

**Karāpiro
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REGATTA INFORMATION

2026

North Island Inter Provincial Championships

25 – 26 September 2026

Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge, NZ

WELCOME TO LAKE KARĀPIRO!

Dear Rowing Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome rowers from throughout North Island New Zealand to the **2026 North Island Inter Provincial 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 regatta.

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

Race Committee

Chief Umpire: Kim Harrison
Chief Start: David Haydock
Chief Judge: John Joyce
Association Rep: Richard van Dyk
OC Representative: Steve Brine

Chief Compliance: Twan Van Duivenbooden

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:

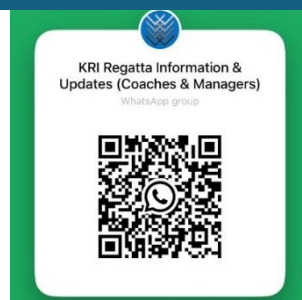
- [North Island Inter Provincial Championships](#)
This webpage includes important event information, including boat trailer allocations and site maps.
- The [Regatta Conditions](#) posted on the rowIT Profile page
- The [RNZ Rules of Racing](#).

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 23 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.

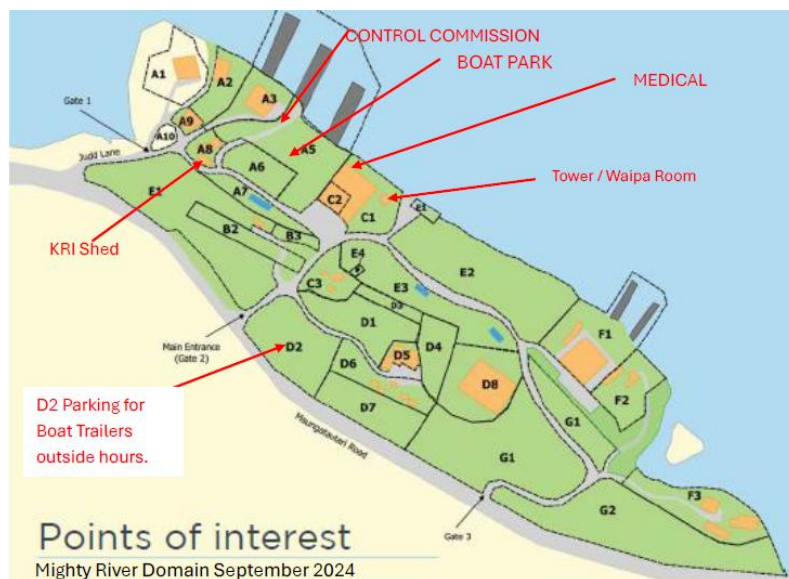
All Safety Officers and any other interested parties are encouraged to pre-register for the Webinar in advance using this [REGISTRATION LINK](#). A joining link for the Webinar will then be automatically emailed to registered participants.

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

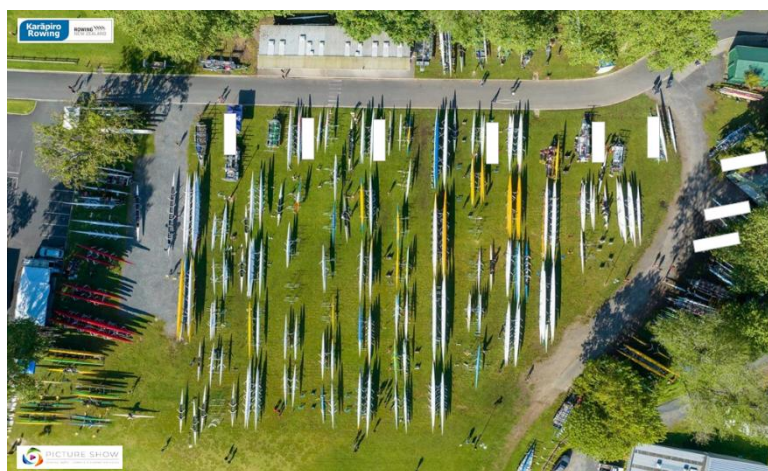


Operations Centre: For this regatta we will be operating out of the Karāpiro Room, which is directly above the Waipa Room next to the Tower (see map); access is via the steps on the Finish Tower side of the Don Rowlands Centre. Both the Chief Umpire and the Safety Officer will be based here.

TRAILER PARKING AND BOAT PARK ACCESS

Trailers can arrive on site from **9:00 am on Friday 25 September**.

There will be no designated trailer parking allocation. Please park trailers around the periphery of the boat park.



Trailers need to be removed no later than 8:00pm on the final day of the regatta (Saturday).

Should the trailer be arriving earlier or departing later, please contact Mighty River Domain info@lakekarapiro.co.nz (cc: operations@karapirorowing.com) requesting permission to access the site outside of the booked period.

Boat Park racks will not be set up. Please collect and erect your own boat racks from the KRI shed. Ensure each boat rack is secured with three pegs. Please return racks at the end of the regatta.

