

## Preface by the regatta president Jonas Deconinck

# GHENT INTERNATIONAL SPRING REGATTA

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Dear rower, dear coach, dear rowing fan,

We are back. We have been working impatiently on our 'Ghent International Spring Regatta'. And honestly, it took some getting used to.

Because our regatta relies on people in the first place. Rowers, parents, sympathisers who selflessly contribute to this event. Rowing enthusiasts who roll up their sleeves and thus keep the costs for the organisation as low as possible. And for all those people, it had been a while. But we haven't lost our touch. This edition proves that. A big thank you to everyone who is committed to our regatta!

For some things, of course, we seek professional services and these deserve the proper return. Fortunately, we can count on the financial support of the City of Ghent and Sport Flanders to bear these costs. Thank you dear authorities, this event cannot be organised professionally without your clear support.

Dear rower, we missed you. We missed your enthusiasm, your commitment, your emotions, your discovery of the area and your (new) contacts with rowers from all over the world. So it's time to relish. Don't forget to broaden your view of the world. Discover our beautiful city of Ghent, make friends abroad, enjoy the atmosphere and the cosiness of our regatta village. Make this trip to Ghent unforgettable.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the best of luck. May you all go home Sunday evening with a good feeling. A personal best, a good race, a victory, proud parents and coaches. Grant every participant their happiness and keep it fair before, during and after the races. Let the Ghent International Spring Regatta be another fantastic experience.

We as an organisation team are here for you. Talk to us, we will be happy to help you.

Keep it safe, fair and sporty. And enjoy. With full enjoyment.

*Attention. Go!*

Jonas Deconinck

President  
Ghent International Spring Regatta