

2026 NZ Masters Rowing Championships

19 & 20 September

Regatta Information
&
Safety Briefing



KRI Regatta Information &
Updates (Coaches & Managers)

WhatsApp group



**Karāpiro
Rowing**

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NEW ZEALAND

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MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Welcome
Carol Howard

Key People for the Regatta

- Event Manager: Carol Howard
- Chief Umpire: Mary Birch
- Chief Safety Officer: Greg Liddy & Tony Allen
- Regatta Controller: Tricia Balle
- Volunteer & Catering Manager: Nic Peacocke

Welcome

Carol Howard

- As the key representative and Safety Officer for the Regatta, it is YOUR responsibility to ensure that the information shared in this presentation is shared with ALL the relevant people within your club.
- Please ensure you review the Regatta Information Letter posted on the [KRI NZ Masters page](#)

**ENSURE ALL THIS INFORMATION IS
PASSED ON TO ALL COMPETITORS**

Regatta Control

Tricia Balle

PHONE CALLS

- Don't ignore calls from 07 827 9222. Your crew could miss out on racing if you do!

CONDITIONS

- [Conditions](#) are posted on the rowIT Profile tab for each regatta
- Also see the [RNZ Rules of Racing](#)

NOTICES AND REGATTA UPDATES

- Keep an eye on the rowIT [Notices](#) page, which will be updated during regatta if required (e.g., weather delays)

AGE GRADES AND ROWIT

- See the Regatta Information Letter for some hints on how to find crew age grades on rowIT day sheet and results

Regatta Control - Programme

Tricia Balle

Race Programme

- Block format
 - Heats at start of blocks; finals at least 40 mins after last heat [except in last block on Sunday]
- PLEASE let us know asap if you are scratching from final!
- Mainly 8 lane, couple of 9 lane races

Handicapping and Medals

- NZ Masters events do NOT use handicapped starts like at Legion. All crews in a single event start on “go”.
- In events with multiple age categories in the event name, multiple gold medals can be awarded (e.g., in an A-C event there could be three—A, B and C—gold medals. An A crew does not get a gold medal if beaten by an older crew)
 - Silver and bronze medals are awarded regardless of the numbers entered (cf. [RNZ Rules of Racing](#) Rule M68)
- The ONLY use of handicapped starts is when two low-entry events are combined into one race
 - The purpose of the handicap is purely to even up the racing and attempt to make it more enjoyable for the participants
 - You are only competing against the crews in your own event in such races
 - We will be trialling the new World Masters handicaps

Regatta Control – Crew Changes and Scratches

Tricia Balle

- Note penalty fees for scratches: \$40 after 8am Friday 18 September; \$60 for scratches within 60 minutes of published race times, for DNS, and for scratches after the heat.
 - Scratches made for medical reasons **accompanied by written or emailed evidence** will incur no penalty
- No subs after heats except for medical reasons
- Make subs and scratches **no less than** 60 minutes before the published race start time
 - **Medical subs (with evidence)** can be made within 60 mins of race
 - Compliance WILL be checking crew names – don't risk being excluded!
- Onsite medics can issue stand-down certificate to support medical sub or scratch. Alternatively, any other qualified medical professional can write a note or email.
- Alterations can be made on rowIT (scratches only during regatta) or at Tower. Include a LEGIBLE phone number!
- In age-category events, a sub of a rower **MUST** not lower (make younger) the age grade of the original crew. Should the substitution raise the age grade of the crew, that crew will still be judged as its original age grade

Race Committee

Mary Birch

Chief Umpire: Mary Birch
Chief Starter: Adele Marsden
Chief Judge: Twan van Duivenbooden
Organising Rep: Jared Cummings

Chief Compliance: Colin Birch

Compliance

Mary Birch

- **There will be no calling of races. Assume the regatta is on time and be at the start in good time for your race.**
- **Boat Compliance:** Heel restraints, quick release, bow balls, compartment hatch covers.
- **Name Checking** of crews will be carried out.
- **Coxswain Armbands** will also be checked.
- Please check your own boats in the presence of our Licensed Officials in Compliance
- **Launching Pontoon Area:** Keep this area clear of all belongings (e.g., shoes, oar carriers, loose blades).
- **Cox Weighing:** Located in the KRI Shed. **Must weigh in once for entire regatta not more than two hours and not less than one hour before first race.**
- **Boat Weighing:** No boat weighing at this regatta.

