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The following Vision, Mission and Objectives are drawn from the Rowing ACT Strategic Plan 2015 -2020 as referred to on our website since 2015.

### Our Vision

Rowing in the ACT will be seen as a growing, safe, welcoming and unified activity and will be recognised by the public as a quality sport, and an attractive destination for interstate competitors.

### Our Mission

To foster, promote and develop rowing in the ACT.

### Our Objectives

- To provide a safe, accessible, inclusive, enjoyable and rewarding experience
- To increase participation at all levels of the sport
- To provide a development pathway for all participants
- To build the capacity of the sport through leading practice governance and management

In short, Rowing ACT is committed to building the capacity of our sport to provide a high quality experience for all participants.

To achieve the above Vision, Mission and Objectives, our **Clubs and School Clubs** are expected to contribute to rowing in the ACT in the following various ways:

1. Commit to safety in rowing and duty of care
2. Commit to host or co-host at least one regatta in the summer season and provide the necessary number of volunteers
3. Encourage rowers and members of their **Clubs and School Club** communities including parents of school rowers to volunteer to be Boat Race Officials (BRO's)
4. Encourage rowers and members of their **Clubs and School Club** communities including parents of school rowers to volunteer to join the Regatta Support Team
5. Encourage rowers to attend the Annual Presentation to collect awards

#### **1. Commit to safety in rowing and duty of care**

There is an obligation on all **Clubs and School Clubs** to provide a safe environment for their crews and other lake users. It is imperative that all crews rowing before dawn or after sunset have lights on their boats that are visible from one kilometre away. It is also a requirement that crews follow the lake traffic rules, which have been endorsed by all clubs and the National Capital Authority to minimise the possibility of crews running into each other. Rowing boats at full speed are a dangerous projectile that could kill or cripple other rowers. With increasing boating traffic on the lake (including paddle boarders, kayakers, sailors, go-boaters, fisherfolk and swimmers) it is important to be safe and courteous to all lake users. The lack of commercial traffic puts us in a privileged position and we should not be arrogant about that privilege.

## **2. Commit to host or co-host at least one regatta in the summer season and provide the necessary number of volunteers**

**Clubs and School Clubs** and their volunteers are expected to host a regatta each summer season. **School Clubs** host one non-schools' regatta and co-host schools regattas with other schools. **Clubs** host one regatta each and are expected to coordinate their own volunteers. Approximately 15 volunteer positions need to be filled on regatta day by the club/school that host the regatta. These are positions that do not need specialised training and are listed on the Rowing ACT website <http://rowingact.org.au/club-hosting-volunteer-duties/>

## **3. Encourage rowers and members of their Club communities including parents of school rowers volunteer to be Boat Race Officials (BRO's)**

Being a Boat Race Official often gives volunteers the best seat in the house. BRO's fill key positions on regatta day to ensure the safety of the rowers and provide fair and competitive racing in accordance with rules of racing. There are over 20 positions to be filled each regatta. Each October an introduction session and basic training is provided for new recruits to become BRO's. **Clubs and School Clubs** are expected to provide a minimum of three people each year to train as BRO's. The recruiting of new BRO's aim to make the running of our sport more sustainable with the ongoing involvement of experienced and well-trained officials.

## **4. Encourage rowers and members of their Clubs and School Club communities including parents of school rowers volunteer to join the Regatta Support Team**

This Team of approximately 12 volunteers undertakes tasks that are ongoing for each regatta. These include the setup of equipment pre-regatta and take down post-regatta. Additional roles are carried out during regattas and these are coordinated by our Executive Officer via an online roster. Email [eo@rowingact.org.au](mailto:eo@rowingact.org.au) for further information.

## **5. Encourage rowers attend the Annual Presentation to collect awards**

Each year Rowing ACT holds a presentation event to celebrate the achievements in our sport. At this event perpetual trophies/premiership point scores are awarded. There are perpetual trophies for sculling, crewed, clubs and school events. This event is usually free and there is often an international rower on hand to speak or present awards. Rowers from **Clubs and School Clubs** are expected to be represented at this presentation, especially those who win perpetual trophies, medals and other awards. Young rowers and their parents particularly enjoy this event when they attend.

## **Rowing ACT welcomes the skills, enthusiasm and involvement of volunteers**

The skills, enthusiasm and involvement of volunteers are welcomed via our **Clubs and School Clubs**. There are also a number of opportunities to contribute to the promotion and development of our great sport by becoming BRO's or by volunteering via Rowing ACT.

In addition, there are several Sub-Committees within Rowing ACT that offer volunteers with specific interests and expertise the opportunity to contribute their skills and enthusiasm.

During the winter season, there are also other opportunities for involvement in the Winter Time Trials, the Col Pantom Memorial Marathon and the Head of the Molonglo Regatta. The presentation for our winter events coincides with the start of our summer regatta program.

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