



REGATTA INFORMATION

2026

New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships

19 – 20 September 2026

Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge, NZ

WELCOME TO LAKE KARĀPIRO!

Dear Rowing Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome rowers from throughout New Zealand to the **2026 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships**.

We wish all participants safe travels to beautiful Lake Karāpiro and an enjoyable weekend of outstanding racing. We hope the weather gods are on our side and that everyone experiences the very best that our venue and rowing community have to offer.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our regatta sponsors for their valued financial support. Most importantly, we extend our sincere appreciation to the many volunteers who generously give their time and energy, often sacrificing their weekends, to help deliver a championship of the highest standard. Their dedication and commitment are essential to the success of this event.

If you have any questions or if there is anything we can assist you with, please feel free to get in touch.

We look forward to welcoming athletes, coaches, officials, supporters, and spectators to Lake Karāpiro and wish everyone a memorable and successful championship.

Warm regards,

The Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated Organising Committee

ORGANISING & RACE COMMITTEES

KRI Regatta Organising Committee

Chair: Josh Wedlake
Event Manager: Carol Howard
Regatta Control: Tricia Balle
Chief Safety Officer: Greg Liddy
Volunteer & Catering Manager: Nic Peacocke
Members: Steve Brine, Kim Harrison, Natalie Flavell
Facility & Course Manager: Dennis Howard
Boat Park Manager: David Haydock
RNZ Representatives: Nicole Roder & Jared Cummings

Race Committee

Chief Umpire: Mary Birch
Chief Start: Adele Marsden
Chief Judge: Twan Van Duivenbooden
RNZ Representative: Jared Cummings
OC Representative: Steve Brine

USEFUL INFORMATION

See below some links to useful documents and important resources which we encourage all competitors to review and become familiar with prior to the regatta:

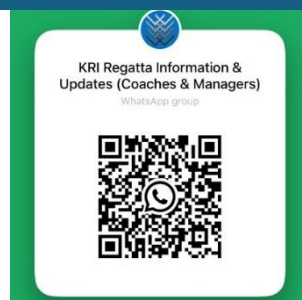
- [KRI NZ Masters Webpage](#)
This webpage includes important event information, including boat trailer allocations and site maps.
- The [Regatta Conditions](#) posted on the rowIT Profile page
- The [RNZ Rules of Racing](#), which regulate this Championship regatta.

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

WHATSAPP GROUP

We have set up a WhatsApp Group for communicating during a regatta on issues that might be of interest to Coaches and Safety Officers (such as updates if a regatta is on hold). Please scan the QR code above.

[Note that this is a new WhatsApp group for this season.](#)



PRE-REGATTA INFORMATION AND SAFETY BRIEFING

The Regatta Information and Safety Briefing will be held on **Wednesday 16 September at 6.45pm** via a Microsoft Teams Webinar.

If the Safety Officer recorded in rowIT is unable to attend the briefing, the entity must notify KRI of an alternative Safety Officer by emailing safety@karapirorowing.com prior to the commencement of the regatta.

The appointed Safety Officer must attend the Safety Briefing and fulfil all Safety Officer responsibilities under the Rules for the duration of the regatta.

Please note that the Safety Officer must be physically present at the regatta for its entire duration.

