



KARAPIRO ROWING INC CHRISTMAS REGATTA NEWSLETTER

This is the first Karapiro regatta a lot of clubs and schools from the North Island will be attending this Season. So in addition to regatta-specific news KRI wants to bring a number of matters to your attention.

Straight Finals

As per the regatta conditions, any event with less than 8 entries is being rowed as a Final only.

Boat Park Allocation

There are approximately 75 trailers coming to this regatta. There are only 32 trailer parks in the boat park, 5 in the domain camping area, 20 in Judd Lane and the back of car park 2 for small second trailers. Accordingly, it is imperative that you park in the correct trailer park for this regatta.

The allocation is on the KRI website but if in doubt call Terry Tidbury on 027 4744 196.

Trailers parked in the wrong locations will be moved by the KRI team to your correct trailer allocation. Tow balls need to be centred over the middle of the identifying number for your allocated trailer allocation.

We will be rotating clubs and schools into Judd Lane over the Christmas, NICC and NISS regattas.

Clubs and schools allocated trailer spaces in Judd Lane and the Domain Camping Ground are welcome to unload their trailers in the boat park before parking their trailer.

Clubs with less than 10 boats on your trailers will not be in the boat park. All trailers in the boat park and the Don Rowlands car park are expected to have a minimum of 3 small boats stored on their trailer during the regatta. KRI will be monitoring this requirement during the regatta.

Boat racks will be in place Wednesday 11 December.

Coach Parking & Spectator Embankment Passes

These are available at the office in the Control Tower and should be collected on Thursday 12 December.

Tent Sites

The tent site allocation is available on the KRI website. KRI has booked the spectator embankment from midday Thursday 12 December. **No tents to be erected before then.**

Thursday Training

KRI has booked zones 4, 5 & 6 of the lake from Thursday to Sunday. **Crews training on Thursday are to use the circulation pattern for when KRI has the lake booked** (see next page).

KRI will provide safety boats on Thursday 12 December during dedicated training hours of **10am to 6pm**. Training outside these times on Thursday must be supervised by clubs/schools following all the safety requirements and protocols. **No unsupervised crews on the water outside of these times.**

'Entry to the Start' Training

KRI will be providing training on Thursday afternoon on how to enter and back into the Start. **For rowers and coxswains new to Karapiro we highly recommend you take advantage of this opportunity.** Crews wanting to undertake the training need to be at the Start at 5pm Thursday afternoon where we will have officials to undertake the training.

We may provide training on Friday morning before the regatta starts. Enquire at the Tower or Marshall's Hut on Thursday afternoon and we will advise the time should there be Friday morning training.

Training During the Regatta

Training on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be available as follows:

- 30 minutes after daybreak with all boats off the water at 7.30am on Friday and 7am on Saturday and Sunday
- 30 minutes after racing on Friday and Saturday

provided

- Coaches man at least two safety boats that look after all boats on the water during these times. Nominated safety boat drivers to be advised to Tori Jantke (m. 0212255867) so we can agree a roster for manning these safety boats during regatta training times.

Non adherence to these requirements will result in training during the regatta being withdrawn.

Any athlete, training on the water outside of the above agreed times on regatta days, may be excluded from the regatta and their club will be fined \$500 for breaching these requirements.

KRI Website: www.karapirorowing.com

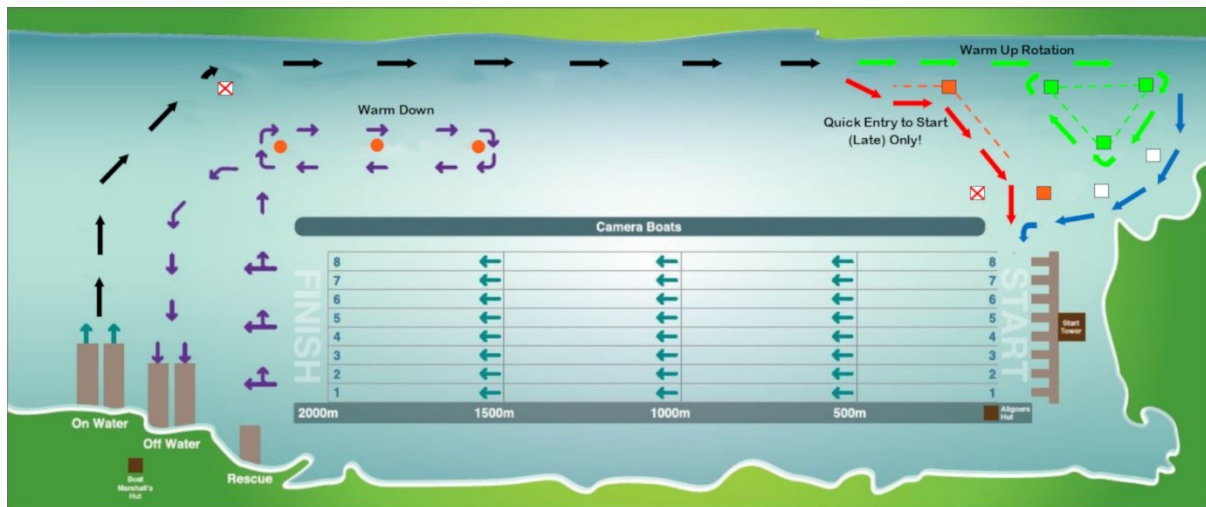
The KRI website has been significantly changed during the off-Season. Information relating to regattas is easy to find and informative.

Day sheets & Live Results: rowit.nz

You can obtain day sheets online and follow the regatta through live result on the rowit.nz website. A draft race schedule is already available to help clubs and schools start planning their regatta days.

