

## WRRRA 2018 SRL RACE DAYS!

### Putting the “League” back in Summer Rowing League!

June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>

In response to demand over the last two years for more opportunities to race, an exciting new format is being introduced this year. This format will provide opportunities for all crews to test their skills, learn where they need to improve over the course of the season, and give every team member the chance to pull an oar down a race course when it counts.

Here's how it will work:

- I. For all non-novice teams, crews will be placed into one of the following categories:
  - A. All Women crews
  - B. All Men crews
  - C. Mixed crews, further sub-divided into the following divisions, as determined by the average times of each crew from their non-championship races in the 2017 season:
    1. Western Division, being the top ½ of teams from 2017.
    2. Reserve Division being the second ½ of teams from 2017.
  
- II. On each of the 3 Race Days, experienced teams will race over a 500m course just downstream of the boat house, starting at the fountain in Superior Bend and ending at the place where the east side bulkhead cuts in just upstream of the Cereal Processors' plant. As soon as the race is finished, the crews will proceed upstream, spin, and come into the dock, for the next team to take their boat. Racing will take place between 9 AM and Noon on each Sunday. On Regatta days, the traditional course will be used, and novices will race, also.
  
- III. How Points will be awarded:

A. Each experienced team will have 5 guaranteed opportunities to race; one at each of the two Regattas, and one at each of the three Race Days. All races will be dual matches. Points will be awarded as follows:

1. Each team that wins its dual race will be awarded 5 points. In addition, each team will be awarded points in inverse ratio to their time on that race day. For example: assume the Western Division, Mixed Crew Category has 15 teams. The crew posting the fastest time that day will be awarded 15 points, the second fastest crew 14 points, etc. down to the last crew, which will get 1 point. The total number of points accumulated over all 5 guaranteed races in each category/division will determine the 4 finalists competing for the medals at the August End of Season regatta.

2. Standings in each category or division will be posted in the boat house and updated over the season after each Regatta or Race Day, based on the point system. Novice team standings will also be posted after each Regatta, with standings determined by their time in the first Regatta, and their combined times after the second Regatta. The top 4 crews in each novice category will compete for medals. The first novice race will be a time trial; the second and the medal races will be match races.

B. For 2019 and subsequent years, the experienced mixed crews will move up and down between the divisions based on their accumulated average times in the preceding year. For example: a team in the Western Division that does not do as well as a team in the Reserve Division in 2018 can find itself relegated to the Reserve Division in 2019, while the Reserve Division team is promoted to Western. The run for the medals will thus be kept fair and competitive from year to year.

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, START YOUR OARS!**

**IT'S RACE TIME!**