Compliance

Mary Birch

Hot Seating

- At Pontoons: you must notify the Compliance Chief at the gazebo by the on-water pontoons of any hot swaps.
- *At Start: The only access to the 1000m Start Platform is on-water*

Uniform

- Race in your Club colours (including in composite crews)

Flow Pattern (Diagram next Slide)

Mary Birch



- **Pontoons:** Ensure correct pontoon is used to enter or exit the water. The center pontoon will be a swing pontoon as advised by Compliance Team.
- **Flow Rotation:** Follow arrows as depicted on next slide.
 - White buoy with a **RED** cross must be rounded
 - The last **GREEN** buoy must be rounded to enter the marshalling area

DO NOT HUG THE BANK WHEN ROWING TO THE START

- **Warm-Up/Practice:** Line of **GREEN** buoys on Eastern side of Start.
 - Buoy line may be crossed West to East anywhere (give way to traffic)
 - Must **NEVER** be crossed East to West
 - Southern buoy must be rounded at all times
- **Warm Down Area:** There is NO Warm Down area at this regatta.
- **Southern Limit:** The **RED** buoy Line 200m past the Start **MUST NOT BE CROSSED!**

Karāpiro Rowing

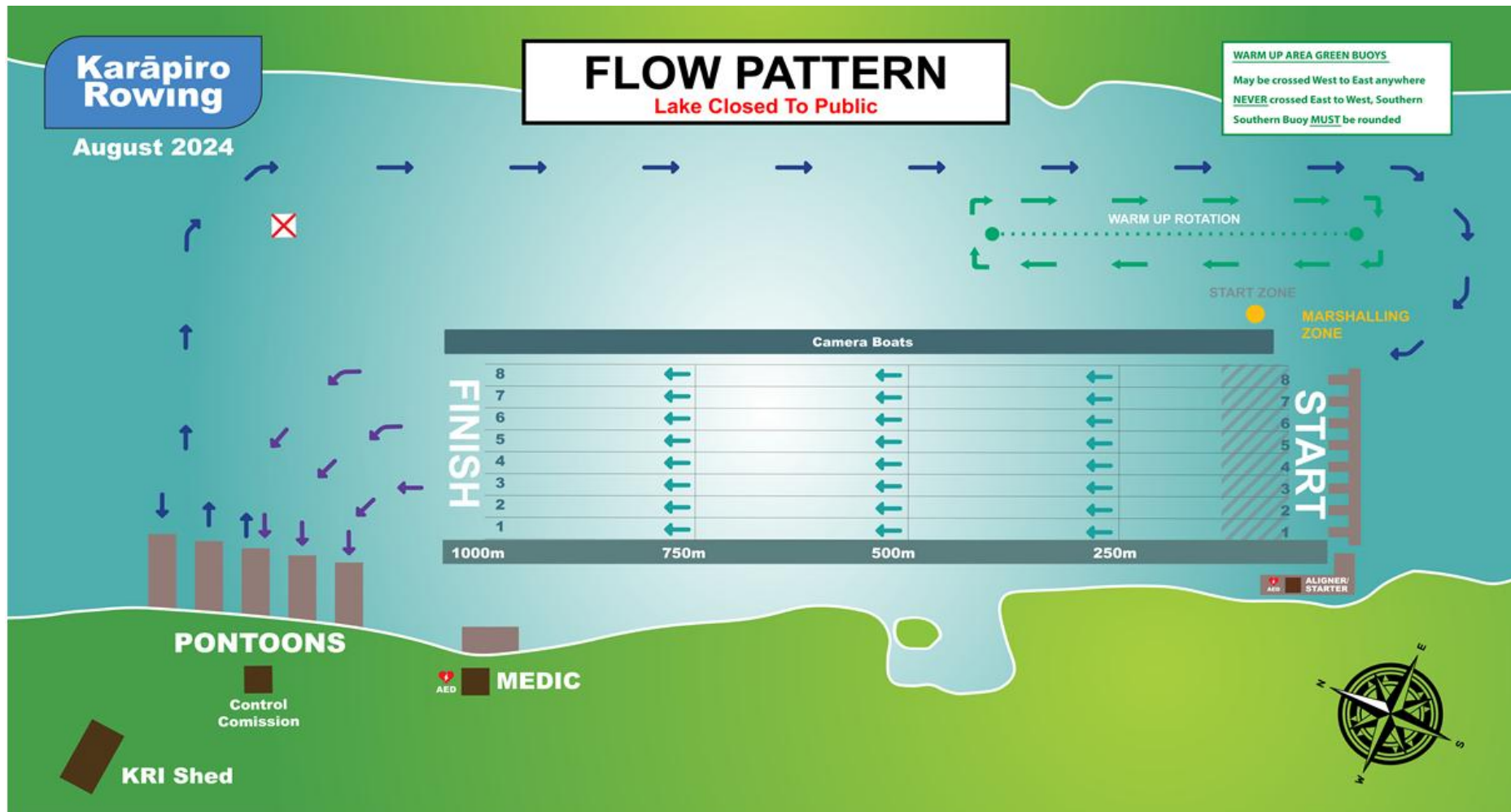
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FLOW PATTERN

