



## J. B. SHARP MEMORIAL REGATTA SERIES

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### 87<sup>th</sup> J. B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series

**Sponsored by LEA Insurance Brokers**

### REPORT

#### OVERVIEW

The 2011 series saw the continued support of our sponsor LEA Insurance Brokers and built strongly on the model established in 2010 with another year of growth.

#### REGATTAS

Five regattas were conducted; Glebe on 12<sup>th</sup> June (at Drummoyne R.C.); UTS Haberfield on 26<sup>th</sup> June; Drummoyne on 10<sup>th</sup> July; Balmain on 24<sup>th</sup> July and Leichhardt on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

The Drummoyne regatta had to be cancelled 3 races into the programme due to a westerly wind blowing up at 9.30am. Race officials, and coaches worked for an hour to get all crews off the water safely.

A feature of the other regattas was the influx of new trainee boat race officials who gained valuable experience toward their accreditation and to the credit of the Officials the remaining 4 regattas went smoothly.

#### COMPETITION

The following clubs and schools contested the Series :- Balmain, Brisbane Water, Drummoyne, Glebe, Leichhardt, Loreto Kirribilli, Macquarie University, Mosman, North Shore, Old Ignatians, Penrith, Pymble L.C., Sydney, Sydney University, Tara, University NSW and UTS. (17)

It was pleasing to again see a 13% increase in competitors/crews.

The following is some entry numbers :

WU16 1x	46	MU16 1x	21	WN 1x	26	MN 1x	18
Handicap 1x	53	WO 4+ & 8+	11	MO 8+	12		

The large fields necessitated several events to be in to divisions (up to 3) which put strain on the race time table and kept the boat race officials very busy.

#### POINT SCORE TROPHY RESULTS

The J.B Sharp Memorial Cup - overall point score – Mosman 134, Leichhardt 133, Sydney 106.



Mosman Rowing Club Captain Bryan Weir receives the Memorial Cup from John Sharp

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The Sid Sharp Silver Tray - men's Novice & U16 point score – Drummoyne 52, Leichhardt 36, Mosman 27.



Drummoyne's Oscar Fawkes receives the Sid Sharp Tray from LEA's Thomas Harrys

The Kayser Shield - women's Open & Intermediate point score – Mosman 58, Leichhardt 30, Tara BC 13.



Glebe Centenary Shield - men's Open & Intermediate point score – Sydney 85, Mosman 33, Glebe 27.

The Walker & Hall Challis - Handicap Scull point score – Oscar Fawkes (Drummoyne 11), Maxwell Duignan (Penrith 10), Stephanie Harper (Brisbane Water 9).



Oscar Fawkes receives the Walker & Hall Challis from Thomas Harrys of LEA.

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The Kevyn Webb OAM Cup - men's Novice Scull point score – Leichhardt 22, Sydney 21, Glebe 14.



Leichhardt President Tim Clare accepts the Kevyn Webb Trophy

The John Sharp Trophy – women's Novice and U16 point score – UTS 60, Brisbane Water 50, Tara 34.



John Sharp presents the trophy to UTS scullers

The Lea Insurance Brokers Trophy – women's Novice Scull point score – Balmain 26, Tara 11, Brisbane Water /Drummoyne 8 each.





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Joe Grech receives the LEA Insurance Brokers Trophy from Thomas Harrys

### **LEA INSURANCE BROKERS SCHOLARSHIPS**

For the second year, two LEA Insurance Brokers Youth Scholarships of \$ 1,000 each were awarded to 2 young aspiring champions.

The scholarships are to be directed to defray the training and competition costs of the young athletes.

Club Captains and school Rowing Masters were invited to submit formal applications (maximum of 2 boys and 2 girls) from their promising young rowers. The applications were evaluated by the Sharp Series Committee.

The LEA Scholarship recipients for 2011 are Stephanie Harper (Brisbane Water R.C.) and Peter Ireland (Sydney R.C.). CONGRATULATIONS!



Thomas Harrys with an elated Stephanie Harper of Brisbane Water.

Hi Terry, Barry, Kim, John Sharp and Thomas (Lea Insurance)

Just like to say, to all the above, thank you very much with the decision to award Stef with the 'LEA' scholarship for junior girl. She was so taken back with the result and was very shy in her acceptance of the award.

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She is determined more than ever to continue her efforts to develop into one of NSW great lightweights and beyond.

I also like to thank you for our continued enjoyment being involved in the JB Sharp series each year and hope to be there again next year. We all really appreciate your efforts of making the series such a success each year and hope that it gets more and more recognition in future years which it truly deserves. Have a great day and hope that you all feel comfort in being part of such a successful venture.