Circulation Pattern when KRI has lake booked

Traffic patterns during the period KRI has booked the lake for training or racing will be regatta circulation. As per the diagram below.



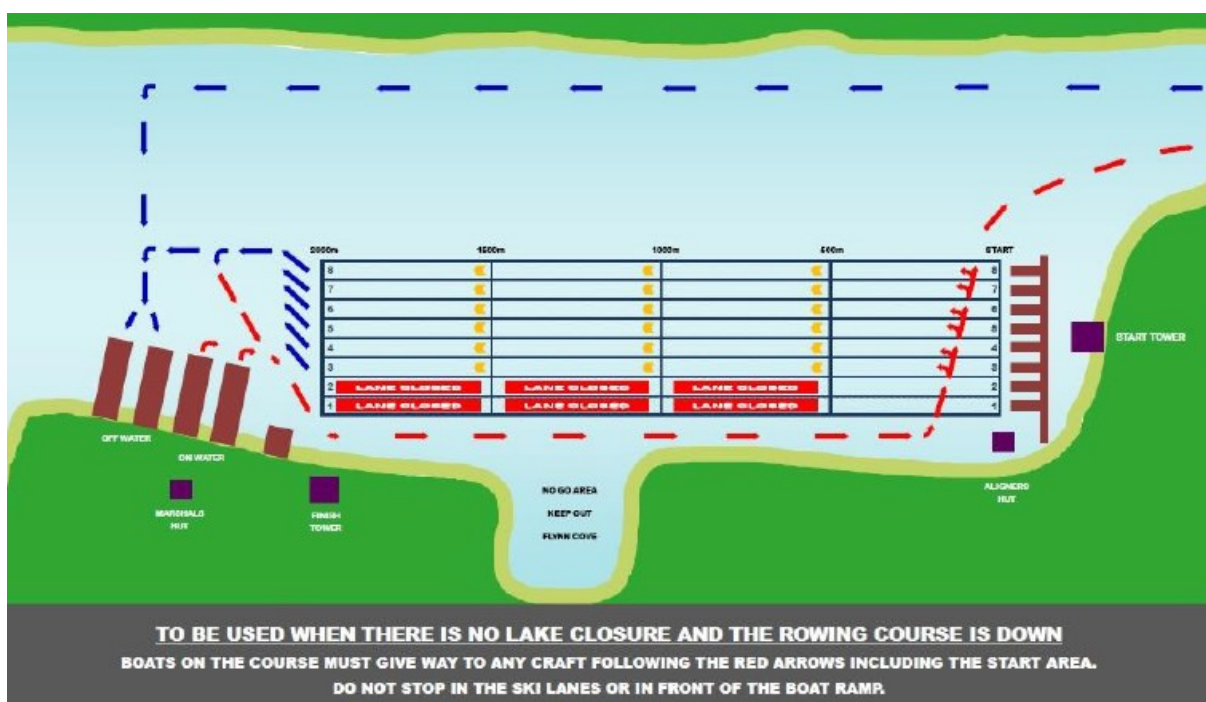
Ensure your crews understand this pattern, particularly the quick entry – if in doubt ask a regatta official.

The dates and times this circulation is enforced is: **6.00am Thursday 12 December until 6.30pm Sunday 15 December**

Circulation Pattern when KRI does not have lake booked

Outside of times KRI has booked the lake, normal river rules apply – **stick to the right hand side of the lake** (right when looking forward to the boats' bow). Travel in an anti-clockwise direction. **This is the opposite to the way boats circulate during a regatta**; particularly on the far side of the lake from the Domain. On-water and off-water pontoons are reversed too.

A map of the non-regatta circulation pattern as it applies to the buoyed lanes is located behind the Marshall's Hut and detailed below. This circulation pattern is enforced from the time the lane wires appear on the lake, until 6am Thursday 12 December. **It is to be used by those crews training on or before Wednesday 11 December.**



Protecting Your Coxswains

At the last two KRI regattas we have noted a number of issues around coxswains that need to be rectified at the Christmas Regatta:

1. **Coxswain weigh-in time** – remind your coxswains that weigh-in is not more than 2 and not less than 1 hour before their first race. Late weigh-in will result in a yellow card and not weighing-in will result in the crew not being allowed on the water.
2. **Life jackets** – coxswains need to wear a NZ Safety Standards approved life jacket. The life jacket needs to be a snug fit otherwise it will be an impediment rather than of assistance in a capsize situation.
3. **Deadweight** – Rule 22 of the NZ Rules of Racing states that deadweight needs to be placed as close as possible to the coxswain. It should not be connected to the coxswain or be of a material that impedes their exit from the boat. In case of a bow coxed boat it should not be placed in front of the coxswain. This last requirement has a number of practical difficulties given the construction of some boats does not provide an easy alternative option for placing weights in a boat. Common sense needs to apply when placing weights in boats.

Below are two pictures of weights taken at the club regatta. The weights tied together in the first picture are acceptable but the loose strap in the second picture is a hazard for the coxswain if that strap was to inadvertently be caught around their body in a capsize situation.



Putting tied weights in a sealed bag would be preferable.

4. **Coxswains seat** – Rule 29 of the NZ Rules of Racing requires a fixed bulkhead or firm foot-stop be provided a suitable distance from the backrest to suit the coxswain's height so that they can push themselves clear of the cockpit easily from a bow coxed boat. Given the height of a lot of coxswains we have seen this season many of them cannot rest their feet against the bulkhead. You need to insert a suitable size foot-stop (polystyrene block) into your bow coxed boats where this is the case.

This will be closely monitored at the Christmas regatta and where there is not a suitable foot-stop your boat will be considered non-compliant until rectified