

## **Mixed Surf Boat and Canoe Crews**

Background:-

The Surf Boat Advisory Group (SBAG) have set a target to get 'Bums on Seats' or more rowers on the water from the members currently available and future interested rowers.

A short questionnaire was circulated to gauge member's thoughts about mixed crews and we would now like to introduce this ability at future events.

Mixed crews would be able to race in the following divisions- Open Male, U23 Male and U19 Male with the age of the oldest rower qualifying as the division the crew must compete in.

IE:

- Crew of 1 Open Male and 3 Females of any age must compete in the Open Male division
- Crew of 2 U23 Males and 2 U19 Females must compete in the U23 Male division.
- Crew of 1 U19 Male and 3 U19 Females must compete in the U19 Male division.

All of these crews from the same club would be eligible for points, apart from the National Championships at this stage.

The above is to be introduced at the 2020 Central Regional Championships and future competitions where the regional sport managers are in approval.

In addition to this we also allow the following,

Mixed crews can call upon rowers from other clubs and sweeps from other clubs to allow them to compete, but no points will be allocated. Clubs will need to agree before competition as equipment damage costs needs to be agreed.

We would see this option being taken up when conditions are good and potential damage is minimised. If you would like to enter a crew of members from different clubs please contact me on the details below to make this happen.

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