnr Women U15A Quads	1000	64	15:51	Jnr Women 2nd Quads	2000
27	11:32	Jnr Men U15A Quads	1000	65	15:58	Snr Women A Sculls	2000
28	11:39	Jnr Women 2nd double Sculls	2000	66	16:05	Jnr Men 1st Quads	2000
29	11:46	Jnr Women U16B Sculls	2000	67	16:12	Masters Eights	1000
30	11:53	Jnr Men 4th Sculls	2000	68	16:19	Jnr Men U16A Coxed Fours	2000
31	12:00	Jnr Men 1st Sculls	2000	69	16:26	Snr Women A Eights	2000
32	12:07	Jnr Women U16 Double Sculls	2000	70	16:33	Snr Men A Double Sculls	2000
33	12:14	Snr Men C Sculls	1000	71	16:40	Snr Men B Pairs	2000
34	12:21	Jnr Men U16 Double Sculls	2000	73	16:54	Jnr Men U16A Quads	2000
35	12:28	Jnr Men 2nd Sculls	2000	74	17:01	Jnr Men 4th Coxed fours	2000
36	12:35	Snr Men B Double Sculls	2000	75	17:08	Jnr Women 1st Quads	2000
37	12:42	Jnr Men 1st Pairs	2000	76	17:15	Jnr Men 1st Eights (A Final)	2000
38	12:49	Snr Women A Double Sculls	2000	77	17:22	Snr Men A Eights	2000

## Entries

25. Regatta entries must be made via the RowSA website [www.regatta.co.za](http://www.regatta.co.za). Any problems or queries with entries must be directed to Carol Muirhead on [row@rowsa.co.za](mailto:row@rowsa.co.za).

26. The Closing Date for entries is:

**Wednesday, 1 February 2012, at 24:00 midnight**

27. Entry fees (per competitor per event including coxes) are as follows:

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| a. Snr A 1x (Silver Sculls)   | - R85 |
| b. Snr A 4- (Grand Challenge) | - R85 |
| c. All Other Events           | - R45 |

28. Entry fees must be paid by:

**Friday, 10 February 2012**

29. Direct deposits must be made using the following banking details:

**EAST LONDON BOATING ASSOCIATION**  
**Standard Bank, Vincent, East London**  
**Account No: 241 454 956**  
**Branch code: 053721**  
**Reference: Club Name**

30. Proof of payment can be faxed to 043 748 5518 or emailed to [lhartwanger@gmail.com](mailto:lhartwanger@gmail.com)

31. The preliminary draw will be available on the regatta website [www.buffaloregatta.co.za](http://www.buffaloregatta.co.za) on

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

32. The final draw will be available on the regatta website [www.buffaloregatta.co.za](http://www.buffaloregatta.co.za) on

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

## Late entries

33. Late entries will be opened on the [www.regatta.co.za](http://www.regatta.co.za) website from Monday 6th February 2012

34. The Closing Date for late entries is:

**Thursday, 9 February 2012, at 24:00 midnight**

35. Late entry fees (per competitor per event including coxes) are as follows:

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| a. Snr A 1x (Silver Sculls)   | - R128 |
| b. Snr A 4- (Grand Challenge) | - R128 |
| c. All Other Events           | - R 68 |

36. All rules in respect of payment of entry fees apply to the payment of late entry fees.

37. Late entries will only be accepted if there is space i.e. no new heat will be created to accommodate a late entry.

38. Late entries will be accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis with preference given to clubs who have made payment.

39. Please note that for late entries rule 6 will not apply i.e. if a junior club has entered 2 crews under normal entries they may enter another crew as a late entry provided there is space in the event.

## Day entries

40. Entries on the day of the regatta will be allowed (except as specified below), provide they are made 2 hours before the event and payment is made in full at the time of entry.

41. Entries made on the day of the regatta will only be allowed if there is space in the event and will be taken on a "first come, first serve" basis.

42. On the day entry fees (per event per competitor including coxes) are as follows:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| a. Snr A 1x (Silver Sculls)   | - Not allowed        |
| b. Snr A 4- (Grand Challenge) | - Not allowed        |
| c. All Other Events           | - R90 per competitor |

## Prize giving

43. Medals for winning crews of all non-trophy events for the Buffalo Regatta can be collected in the club house approximately 1 hour after each final on Saturday.
44. All trophy events for Seniors and Juniors, including points trophies, will be presented in the club house approximately 1 hour after the final race on Saturday.
45. Points Trophies will be presented to the Senior and Junior club with the highest points total overall. Points are awarded as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	= 3 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	= 2 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	= 1 point

Should there be less than three crews in the event only 2 points will be allocated for 1<sup>st</sup> and 1 point for 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## General

46. Food and cooldrinks will be available in the clubhouse, and a bar service will be open for over 18's.
47. Meals can be pre-ordered by contacting Bev Miller on 082 952 7014 or email at: [bev@cyberserve.co.za](mailto:bev@cyberserve.co.za) before Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. Payment for the pre-ordered meals must be made by Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> to ensure the order can be processed. Banking details listed in rule 29 must be used. Please use the reference of your club or school followed by the work "FOOD".
48. **The old Buffalo Bridge remains closed, severely restricting access to the regatta site. Alternative parking and vehicle access arrangements will be circulated to all attending clubs.**
49. The West Bank gravel access road (Henderson Road) will be closed to all traffic.