

ATTENTION
RCA CLUBS, SPECIAL ASSOCIATIONS AND REGATTA ORGANIZERS

RCA – New Membership System
Bulletin #2

1. RegattaCentral – New System Preview

Over the past year RegattaCentral has been updating its platform for a whole new look and feel. It will be more mobile friendly and use a “shopping cart” approach to make it easier for users.

For **current** and **future** users of the RegattaCentral – Regatta Management System, RegattaCentral is offering this online session, December 6th, 2017.

Presented by: Traci Stocker, Manager of Operations
RegattaCentral – A Blue Star Sports Company

Description: RegattaCentral will be providing a preview of its new platform. Attendees will see many of the new platform features in action and learn about the various enhancements that will drive the next generation of services to the rowing community. Current users will see what has changed with this new platform and new users will have a general introduction to the Regatta Central system.

This is an introductory session for Provincial Rowing Associations, Clubs, Special Associations and Regatta Organizers and Registrars.

Day/Date: Wednesday, December 6th, 2017
Time: 4:30pm (PST)/5:30pm(MST)/6:30pm(CST)/7:30pm(EST)/8:30pm(AST)/ 9:00pm(NST)
Session Length: 1.5 hours (incl. ½ hour for questions)

To Register: Please Register in advance at:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/preview-regatta-centrals-new-platform-registration-39889402276>

Details on how to log in to this Webinar will be sent with your registration confirmation

2. Future Training

Future training will take place to show Rowing Canada Aviron Members how to first “Apply for Sanction” using WRS, and then “Set Up their events” in the customized for "Canadian Rowing” version of RegattaCentral currently under development. These sessions will take place in the new year at the RCA National Conference and On-line. Watch for training dates in RCA’s next Bulletins.

For Questions: Please contact RCA at: membership@rowingcanada.org
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RCA's New Membership Model - Background

At the RCA Semi Annual Meeting January 2017, Members voted for a new Membership Model. Effective April 1st, 2018:

- RCA moves from the current two-tiered model of "Sport" and "Competitive" rower to a single category of membership "Rower". Instead of the current fees of \$15 / Sport Rower and \$50 / Competitive Rower - every participant in a rowing program will pay the same RCA membership fee of \$20. And they will pay an RCA "Seat Fee" of \$3.25 for each event they enter in within a "regatta".
- This means that a rower who wants to enter just one event will no longer have to pay to upgrade their membership to "competitive".
- A "Regatta" is defined as: **any on-water, indoor rowing event or rowing tour in which participants from two or more clubs are involved or, RCA umpires are being used.**
- Every "Regatta" must be sanctioned through RCA's On-line sanction process. Sanctioning is managed by your Provincial Rowing Association.
- Every RCA Member organizing a sanctioned "Regatta" will have free access to the RegattaCentral system, a premium online regatta registration system. Regatta organizers must use this system to register all their event participants.
- For On-Water Regattas and Touring events, Canadian participants must be registered and active members of a Club to be eligible to participate. Each time they enter an event, their RCA membership will be verified.
- For indoor rowing events, Canadian participants are not required to be registered and active members of an RCA Club to be eligible to participate. Indoor rowing event participants will be assessed the appropriate "seat fees" when they register to participate in the event.
- The RCA Seat Fee will be automatically added to a "regatta" participant invoice and every participant and regatta will have the convenience of "on-line" payment of regatta fees and any associated seat fees.
- All Canadian "Regattas" including touring and indoor rowing events will be on one common platform for event registration. All Canadian events will be listed in one location for the convenience of event participants.

NOTE: Many Provincial Rowing Associations (PRA's) will be adjusting their membership structures to align with the new system. This will vary by province and be part of the system changes, and Clubs, Special Associations and Regatta Organizers will need to contact their province for additional details.

For more detail on system changes and how these changes will be phased in over 2018, please check out the following links:

<http://rowingcanada.org/domestic/clubs-membership/2018-membership-model>

If you have questions, our Team is here to help you. Please contact a member of the RCA Implementation

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