Please note:

- 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 can park in the periphery of Boat Park (not in the main boat trailer and rack area), Judd Lane, or along the Spectator Embankment or in D2 (Gate 2, on the right, behind the MRD offices). Please do not park in Podium Cafés parking.

ATHLETE TENTS

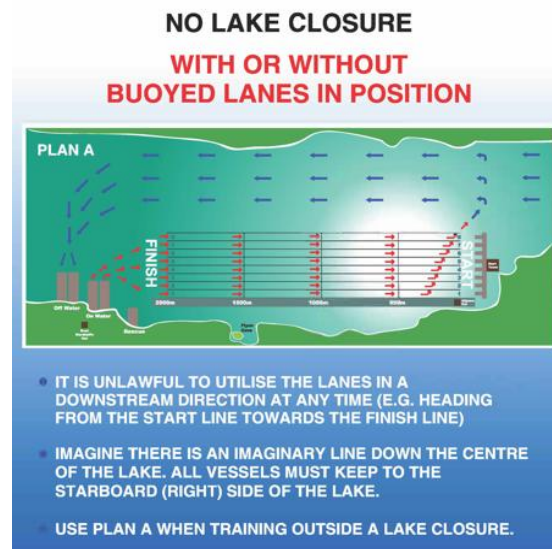
Find a suitable location within the boat park to erect your tent. Please ensure all guy ropes are secured in a manner that does not obstruct walkways or encroach on neighbouring sites.

Should you be erecting a tent, please ensure it is adequately secured and positioned with consideration for other users of the boat park.

ON WATER SAFETY

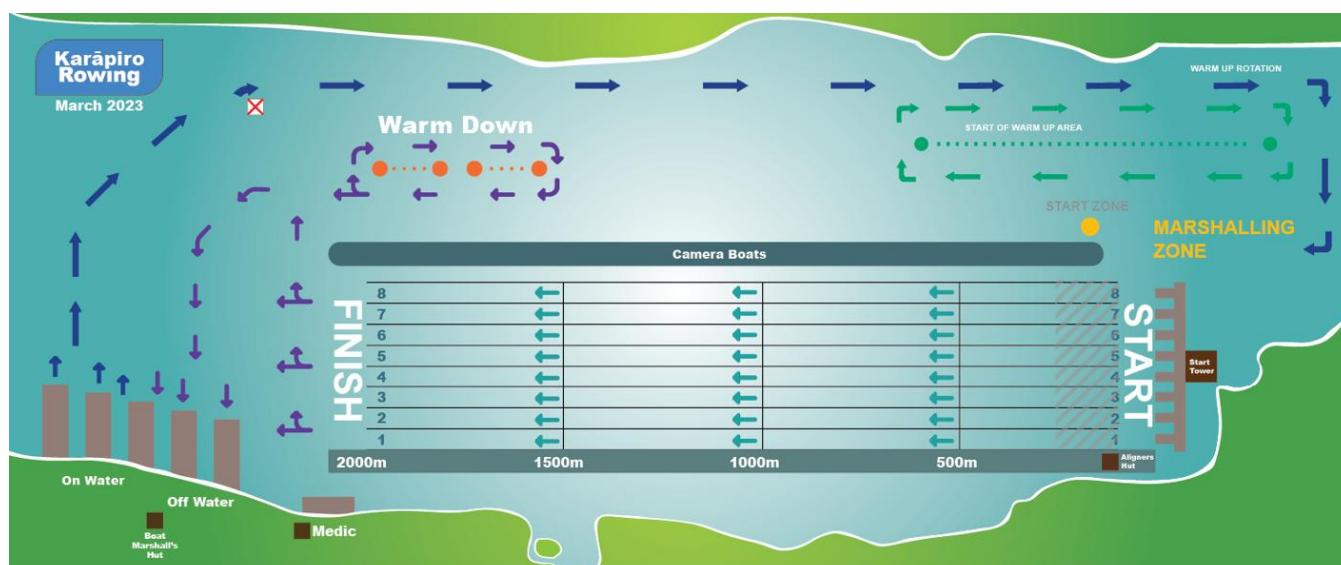
Lake flow: Lake Karāpiro is a public lake, and we share it with many other parties. There are two FLOW PATTERNS we must comply with.