Terry, If you could please pass this email onto the others I have mentioned it would be greatly appreciated as I don't have their details.

Thanks again Terry

Dave Cullen Brisbane Water Rowing Club



Peter Ireland of Sydney Rowing Club holds his cheque with Thomas Harys

Dear Mr. Maher,

I would like to thank you and the sponsor on awarding me the LEA Insurance Broker Scholarship. The J.B Sharp Regattas are an experience that I will always look forward to when the winter time comes round. I also know that such an enjoyable and successful regatta would not be possible without the tireless effort and vast quantities of time that you and the other volunteers of the regatta put in. The money that you have gifted to me will be very useful in the many costs and expenses of club rowing (seat fees, membership costs, travel, etc.). I believe the money will help in the continuation of rowing for me and the other young rowers that you award this grant.

The great atmosphere that the regattas have had is one that is fun and entertaining. The heavy emphasis on the development of novice and youth rowers creates a forum for young people to get together and enjoy our common interest of rowing (something that cannot often be done at the more serious and elite level regattas of the rowing season).

I can't wait to come back next year and revel in the fun that is the J.B. Sharp Memorial Series Regattas!

Yours Sincerely,

*Peter Ireland,*

*Sydney Rowing Club*

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A \$ 500 prize was also awarded to the Club winning the combined Men's & Women's Under 16 Scull point score. The result was UTS 57, Mosman 45, Balmain/Drummoyne 30.



Thomas Harrys congratulates young UTS rowers.

### MANAGEMENT

Last year's Committee continued in their role of administering the Series.

The Committee comprises Barry Moynahan (Treasurer), Barbara Ramjan (Balmain Rowing Club & Custodian of Trophies), George Andrews (Drummoyne Rowing Club), Tim Drinkwater (Glebe Rowing Club), Christiaan Fitzsimon (Leichhardt Rowing Club), Georgia Koutts (UTS Rowing Club) & Tim Wainman (NSW Union of Boat Race Officials) and Terry Maher (Convener & Chairman). Anne Craig is the Honorary Auditor and the accounts were audited in April as the financial year ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Now that Rowing NSW has adopted their new Constitution the Committee will consider affiliating with them.

The programme has been set for the 2012 Series and the starting time for the first race will be brought forward to 9.15am to accommodate the three divisions of the Women's Under 16 scull.

The Committee commenced a marketing program to assist with the running costs of the Series and offered Thermo Skin suits which are ideal rowing attire for the cooler months. This program was a success with 54 tops and 57 pants being sold.



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### SPONSORSHIP

Rowing is commonly recognised as a character building. Involvement in our wonderful sport certainly reaps benefits to the young rowers in their sporting, family, career and community aspirations for the remainder of their lives.

Our sponsor LEA Insurance Brokers recognises this and is keen to support this philosophy and our endeavours. Their second year of support has lead to continued growth and prosperity.

We will continue to work with Lea and our Patron John Sharp for a mutually rewarding long term relationship.

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### APPRECIATION

Without the support of the NSW Union of Boat Race Officials the regattas would not be possible. A record number of trainee BROs took to the water; the Series being the ideal place to learn to be a race official.

The officials included Louisa & Elise Andrews, Barbara Ramjan, Greg James, Tony Wimble, Ron Beattie, Phil Titterton, Allen Turner, Steve Sherry, Jan Williams, Martin Oldereid, Greg Smith, James Tate, Gavin Dods, Tim Wainman, John Newcomb, Gabrielle Howard and James Tyree.

The Lea sponsorship provided the opportunity to equip our long serving officials with Burke  $\frac{3}{4}$  storm jackets, gas inflated PFDs (life jackets), canvas hats and a waterproof carry bag. This essential outfit was very appreciated at the regattas where the weather was inclement.

To our commentators Barry Moynahan and Owen Nix, thank you for a very professional job.

Rowing NSW IT man Stephen Croot, thank you for the electronic timing at the Leichhardt regatta and your assistance with web postings.

Well done Union of Rowers members Brian Guthrie and Ken Wright for catering for the Leichhardt Regatta.

Kim & Robyn Mackney for administering the handicap scull.

THANK YOU to the many volunteers from the host clubs for boat marshalling, judging, umpire boat driving, course laying, catering and all the other unseen jobs that make regattas happen.

Wishing all rowers and coaches a successful 2011-2012 regatta season and trust that the Series has assisted in laying a foundation for your competition.

We look forward to your participation in the 88<sup>th</sup> J. B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series.

Terry Maher

Convener.

18<sup>th</sup> August, 2011.

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