

## National Master Championship at SIRC

The Sydney Rowing Club sent 14 masters to Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) to compete in the National Masters Championship on the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May. Over 800 rowers were on hand from around Australia, making this the largest regatta ever held in Australia. Our women's crews were still without Kirsten Liljeqvist, who is recovering after breaking her leg. Conditions were excellent over the three days with weather perfect for racing.

SRC crews crossed the line 5 times in first place, 4 times for second and 5 times for third.

Ken Ambler and Charles Lloyd Jones were prepared for a hard race in the D double against strong crews from University of Queensland and Canberra, SRC home in 3:28.87, margin over Uni of Qld 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.05 sec, Canberra 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Men's C Quad stroked by Gerd Grigull with Carl Quitzau, Ken and Charles were determined to win this year having lost last year's race to Mosman by less than a second. After a great start Gerd read the race well, holding several Mosman pushes at bay, SRC home winners by 1:74 sec in a time of 3:09.95.

Gerd and Carl, narrowly lost a hard fought race in the C double to Essendon in 3:26.64, 1.75 the margin to SRC. Gerd and Carl were involved in another close race, joining John Croll, Peter Kesners, Ken Ambler and Patterson, McCallum and Cantor from Leichhardt in the Men's C Eight. Mosman first in 3:08.27, 2<sup>nd</sup> Banks/Yarra Yarra the margin .61, SRC/Leichhardt equal 3<sup>rd</sup> with Uni of Queensland the top four crews separated by 1.94 seconds. Without question one of the two closest races of the regatta. The other close race also featured a SRC/Leichhardt crew. The 3<sup>rd</sup> heat of Women's D quad required close scrutiny of the photo to declare, SRC first in 3:54.02, the Brisbane & GPS/Surfers combination second the margin .07, the first four crews separated by .65 of a second. Only the first two crew went through to the final, the SRC/Leichhardt crew of Dorothy De George, Jo Jones, Deb Church and Angela Conry (Leichhardt) having worked so hard in the heat were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the final.

Gina found a new partner for the A&B double in Club Captain, Peter Murphy, SRC the winner in 3:55.01, Kristen Greaves a new member of the SRC masters team partnered with Tim Tindale from Leichhardt was home second. Ken and Charles again teamed up with Deb Church and Jo Jones to continue an unbeaten run of five wins in the mixed D quad, SRC home in 3:39.13. Charles and Deb recorded another win in the mixed C double after chasing the Port Adelaide/Torrens crew over first 900 meters of the SIRC course.

Sydney Rowing Club rowers were National champions in the following races.

### Men's

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| C Quad   | Gerd Grigull, Carl Quitzau, Ken Ambler & Charles Lloyd Jones |
| D Double | Ken Ambler & Charles Lloyd Jones                             |

### Mixed

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| A Double | Gina De George & Peter Murphy                          |
| C Double | Deb Church & Charles Lloyd Jones                       |
| D Quad   | Jo Jones, Deb Church, Ken Ambler & Charles Lloyd Jones |

The level of competition was the highest we had experienced since the World Masters in Ballarat in 2002

Our thanks to the Boat Race Officials and the many SRC members who were on hand acting as volunteers at the regatta. [Spotted at the course were Dallas Smith, Jim Goulding, Tony Brown, Bill Mison, Phill Cazyer, John Bowes and Keith Jameson.](#)

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