



2025 Rowing WA Regatta Season Survey

Dear Rowing Community,

With the 2025 Masters, All Schools, and Pennant seasons now concluded, Rowing WA is turning its focus to a thorough review of our regatta program. 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 building an exciting regatta program for 2026.

The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete and will be open until **midnight on Wednesday 8th October, 2025**.

By participating, you'll be entered into a draw for a \$250 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,

Rowing WA

2025 END OF SEASON SURVEY

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 2025 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 Western Australia Boat Club
- ☐ West Australian Rowing Club
- ☐ No Club

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

5. (Required) Did you participate in any regattas in 2025? (Please tick ONE option)

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How much do you agree that each of the following aspects contributes to your enjoyment 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 as a result of 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

2025 Season Regattas

Pennant Regattas

12. (Required) Did you compete in any Pennant regattas this season? (Please tick ONE option)

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

13. If you did not attend all regattas, why? (Tick all that apply)

☐ Time commitment required for regatta days

☐ Race entry costs (seat fees)

☐ Difficulty finding crews to race with

☐ Lack of competition

☐ I always win

☐ I never win

☐ They lack atmosphere

☐ Other (please provide details below)

14. Other (please provide details here)

15. (Required) What grade were you in this season? (Tick all that apply)

☐ A-Grade

☐ B-Grade

☐ C-Grade

☐ D-Grade

☐ Masters

☐ I do not know my grade

16. (Required) The current grading system accurately adjusts my rowing score to support enjoyable and meaningful racing? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

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

☐ A-Grade

☐ B-Grade

☐ C-Grade

☐ D-Grade

☐ Masters

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

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

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

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

20. (Required) The seat fee cap for the Pennant regattas enabled me to enter more events? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

21. (Required) The cost of entering events has prevented me from racing in as many events per day as I would have liked? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

22. (Required) The program limited my ability to race in as many events per day as I would have liked? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

23. (Required) Time constraints limited the number of events I could race in per day? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

24. (Required) Focusing on certain events impacted my ability to race in the number of events per day that I would have preferred? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

25. (Required) Influence from my Club or Coach affected the number of events I raced in per day? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

26. (Required) I support the addition of the Open Non-Pennant Single Scull event to the program? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

27. (Required) I support the addition of the D-Grade Double Scull event to the sweep regatta program? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

28. (Required) 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

29. (Required) I support 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

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

☐ Weekly

☐ Fortnightly

☐ Every three weeks

☐ Monthly

31. (Required) The 2025 Pennant regatta season provided a better racing experience than the 2024 season? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

32. (Required) I agree that we should only award 1st place medals at the State Championships and Pennant regattas? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

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

Head Races

34. (Required) Did you compete in any Head Race regattas this season? (Please tick ONE option)

This includes BRC Eaton Head Race (Collie River Eaton), RWA Mettams Head Race (Canning River Shelley), RWA Guildford to Garrett Head Race (Upper Swan River), RWA Perth to Fremantle Head Race (Lower Swan River).

☐ Yes

☐ No

35. (Required) Which Head Races did you compete in this season? (Tick all that apply)

☐ BRC Eaton Head Race (Collie River Eaton)

☐ RWA Mettams Head Race (Canning River Shelley)

☐ RWA Guildford to Garrett Head Race (Upper Swan River)

☐ RWA Perth to Fremantle Head Race (Lower Swan River)

36. (Required) I rate my overall experience at Head Race regattas this season as positive? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

37. (Required) I am satisfied with the timing of Head Race events within the season schedule? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

38. What aspects of the Head Race regattas would you like to see improved in the future?

Masters Regattas

39. (Required) Did you compete in any Masters regattas this season? (Please tick ONE option)

This includes Masters #1, #3 and Masters State Championships Regattas (Masters #2 was cancelled due to weather)

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

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

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

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6+

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

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6+

43. (Required) The Masters regatta program did not allow me to race in as many events per day as I would have liked? (Please circle ONE option)

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| Not Applicable | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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44. (Required) Are 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

45. (Required) Having additional racing opportunities, such as the Masters 4- and 4x events and other grade boat classes over 1,000m, would make me more likely to enter a Pennant Regatta? (Please circle ONE option)

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| Not Applicable | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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46. (Required) I prefer Canning Bridge as a racing location for future Masters regattas? (Please circle ONE option)

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| Not Applicable | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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47. (Required) I prefer Champion Lakes as a racing location for future Masters regattas? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

48. Do you have any feedback regarding the Masters racing locations this season (Champion Lakes)?

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

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

50. (Required) The 2025 Masters regatta season provided a better racing experience than the 2024 season? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

51. (Required) I agree that we should only award 1st place medals at Masters regattas? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

