



Welcome to Union Boat Club

We are thrilled to have your child experiencing rowing with us. We had an awesome turnout of young people for our Learn to Row weekend, which was a great success. The vast majority seemed to enjoy the training and especially the time on the water, we look forward to them continuing with us.

This letter is to welcome your family and to answer some of the most often asked questions that new people ask about rowing and our club. Please feel free to contact any of our coaches or committee members at any time if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns. There are contact details below.

Our aim is that your child will thoroughly enjoy rowing, will make strong long term friendships, will learn and master new skills, will learn greater discipline, take on more responsibility, and succeed to the best of their ability.

Subscriptions 2018/19

The first question parents and caregivers ask is; "how much does it cost?" Rowing does cost more than some other sports due largely to the cost of the boats and equipment. Union does pride itself on being significantly cheaper than most other clubs and will continue to endeavour to keep fees and the cost of trips and regattas as low as possible.

The club's 2018/19 fee for a first time rower is \$300.00. There is also an annual Rowing NZ Affiliation fee of \$96.00 which is required before entering any regattas. Our membership fee entitles members to continue to use the gym and facilities as well as row throughout the whole year.

The rowing racing season starts on 1 September each year and runs through till the Maadi regatta in late March / early April. It would be great to receive full payment by 30 November but the club is happy to receive regular payments with the fees being completely paid by the end of February. Payments may be made through Direct Credit. The club bank account details are Westpac - Union Boat Club Incorporated – 03-0791-0397859-000. Please include your child's "name" and "fees" as the reference. Please can you advise Lis Nielsen, who is administering the fees (0272421512, thenielsens@xtra.co.nz), the details of your arrangement. We would hope for payments to start by Friday 9 November. Please let us know if there are any difficulties so that we see if we can assist in some way.

On top of the registration fees there are costs associated with the regattas that we attend. A list of these is included below.

We will be doing some significant fundraising to keep costs down and make all rowing events as accessible as possible and would appreciate your family support in these. We are always looking for fundraising ideas to reduce costs. If you have any ideas please let the club know!

Registration

Please check we have the correct information on your child and complete our online registration form at: ubc.org.nz/go/register at your earliest convenience. An "Access Code" has been sent by "Text" to your child. Please contact Greg (0272495088, greg@datainn.co.nz) if you can't find it.

Regattas

There are both school regattas and club regattas. We attend both. Although the club mostly takes the lead in organising our involvement in regattas, school regattas are under the jurisdiction of each school and must be sanctioned by the schools and have people authorised by them to take responsibility for the students. We are often looking for parent support at these.

Where possible it would be great to have caregivers attend and support their children.

Club & School Regattas 2018/19

Below are listed the regattas we **may** attend this season and estimates of what each will cost, based on the previous season costs.

Most of our school athletes will not attend the NZ Club Championships at Twizel and there may be some limitations on NZ Secondary School Champs (The Maadi Cup).

Date	Location	Entry Fee	Transport (Boats & Personal)	Accommodation (& Food)
18 Nov 18	Whanganui 10,000 meters Whanganui	\$5.00	Nil	Nil
24 Nov 18	Johns Trophy Sprint Waitara	\$20.00	\$40.00	Nil
1 Dec 18	Jury Cup Whanganui	\$25.00	Nil	Nil
2 Dec 18	Billy Webb Challenge Whanganui <i>Experienced Single Scullers only</i>	\$35.00	Nil	Nil
14 - 16 Dec 18	Xmas regatta Karapiro	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$100.00
5 - 6 Jan 19	Clive Regatta Clive (Hawkes Bay)	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
19 - 20 Jan 19	Blue Lakes Regatta Rotorua	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
25 Jan 19	Cambridge Cup Karapiro	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$100.00
9 - 10 Feb 19	Whanganui Champs Whanganui	\$35.00	Nil	Nil
19 - 23 Feb 19	NZ Club Champs Twizel	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$600.00
8 - 10 Mar 19	North Island Secondary School Champs Karapiro	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$100
4 - 10 Apr 19	NZ Secondary School Champs (The Maadi Cup) Karapiro	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$150.00

Uniforms

There are club uniforms and school uniforms. Both the club and the school have uniforms that new members can borrow. Club uniforms are also available to purchase contact Leah (info@unionboatclub.co.nz) for further information.

Training

The novice training program is set for Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:15pm and Saturdays at 8:00am. These will be increased as we get closer to the racing end of the season, most likely adding two 6:00am morning sessions each week.

We have a large number of novices this year and so we have struggled a bit to get on and off the water in a reasonable time. As the rowers become a bit more experienced this should be quicker and we would like to have Monday and Wednesday trainings completed by 7:15pm at the latest.

Safety

Safety is paramount when our rowers are on the water. We ensure that rowers are aware of the proper way to use the equipment to avoid accidents. Coach boats are, especially at this early stage, always in the water with the rowers. At times when a coach boat is not, personal flotation devices (PFDs) are carried for every rower.

Parents Welcome

There are a number of parents and other family members who have taken up rowing. You are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30am to “give it a go”. There is a range of ages, experience, and abilities. We will ensure you know what you are doing, are safe, and have lots of fun. We usually go for coffee after as well. 😊

Contacts

Person	Responsibilities	Contact
Bob Evans	Club Captain Everything to do with rowing and training	0272904002 bob.evans@xtra.co.nz
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Lis Nielsen	Fees	0272421512 thenielsens@xtra.co.nz
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You can also call any of us on our free phone: 0800 002541

You can find us online at www.unionboatclub.co.nz and www.facebook.com/UBCWANGANUI and we also send updates using “Team App” which is available on phones and or your computer. To use “Team App”: DOWNLOAD “Team App” from Apple Store / Google play. REGISTER then SEARCH for Union Boat Club Whanganui.

Thanks once again for encouraging your child to participate and enjoy rowing with Union Boat Club. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Union Boat Club Committee