



2024 Rowing WA Regatta Season Survey

Dear Rowing Community,

With the 2024 Masters, All Schools, and Pennant seasons now concluded, Rowing WA is turning its focus to a thorough review of our regatta program. We recognise the significant effort contributed by the participation working group, with representatives from each club, and we aim to build on that foundation.

This survey is your opportunity to provide feedback that will guide our future regatta programming and event scheduling. Your insights will inform a series of forums and meetings as we work towards refining the 2025 Regatta Season calendar.

We appreciate your ongoing support for rowing in Western Australia and look forward to creating another exciting season of racing in 2025!

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will be open until midnight on Thursday, 14th November 2024.

By participating, you'll be entered into a draw for a \$100 Visa Card, and the club with the highest number of responses will win a \$200 fuel voucher. Your personal details will be used only for this draw if you choose to share them.

Thank you for being an essential part of our rowing community. Together, let's continue to elevate our sport!

Regards,

Nick Wakeford

GM Operations
Rowing WA

Basic Demographics & Membership

1. (Required) What is your age category? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ Under 18 (by selecting this box I am confirming that I am completing this survey under the supervision of my legal guardian)
- ☐ 18-26
- ☐ 27-40
- ☐ 41-60
- ☐ 61+

2. (Required) What is your gender? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other

3. (Required) What Rowing Club are you primarily affiliated with? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ I wasn't a registered member in the 2024 season

☐ Albany Rowing Club

☐ ANA Rowing Club

☐ Bunbury Rowing Club

☐ Canning Bridge Rowing Club

☐ Champion Lakes Boating Club

☐ Curtin University Boating Club

☐ Fremantle Rowing Club

☐ Greenough Rowing Club

☐ Margaret River Rowing Club

☐ Old Scotch Collegians

☐ Perth Rowing Club

☐ Swan River Rowing Club

☐ University of West Australia Boat Club

☐ West Australian Rowing Club

4. Are you a school student? If yes, which school do you attend?

5. Were you registered as a competitive rower this season?

This includes if you raced at any Pennant, Head Race, Masters or All-Schools Regatta.

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Rate these aspects of rowing:

6. (Required) Training (Please circle ONE option)

The process of developing skills and fitness through structured exercise and training in rowing.

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

7. (Required) Regattas and Racing (Please circle ONE option)

Competitive events where crews race against each other in rowing, showcasing their skills and teamwork.

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

8. (Required) Physical Health Benefits (Please circle ONE option)

The positive effects on overall well-being and fitness resulting from participating in rowing activities.

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

9. (Required) Mental Health Benefits (Please circle ONE option)

The positive impacts on emotional well-being and stress reduction experienced through participation in rowing activities.

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

10. (Required) Social and Community Aspect (Please circle ONE option)

The sense of belonging and relationships formed through participation in rowing clubs and events.

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

11. (Required) Rowing Culture (Please circle ONE option)

The shared values, traditions, and practices that define the community and environment of rowing enthusiasts.

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Pennant Regattas

12. Did you compete in any Pennant regattas this season?

This includes Bunbury Big Boats Sprint, Pennant #1-4 and State Championships Regattas

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13. (Required) What grade were you in this season? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ A-Grade

☐ B-Grade

☐ C-Grade

☐ D-Grade

☐ I do not know my grade

14. (Required) Do you feel the current grading system accurately adjusts your rowing score/grade to ensure enjoyment/meaningful racing? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

15. (Required) What event grades did you compete in this season (Tick all that apply)

☐ A-Grade

☐ B-Grade

☐ C-Grade

☐ D-Grade

16. (Required) On average, how many events per Pennant regatta did you compete in? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

17. (Required) How many events would you prefer to compete in per regatta? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

18. (Required) To what extent do you agree that having a set fee cap for the pennant regattas enabled you to enter more events? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

19. (Required) To what extent do you agree that the cost of entering events prevented you from racing in the number of events per day that you would have liked? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

20. (Required) To what extent do you agree that the program didn't allow you to race in the number of events per day that you would have liked? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

21. (Required) To what extent do you agree that time constraints limited the number of events you could race in per day? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

22. (Required) To what extent do you agree that focusing on certain events impacted your ability to race in the number of events per day that you would have preferred? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