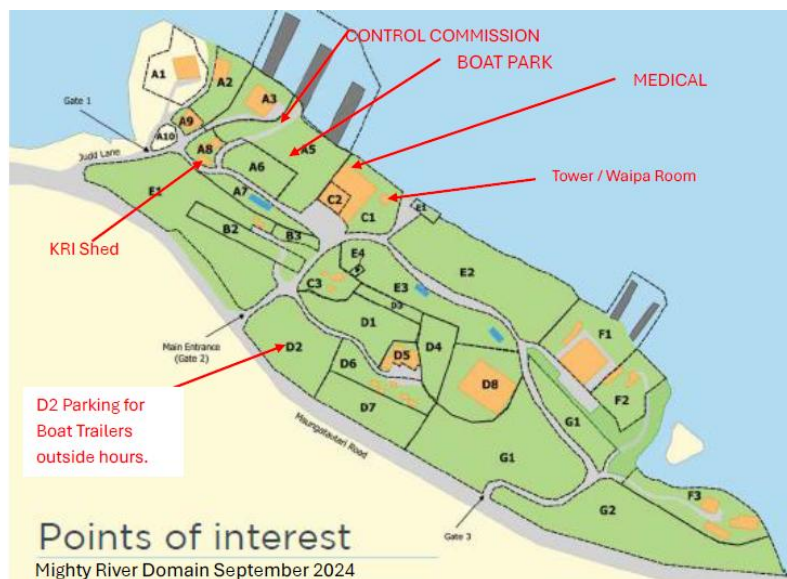
All Safety Officers and any other interested parties are encouraged to pre-register for the Webinar in advance using this [REGISTRATION LINK](#). A joining link for the Webinar will then be automatically emailed to registered participants.

Please be punctual. Entry to the Webinar will not be permitted after 6.50pm.

Attendance at the Safety Briefing is **mandatory**. Clubs that have not been briefed on the applicable safety provisions will not be permitted to participate in the regatta.

Any amendments or updates to the information contained within this document will be communicated during the Safety Briefing.

POINTS OF INTEREST



Operations Centre: For this regatta we will be operating out of the Karāpiro Room, which is directly above the Waipa Room next to the Tower (see map); access is via the steps on the Finish Tower side of the Don Rowlands Centre. Both the Chief Umpire and the Safety Officer will be based here.

TRAILER PARKING AND BOAT PARK ACCESS

The designated trailer parking plan will be uploaded onto the [KRI website](#). Please contact boatpark@karapirowing.com if you have any enquires. Ensure you print off the map and give it to your trailer-towers, so they know where to park.

Trailers can arrive on site from **09:00am on Friday 18 September**. A parking marshal will be available until 6.00pm to assist you with the location of your designated parking spot. Please encourage drivers to arrive during this time.

Any trailers arriving before 09:00am or after 6.00pm on Friday 18 September must park in D2 (via Gate 2 on the right and first turn on the right, behind the Mighty River Domain offices, see map above). Trailers will then need to be relocated the following day to the correct allocated parking area.

Trailers need to be removed no later than 8.00pm on the final day of the regatta. Should this not be possible, please contact Mighty River Domain info@lakekarapiro.co.nz (cc: operations@karapirowing.com) requesting permission to remain on site longer or arrive earlier.

Please note:

- **Absolutely no car/tow vehicle parking is allowed in the Boat Park.**
- **Please ensure that no boats overhang (even by the slightest amount) into the road.**
- **Please do not place any boats on dumps in the road and/or on the pavement.**

PARKING

Athletes are requested to park in Judd Lane, along the Spectator Embankment or in D2 (Gate 2, on the right, behind the MRD offices). Please do not park in Podium Café's parking.

Please note: **Absolutely no parking in the Boat Park.**

ATHLETE TENTS

Should space allow, you can erect a tent adjacent to your trailer. Alternatively, find any spot in the boat park not demarcated for trailers to erect your tent. Please ensure that guy ropes do not restrict walkways or encroach on your neighbours.