Lake Closed To Public

WARM UP AREA GREEN BUOYS

May be crossed West to East anywhere
NEVER crossed East to West, Southern
Southern Buoy **MUST** be rounded



Ceremonial

Mary Birch

- Crews must collect their medals from the KRI tent located near the off-water pontoon.

Safety Officer Update

Greg Liddy

- **Weather:**

Saturday: SW Winds 15-30kph, Gusts to 40kph.
Temp 12-16deg , Cloudy.

Sunday: SW winds 20-30kph Gusts to 50kph.
Temp 10-18deg; Partly Cloudy

- **Medical:**

The Medical Team will be in the First Aid room.

(see Flow Rotation Map)

- **Athlete Welfare:**

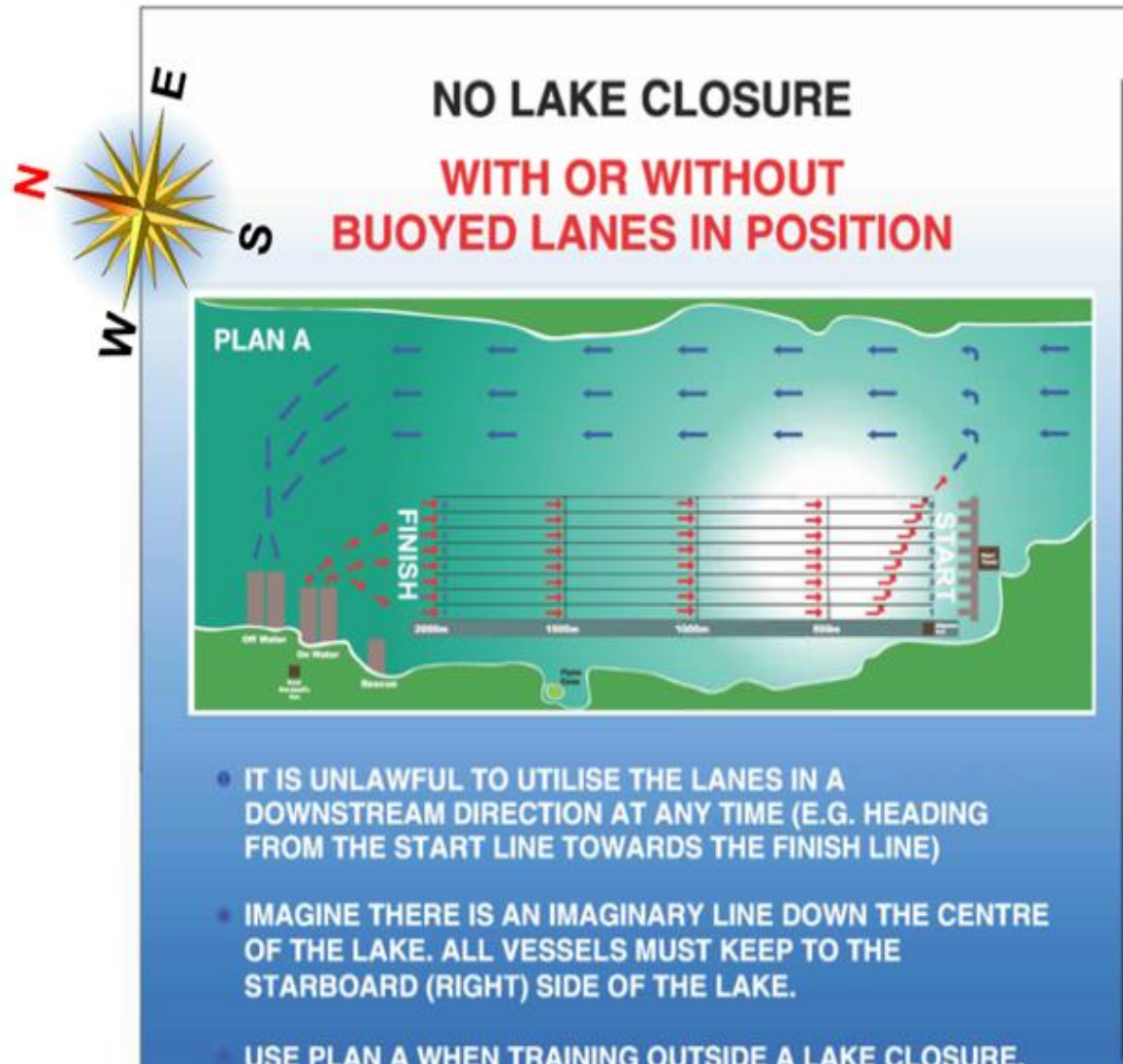
Hydration/food/ Infectious diseases

Training

Greg Liddy

- **Friday Training: Permitted from 10am to 5pm.** We need some volunteers to man safety boats. Bow numbers are required to be on the water.
- **Morning Training (Fri):** Lake **open to the public until 10am.** Crews can train till 10am complying with the NZ Rowing Code Water Safety Rules.
- **Start of Day Training (Sat/Sun):** Lake **closed to the public from 5am.** Crews can train from this time until 45 mins prior to start of racing. You must TEXT the Chief Safety officer with your intentions and when ON/OFF the water.
- **End of Day Training:** Lake **open to the public from 6pm.** Crews can train after this time complying with the NZ Rowing Code Water Safety Rules.
- **Lake OPEN to Public:** When lake is open to the public, the flow rotation reverses; see next slide.
- **Training During Regatta:** Training is only allowed in Zone 3 (around the pylons). A bow number is required to be on the lake. Contact Chief Compliance to go on the water.
- If crews wish to row outside the confines of the course (red buoy line behind start), they **MUST** contact the Chief Safety officer

Lake Open to Public



Safety Officer Update

Greg Liddy

- Please remind Crews NOT to lie down in the boat after the finish; we are very vigilant of athlete welfare after the race finish.

Assistance into boats following a capsize

Safety will assist Crews back into a boat if requested.

EVACUATION POINT

If an incident occurs requiring an evacuation of the complex, it will be announced over the PA system in the Boat Park.

ALL attendees must evacuate up the hill toward camp ground or carpark areas.