23. (Required) To what extent do you agree that influence from your club or coach affected the number of events you raced in per day? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

24. (Required) To what extent do you agree with the addition of the U19 Single Scull event to the program? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

25. (Required) To what extent do you agree that more age-based small boat events should be considered for future programs? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

26. (Required) To what extent do you agree with the addition of the Masters 4- and 4x events to the program? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

27. (Required) What would be your preferred frequency for holding Pennant regattas? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Fortnightly
- ☐ Every three weeks
- ☐ Monthly

28. (Required) Did you find the 2024 Pennant regatta season provided a better racing experience than in 2023? (Please circle ONE option)

- Not Applicable
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

29. (Required) To what extent do you see value in awarding Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals at the State Championships, with no medals awarded during the Pennant regattas? (Please circle ONE option)

Instead of allocating the budget for 1st place medals at each Pennant regatta, we are considering dedicating these resources towards awarding Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals at the State Championships. This shift would focus recognition on the State Championships, which holds higher prestige as a culminating event in the season.

- Not Applicable
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

30. Do you have any additional feedback or suggestions for improvement regarding the Pennant season or the State Championships?

Head Races

31. Did you compete in any Head Race regattas this season?

This includes Mettam Head Race (Canning River), Guildford to Garratt (Upper Swan River), and/or Perth to Fremantle (Lower Swan River)

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32. (Required) Which head races did you compete in this season? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ Eaton Head Race (Bunbury Rowing Club Hosted)
- ☐ Mettam Head Race (Canning River)
- ☐ Guildford to Garratt (Upper Swan River)
- ☐ Perth to Fremantle (Lower Swan River)

33. (Required) How would you rate your overall experience at head race regattas this season? (Please circle ONE option)

- Not Applicable
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

34. (Required) How satisfied are you with the timing of head race events within the season schedule? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

35. What aspects of the head race regattas would you like to see improved in the future?

Masters Regattas

36. Did you compete in any Masters regattas this season?
This includes Masters #1-3 and Masters State Championships Regattas

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37. (Required) Which Masters regattas did you participate in this season? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ Masters #1 (Canning Bridge)
- ☐ Masters #2 (Canning Bridge)
- ☐ Masters #3 (Champion Lakes)
- ☐ Masters State Championships (Champion Lakes)

38. (Required) On average, how many events per Master regatta did you compete in? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6+

39. (Required) How many events would you prefer to compete in per Masters regatta? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6+

40. (Required) To what extent do you agree that the Master regatta program didn't allow you to race in the number of events per day that you would have liked? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

41. (Required) Were you aware that as a Masters athlete, you can enter the Masters 4- or 4x events at Pennant regattas, along with racing opportunities in all other boat classes at C or D Grade, and that these races are all over 1,000m? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ Yes - I was aware
- ☐ Somewhat aware
- ☐ No - I was not aware

42. (Required) To what extent do you agree that having additional racing opportunities, such as the Masters 4- and 4x events and other grade boat classes over 1,000m, would make you more likely to enter a Pennant Regatta? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

43. (Required) Considering the racing locations this season, how would you rate your preference for Canning Bridge for future regattas? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

44. (Required) Considering the racing locations this season, how would you rate your preference for Champion Lakes for future regattas? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

45. What feedback do you have regarding the racing locations this season (Canning Bridge and Champion Lakes)?

46. (Required) What would be your preferred frequency for holding Masters regattas?* (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Fortnightly
- ☐ Every three weeks
- ☐ Monthly

47. (Required) Did you find the 2024 Masters regatta season provided a better racing experience than in 2023? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

48. (Required) To what extent do you see value in awarding Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals at the Masters State Championships, with no medals awarded during the three Masters regattas? (Please circle ONE option)

Instead of allocating the budget for 1st place medals at each Masters regatta, we are considering dedicating these resources towards awarding Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals at the Masters State Championships. This shift would focus recognition on the Masters State Championships, which holds higher prestige as a culminating event in the season.

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

49. Do you have any additional feedback or suggestions for improvement regarding the Masters season or the Masters State Championships?

All Schools

50. Did you compete in any All-Schools regattas this season?

This includes All-Schools #1-3 and All-Schools State Championships Regattas

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