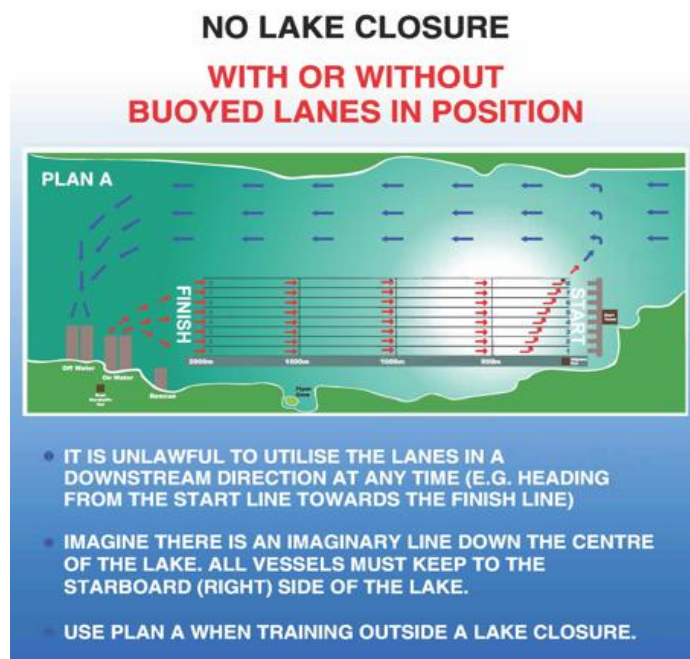
Should you be erecting tents:

- Please ensure all the tent pegs are safely covered with an appropriate object to prevent injury.
- Please pick up litter in your allocated tent site area and do not leave any broken chairs or other equipment.

ON WATER SAFETY

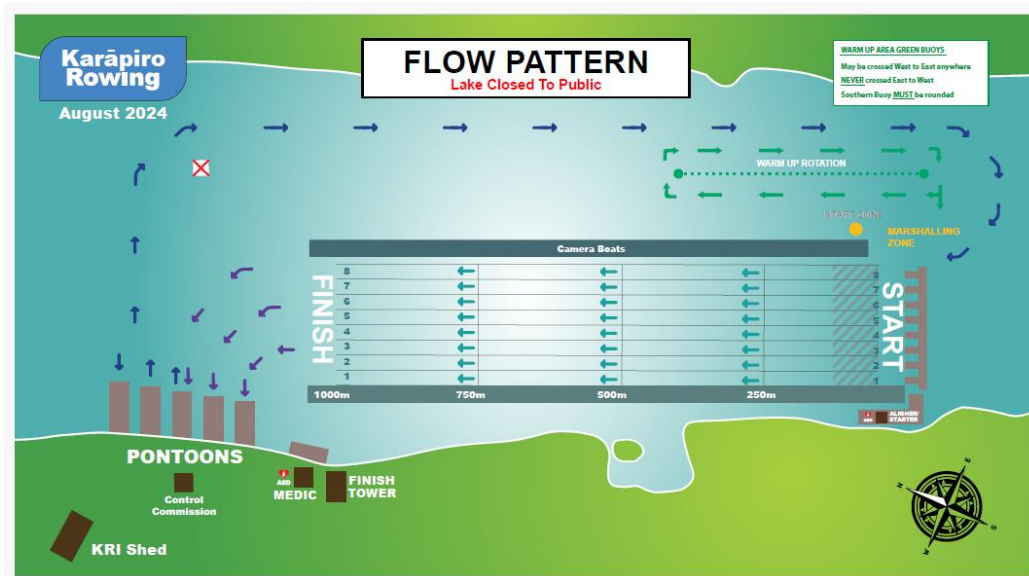
Lake flow: Lake Karāpiro is a public lake, and we share it with many other parties. There are two FLOW PATTERNS we must comply with.

When the Lake is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**, the flow pattern is:



When the Lake is CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, Control Commission will be open and the Regatta Flags will be flown (RED Lake closed, GREEN Lake open, **NO FLAG** Lake open to Public). Any movement on the Lake will be supervised.

When the lake is **CLOSED** TO THE PUBLIC, the flow pattern is:



Lake Closure times are as follows:

- Friday 18 September 10.00am - 5.00pm
- Saturday 19 September & Sunday 20 September 5.00am - 6.00pm

The map above is also posted on the back of the Numbers Hut. If you have any queries about flow rotations, see other users not complying with the flow rotations or notice any safety issues of any kind, please contact the Chief Safety Officer (details listed below).