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:



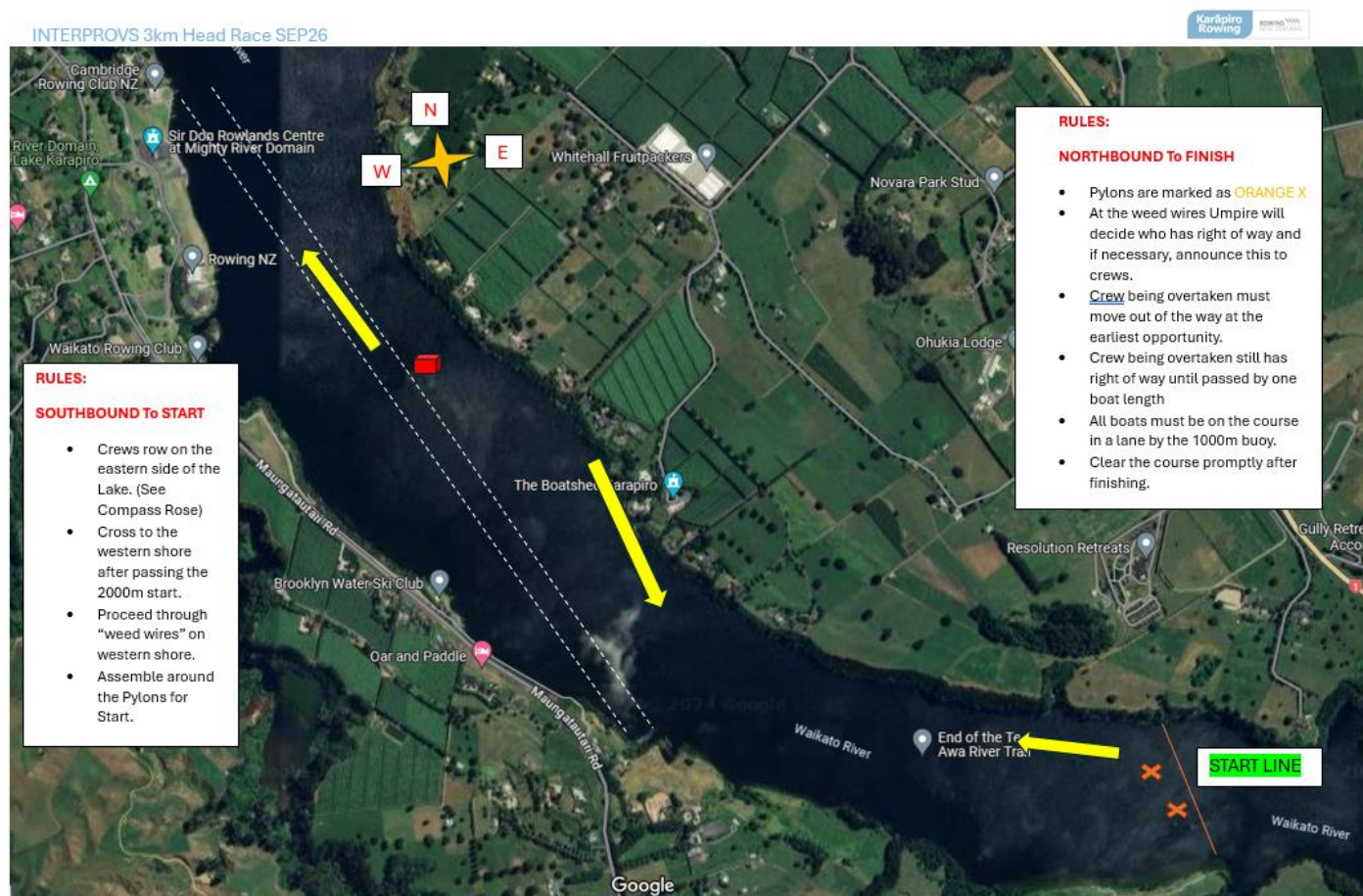
Lake Closure times are as follows:

- Friday 25 September 12:00pm – 6:00pm
- Saturday 26 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).

LONG DISTANCE TRAFFIC FLOW PATTERN

We ask that you share this flow pattern for the 3km long distance race on Friday with ALL your rowers and coxes. It will be updated at the safety briefing.



TRAINING

There will be **NO** supervised training available.

Should you wish to train when the lake is open to the public, you must train in accordance with the RNZ Water Safety Code (2016).

- This includes carrying a PFD in your boat and notifying a responsible person on shore of your timings and comply with the traffic patterns as outlined in the diagram above ("lake open to the public").

On Friday 25 Sept, the lake is booked for you to train between 12pm and 4pm. **This will not be supervised.**

- Regatta rotation will be utilised during this time. You must comply with the NZ Water Safety Code 2016
- If you wish to train during this time, you must TEXT / Contact the Chief Safety Officer and inform him of your intentions.

Training will be available during the regatta.

Training will be available after 4pm on Friday and before regatta start on Saturday. The requirements for this training will be explained at the safety briefing.

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 no calling of races. Assume the regatta is on time and be at the start in good time for your race. For current live racing time, please refer to rowIT.

COXSWAINS

There will be no cox weigh-in at this regatta.

CREW CHANGES AND SCRATCHES

Crew changes and scratches can be made on rowIT (online option) or at the Tower up to one hour before the race. Scratches made for medical reasons accompanied by written or emailed evidence can be made any time before the race start.

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

Contact [Regatta Control](#) if you have any questions about this during the regatta.

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.

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
Chief Safety Officer	Greg Liddy	safety@karapirorowing.com 027 336 0873
Volunteer & Catering Manager	Nic Peacocke	volunteers@karapirorowing.com 020 4124 0771