Para Rowers

Greg Liddy

- If you are entering a Para rower who is rowing in non-Para events, please contact regattacontrol@karapirorowing.com to ensure that the Safety Officer is informed prior to the regatta
- Current list:
 - 63: W New Masters Single (2 crews)
 - 68: M New Masters Single (1 crew)
 - 74: M New Masters Double (1 crew)
 - 86: W New Masters Double (1 crew)
 - 107: Mixed Novice Quad (1 crew)

Personal/ Safety

Greg Liddy

Temperature

Hot/cold – be appropriately dressed. There will be Wind Chill

Traffic

Greg Liddy

A reminder for all travelling to and from the regatta!

Due to road resurfacing, SH1 Waikato Expressway (Cambridge) will be one lane in each direction from the Tamahere Interchange to the Victoria Road Interchange from Monday 20 July. Lanes are closed 24/7; expect delays at peak times. Allow extra travel time and travel with care through the worksites. Works run until November.

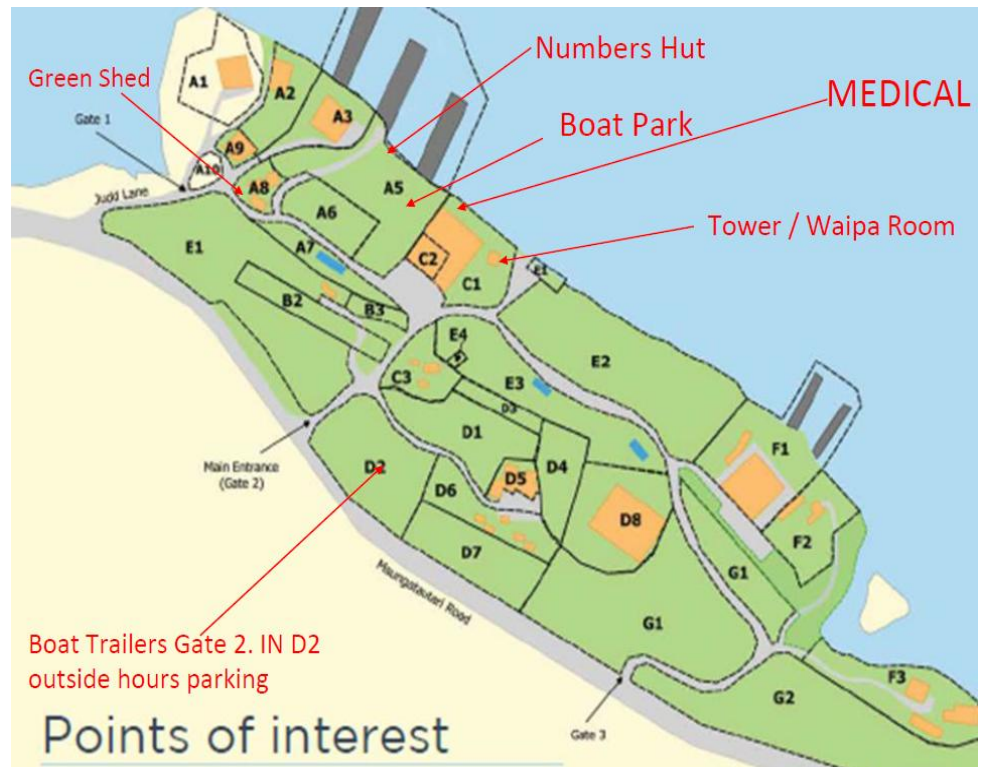
We strongly advise ALL rowing traffic to exit or enter SH1 at Tamahere interchange and proceed via Mystery Creek, Kaipaki Road and Lamb St to the lake.

Watch for updates from NZTA!

DAM ROAD IS OPEN (No Trailers)

Venue Points of Interest

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- Race Officials and Safety Officer will be located upstairs in the Sir Don Rowlands Centre in the Karāpiro Room

Trailers

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- Trailers can arrive on site from **09:00** on Friday 18 September.
- If arriving before Friday, email Mighty River Domain requesting permission to park on site.
- A parking marshal will be available until 18:00 to assist you with the location of your designated parking spot. Please **encourage drivers to arrive during this time.**
- The trailer allocation list and map is available on the [KRI NZ Masters page](#)
 - The slot numbers will be spray-painted onto the ground – the tow ball goes where the number is.
- Should the boom at the entry to the boat park be closed, pls call Kim or Carol (numbers at the end of the document).