TRAINING

Supervised training will be available from **10.00am to 5.00pm on Friday 18 September**, subject to KRI having enough volunteers to supervise training. Entities will need to provide coaches or other adults to assist in driving Safety Boats. Volunteers will require:

- Suitable clothing for the conditions
- Closed-in toe shoes (clogs permitted with heel strap up)
- Full briefings and equipment supplied.

For planning purposes, please email the Chief Safety Officer (Greg) at safety@karapirorowing.com if you wish to train during these times. Introduce yourself to the Safety Officer at the Numbers Hut from 9.30am.

COMPLIANCE

Please ensure boats are compliant with the [RNZ Rules of Racing](#). If boats do not meet the minimum standard, they will not be allowed on the water until the identified problem has been resolved. Please support us in keeping everyone safe.

Crews will be asked to conduct safety checks on their own boats in the presence of a Licensed Race Official.

BOAT MARSHAL

There will be limited calling of races. Assume the regatta is on time and be at the Start in good time for your race.

For live racing time, please refer to rowIT.

COXSWAINS

Cox weigh-in will take place in the KRI Shed.

Coxswains must weigh in pursuant to Rule 19.5.a)i. of the [RNZ Rules of Racing](#). The official weigh-in start time for each coxswain is **two hours before their first race**. This means coxswains must weigh in not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race of the regatta.

Substitutions: Should your coxswain change, you **MUST** complete a substitution form at the Tower at least 60 minutes prior to the start of the race. Remember that the substitute cox must weigh in!

CREW CHANGES AND SCRATCHES

Scratches can be made on rowIT (online option) or at the Tower up to one hour before the race. After 8am on Friday 18 September, the scratch penalty is \$40. Scratches made within an hour of the published start time of the race will incur a penalty fee of \$60. This fee also applies to DNS crews and scratches after the heats.

Scratches made for medical reasons accompanied by written or emailed evidence will incur no penalty.

Crew changes can be made in person at the Tower only and, in age-range events, a substitution 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. Contact [Regatta Control](#) if you have any questions about this during the regatta.

No crew changes can be made after the heats, except for medical reasons.

Penalty-free scratches and post-heat crew changes must be accompanied by medical evidence. You can take the impacted competitor to the onsite medics, who will issue a medical stand-down form to accompany your crew change/scratch when you file it at the Tower, or you can use any other qualified medical professional who might be available to provide a written note.

(Any competitor who is stood down from racing by the onsite medics or another medical professional can return to the regatta only if they have a medical clearance. The onsite medics cannot issue such a clearance and so an independent medical professional is required in that situation.)

HANDICAP STARTS AND MEDALS

In general, NZ Masters events do NOT use handicapped starts like at Legion. All crews in an event start on “go”.

In events with multiple listed age categories, 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 doesn’t get a gold medal if beaten by an older crew). Silver and bronze medals are awarded regardless of the number of crews entered. This is regulated by the [RNZ Rules of Racing](#) rule M68.

The ONLY use of handicapped starts will be when two or more 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 for medals against the crews in your own event in such races.

CEREMONIAL

Medals can be collected from the KRI gazebo stationed next to pontoon ramp number 5.

HINTS ON FINDING CREW AGE GRADES ON ROWIT

Question: How can I tell the age groups of each crew for my mixed age grade race on the day sheet?

- Go to the day sheet on rowIT
- In the right-hand side bar, under “Alter Display”, click on “codes”

- Then, you see the age for each crew listed:

