## VETERAN RACING

## **RULES**

- 1. A Veteran sculler is one who has attained the age of 40 years before the 1st January of the current year.
- 2. Veteran scullers and crews shall receive a handicap each year based on the sculler's age, or ages, at the 1st January of that year.
- Course lengths at regattas range from just over 300 metres up to 900 metres. There are three sets of handicaps according to course length. The three bands are for 300-500M, 501-700M and 701-900M and are based on each median course length 400M, 600M and 800M.
- For Singles events the sculler's individual handicap as given shall be used. For Doubles events the individual handicaps of the two scullers shall be averaged and the corresponding individual handicap used. Averages shall be rounded up.
- A Veteran sculler's handicap shall be reduced by 2 seconds for every win in non-processional Veteran events and may become negative if the reduction exceeds the age handicap. The adjusted handicap shall apply to all types of event
- Scullers with a reduced handicap shall, at the commencement of the next following season, revert to a handicap based only on age.
- A Veteran Records Recorder shall be appointed each year by the SRA Committee and shall be responsible for keeping a register of Veteran scullers' year of birth and regatta wins.
- A Veteran sculler must register with the Recorder his or her year of birth, either directly or by including it on a regatta entry form. Regatta secretaries must apply to the Recorder for Veteran scullers' handicaps, and shall print them in regatta programmes. An unregistered entry, or a regatta entry made without including the birth year, shall be listed as 'Scratch' less any handicap reduction applicable.
- 9. A Veteran sculler after having won a Senior status event, whether qualifying or not, and whether in single, double, or mixed-double skiffs, shall not enter a Veteran event in that category for the rest of that season.
- Veteran events shall be raced over the full course
- Novice Veteran events shall be subject to the normal Veteran Rules for handicapping, but the reduction in handicap following a win shall not apply if the sculler enters a normal Veteran event. A sculler who wins a normal Veteran event in a particular category of boat, shall not, for the rest of that season, compete in non-processional Novice Veteran events in the same category of boat.
- In processional events only, a 'Restricted' classification of Veteran scullers may be used in addition to, or in place of, the 'Open' classification given in Rule 1. To qualify for a Restricted Veteran event in single skiffs, a sculler must have attained the age of 50 years before 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year. To qualify for a Restricted Veteran event in double skiffs, both scullers must be Veterans and their combined age must be at least 100 years before 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year. Further similar Restricted classifications may be used with the age of a single sculler advancing by increments of 10 years and the combined age of a doubles crew by 20 years. Rule 6 shall apply to all classes of Restricted Veteran events.

The individual handicaps in seconds by course length are as follows.

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