Boat Park

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- Please ensure that boats do not overhang onto the road/walkways.
- Please do not place boats on any dumps on roads or walkways.

Club Tents

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- Where space allows, each trailer can erect a 3x3 athlete tent immediately adjacent to the boat trailer
- Otherwise, find a vacant spot that has not been demarcated for a trailer or food trucks.
- Ensure all tents are securely tied down and guy ropes are not obstructing any walkways.
- Ensure ALL tent pegs are covered.
- No campervans allowed in the boat park.

Parking

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- Athletes are requested to park in Judd Lane, along the spectator embankment, or in D2 (Gate 2, on the right, behind the Mighty River Domain offices).

Absolutely no parking in the Boat Park!

SDR parking is being kept open for an event - no parking

Dam road will be OPEN

Venue

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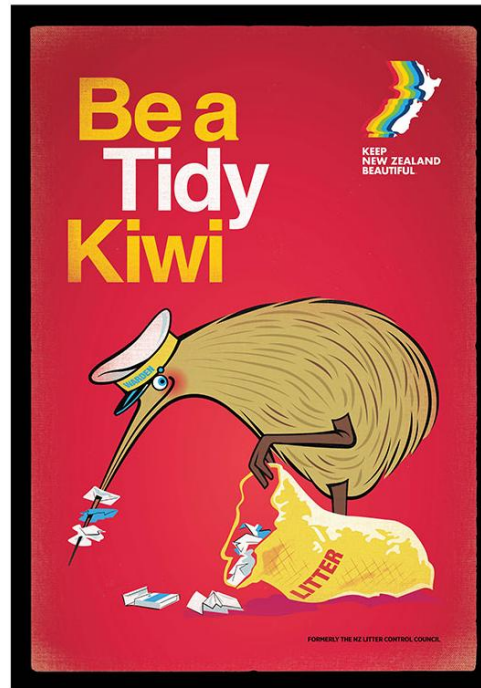
- **Vehicle Speed:** Please ensure you drive at a walking pace.
- **Bikes / Scooters:** No bikes or scooters to be ridden in the Boat Park area.
- **Dogs:** No dogs are allowed on the Site (Waipa Council rules).
- **Alcohol/Smoke/Drug free** – This regatta is deemed to be Smoke, Alcohol and Drug free for the participants and the conduct provisions apply to any breaches. Coaches and Crews are advised that, as a condition of entry into this regatta, rowers may be required to undergo tests for substances prohibited by Rowing New Zealand's anti-doping code, the International Rowing Federation, FISA and the IOC. Such tests will be undertaken by the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency who will be acting in an independent capacity under the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency Act.

Waste Management

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Bins will be located at by the main grandstand
and the boat park toilets



Keep your
waterways
pest free
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CHECK



CLEAN



DRY

**when you
move
between
lakes and
rivers**

Refreshments

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- A coffee cart will be in the boat park from 7am (under the big tree)
- A food truck will be on site on Saturday
- Podium Café will be open from 8am to 3pm
- A bar will be open from 2.30pm on Saturday by the main grandstand – please support it

NZ Masters Information & Conversation

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- RNZ and Legion of Rowers invite you to join them for a conversation about Masters Rowing
 - The National Masters Plan and Proposed Masters Plan
 - 2027 Regattas and Events
 - Changes to Legion of Rowers Events
- Saturday, 19 September
- After racing at 15:45
- Waipa Room

Reminders

Mary Birch

- Bring an additional person with you to check the boat
- Compliant bow balls
- Heel restraints
- Quick release for shoes
- Compartment hatch covers
- Reminder to make all crew substitutions, including coxswains – and ensure substitute coxes have weighed in
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be tolerated
- Prior to departure from site
 - ALL boats and equipment must be washed down.

Questions?

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