Saturday, 21st September 2024													
Alpha	Time	Event	Div	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Lane 5	Lane 6	Lane 7	Lane 8	Lane 9	
O	09:40	9	W Mst A 1X final	A	STAC1(A)		UNWC1(A*) HWBC3(A)	WKOC1(A)		RMAC1(A*) HWBC2(A)			
P	09:45	8	W Mst B 4X- final	A	UNCC1(B*)	NSH*1(B*)	NELC1(B)	ZCH*1(B) UNW*1(B)	CAMC1(B)	WELC1(B)	TAWC2(B*)	TAWC1(B)	
Q	09:50	10	M Mst E 2- final	A		AVNC1(E)	NSHC1(E)	AKLC1(E*)	BLEC1(E*)				
R	09:55	13	W Mst H 1X final	A				PICC1(H)	SGEC2(H)				
S	10:00	14	W Mst E 4X- final	A	NSH*1(E)	WELC2(E)	BPCC1(E)	CAMC1(E)	WELC1(E)	SGEC1(E)	AKLC1(E)	UNCC1(E) NSHC2(E)	
T	10:05	15	M G-M 8+ final	A				AKL*1(H)	TPO*1(H)	HOR*1(G)	MLA*1(F)		
short break between blocks													

Question: How can I tell the age group of each crew in the results for my mixed age grade race?

- Go to the results of the race on rowIT
- Click on the “expand” box beside each crew (four green arrows) to see age grades of each crew
- This example shows that a C crew beat a B crew, so there was no gold medal for B

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Results

Day sheet

Schedule

Entrants

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	1st		Crew #1 CLIC	Leighton Montgomerie (stroke), Jason Williams Masters grade: C* (43+) * row-down from D Coached by: Jason Williams	3:52.65 N3
	2nd		Crew #1 CAMC	Simon Corbett (stroke), Nathan Jones Masters grade: B (36+, 36-42)	4:01.47 N7
	3rd		Crew #1 WESC	Michael McMurray (stroke), Andreas Lilley Masters grade: C (43+, 43-49)	4:04.05 N4
	4th		#1 P Smart, B Carter	  	4:09.63 N5
	5th		#2 M Sawbridge, A Fassler	  	4:18.01 N1
	6th		#1 A Leppard, R McDermott	  	4:25.46 N6
	7th		#1 M Mannington, T Downing	  	4:26.94 N2

UNIFORM

Rowers must row in their approved/registered colours.

CHECK CLEAN DRY

KRI will have a wash station set up outside the KRI Shed; however, we encourage clubs to bring along their own hose pipes which can be connected to any of the Mighty River Domain taps. It is also suggested that you keep a container with the bleach solution in your trailer to soak absorbent materials during your return travel.

TRANSPORT

Please note the following closures for your trip to Lake Karāpiro:

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 traffic exit or enter SH1 at Tamahere interchange, proceed via Mystery Creek, Kaipaki Road and Lamb St to the Lake.

REFRESHMENTS

Coffee: A coffee cart will be available under the “big tree” next to the Sir Don Rowlands Centre from 7.00am on Saturday and Sunday.

Food Truck: A food truck will be on site on Saturday.

Podium Café: Will be open daily from 8.00am to 3.00pm.

A bar will be open outside the Sir Don Rowlands Centre (top of the grandstand) on Saturday from 2.30pm. Please give it your support.

AFTER FUNCTION

Cambridge Rowing Club has arranged a get-together on Sunday after racing has finished at the Five Stags Leamington from 3.00pm to 8.00pm.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- The dam road will be OPEN.
- No drones are allowed.
- No overnight camping in campervans, unless you have a booking with the Domain office, to camp in the Upper campground.
- No dogs are permitted on the site. A \$300 fine will be issued by the Waipa District Council if not adhered to.
- Mighty River Domain is an alcohol-free venue. No alcohol is to be consumed on the embankment during rowing regattas.

CONTACT DETAILS

Area	Contact Person	Email
Regatta Control (including entries, conditions, crew alterations, scheduling)	Tricia Balle	regattacontrol@karapirorowing.com
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Boat Park Manager	David Haydock	boatpark@karapirorowing.com 021 810 182
Safety Officer	Greg Liddy & Tony Allen	safety@karapirorowing.com 027 336 0873
Volunteer & Catering Manager	Nic Peacocke	volunteers@karapirorowing.com 020 4124 0771