52. (Required) We are considering extending the Masters regatta season by offering additional regattas and/or adding additional Masters events to existing regattas. What change would you most like to see? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ Twice as many regattas (8+)
- ☐ 1.5x the number of regattas (6)
- ☐ Keep it the same
- ☐ Reduce the number of regattas by half (2)

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

All-Schools Regattas

54. (Required) Did you compete in any All Schools regattas this season? (Please tick ONE option)

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

55. What school year did you primarily compete in this season? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Year 9

☐ Year 10

☐ Open

56. On average, how many events per All Schools regatta did you compete in? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

57. How many events would you prefer to compete in per All Schools regatta? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5+

58. The All Schools regatta program did not allow me to race in as many events per day as I would have liked? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

59. Did you compete at the All Schools State Championships?

☐

60. I feel that the length of the All Schools State Championships on a one day program is too long a day? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

61. I agree that seeding crews for the All Schools State Championships (based on their results from lead-up regattas and self-ranking) helped to facilitate a fair All Schools State Championships? (Please circle ONE option)

This proposal suggests that crews would be ranked based on their performance in earlier regattas, allowing for a more competitive format at the State Championships. By seeding crews, we can ensure that athletes compete against others of similar skill levels, which could enhance the overall racing experience. (i.e. Y10A 1X, Y10B 1X).

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

62. I would support the idea of running the All Schools State Championships over two days (heats and finals format) to allow the format to utilise Heats and Finals again? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

63. What would be your preferred frequency for holding All Schools regattas? (Please tick ONE option)

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

64. I support moving Year 9 events from 500m to 1000m? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

65. I support extending more Open events to a distance of 1,500m? (Please circle ONE option)

Ciurrently only the Open 8 event is at 1,500m.

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

66. The 2025 All Schools regatta season provided a better racing experience than the 2024 season? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

67. I agree that we should award 1st place medals for every race at the three (non-Championship) All Schools regattas? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

68. Do you have any additional feedback or suggestions for improvement regarding the All-Schools season or the All Schools State Championships?

Non-Competitive Rowing

69. (Required) Do you consider yourself to be a Non-Competitive rower? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

70. (Required) I prefer recreational rowing over competitive rowing because the time commitment for competitions feels too demanding? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

71. (Required) My current skill level or experience makes me more comfortable focusing on recreational rowing rather than competing? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

72. (Required) The cost of participating in competitive events is a significant reason why I choose recreational rowing? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

73. (Required) I enjoy the social and non-competitive aspects of recreational rowing, which makes me less interested in racing? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

74. (Required) More support or guidance for recreational rowers transitioning to competition would make me more likely to consider competitive rowing? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

75. What factors or support would make you more likely to consider participating in competitive rowing events?

76. Which of the following changes would make you more likely to start competing in competitive racing events? (Tick all that apply)

☐ Crews must have a mix of new and experienced rowers

☐ Reduced pressure and less formal events

☐ Race-prep education sessions (explaining regatta racing protocol etc.)

☐ Prizes/awards for the best novice racing crews of the season

☐ Club recognition for the number of novice racing members in the season

77. Which of the following factors have influenced your decision to not participate in competitive rowing events? (Tick all that apply)

Select all that apply.

☐ Time commitment required for regatta days

☐ Race entry costs (seat fees)

- ☐ Difficulty finding crews with whom to race
- ☐ Worried about racing against more experienced crews
- ☐ Worried about racing against faster crews
- ☐ Not sure I'm fit enough
- ☐ Don't think I'm good enough (at rowing) to race
- ☐ Uncertainty about what actually happens at a regatta
- ☐ Lack of encouragement and support from my club for racing

78. (Required) Rowing offers good value compared to other sports in Western Australia, considering factors like cost, facilities, and opportunities? (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

79. (Required) Would you be interested in participating in Coastal Beach Sprints during the summer? (Please tick ONE option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

80. Please provide any additional information or suggestions you would like Rowing WA to consider when developing the 2026 regatta program?

How well do you perceive RWA is delivering the following?

81. (Required) Promotion and governance of the sport of Rowing in Western Australia (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

82. (Required) Making rowing accessible to as many Western Australians as practicable (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

83. (Required) Delivering a positive rowing experience (Please circle ONE option)

Not Applicable Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

84. (Required) Providing and facilitating high performance pathways (Please circle ONE option)

Competition

85. Thank you for completing this survey. We are running a competition for a \$250 Visa Card, do you wish to be entered in the draw?

Your details will not be attached to your survey responses. All results are de-identified.

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86. (Required) Full Name:

Only required if entering competition

87. (Required) Contact Number:

Only required if entering competition

88. (Required) Email Address:

Only required if entering competition