



Karapiro Rowing NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2020

On behalf of KRI, happy New Year and we wish you all amazing moments, cherished memories, and happiness for the coming year.

KRI have a number of messages to convey to you all. We ask that you take some time to read through this newsletter as it contains important information for the 2020 rowing season.

COMPLIANCE

KRI acknowledges the efforts clubs / schools are making to ensure their boats have been compliant at recent regattas, particularly the Christmas regatta.

In particular, the response to KRI's concerns with coxswains weights and the coxswains egress having a foot-stop to suit the coxswain's height so that they can push themselves clear of the cockpit easily were addressed extremely well at the Christmas regatta. Thank you for your efforts in addressing the issues covered in the Christmas regatta newsletter.

The major compliance issues noted during the first three KRI hosted regattas this season have been:

- Heel ties not tied to the foot stretcher
- Heel ties being more than 70mm in length
- Quick release straps caught under foot stretchers or being too long
- Bow balls having too much play in them and some are reaching the end of their useful life
- Protruding screws from bow balls – these need to be flush with the bolt
- Missing hatch covers
- Coxswains life jackets being too big for coxswains so they are potentially more dangerous than no life jacket in the case of a capsize.

These are not new and all these issues are avoidable with a more diligent inspection of rowing skiffs before they are checked by compliance.

COXSWAIN WEIGHING

Coxswains are still failing to weigh in no more than two and no less than one hour before their first race at regattas. Quite a few yellow cards were issued at the first three KRI regattas for coxswains not meeting this requirement. Please ensure your coxswains understand the weigh-in protocols.

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New Zealand Rowing Association (NZRA) 2020 AGM

The NZRA AGM will be held
Saturday 23 May in
Hamilton
Further details will be
announced in due course

HELPFUL LINKS

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karapirorowing.com

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Association
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KRI REGATTAS

KRI is aware of a number of concerns about the regatta schedule at the recent Christmas Regatta, including the 3 event limit for athletes, race scheduling and straight finals.

Entry Limits

In the middle of last year KRI had a meeting with the North Island Associations at which it was agreed to limit athletes to 3 events at KRI regattas. This limit cannot be changed without agreement from the North Island Associations. KRI is unwilling to change this limit without further consultation with the North Island Associations.

KRI provided some flexibility on the 3 event limit by opening up entries to fill empty lanes in heats after entries had closed at the Christmas Regatta. It expects to do the same at the upcoming NICC and Aon Junior Regattas.

In the past KRI has limited clubs to 2 entries for singles and doubles events excluding premier events. At NICC this limit will be increased to a 3 entries for singles and doubles events excluding premier events. Where KRI receives more than 64 entries for any event at NICC time trials will be run on Friday morning before any other racing. The fastest 32 crews will then race heats for places in the A & B finals.

Once initial entries close for the NICC regatta, provided the 64 entry limit has not been exceeded, KRI will open events to receive supplementary entries up to a maximum of 64 entries for any doubles or singles event. The entry limit per club will be raised 1 per day so that all clubs have an opportunity to make supplementary entries. This process will continue until the 64 entry limit is reached or until supplementary entries have closed.

As per past practice supplementary entries for pairs, fours, quads, eights and octuples will only be available to fill empty heat lanes.

This limit does not apply to the NZ Rowing Championships or NISS. However, as in previous years, there will be small boat entry limits at the NISS regatta.

Regatta Programme

KRI has made a number of changes to its regatta programme this year. These changes are a result of two issues:

1. It was also agreed by the North Island Associations that the length of regatta days needed to be shortened due to the negative impact this was having on KRI's volunteer base. Last season, many volunteers were at the lake for up to 15 hours a day on each day of racing.
2. More recently the Waipa Council has limited KRI's use of the lake during regattas to the period between 6am to 6pm each day. If a regatta is delayed due to weather or other unforeseen events, KRI has to apply to the harbour master for an extension of racing time for that specific regatta day. At most KRI will receive a 30 minute extension. At the Christmas Regatta we applied for and received a 30 minute extension for Saturday's racing. We were able to complete the required racing within the extension period. The reason for the strict time limits on racing is due to other lake users raising concerns about KRI regattas exceeding the approved water usage times as this is preventing them from using the lake for their activities.

In order to complete regattas in the time available due to the above restrictions, KRI has made the changes detailed below.

1. Heats were eliminated for any event with 8 or less competitors at the Christmas Regatta. Depending on the entries for the NICC regatta we may have to eliminate heats for events with 8 entries or less to meet the time restrictions being imposed on KRI.
2. At NICC, racing will need to start earlier to ensure we can meet the required 6pm finish time. This may provide some flexibility with the race programmes depending on the number of entries received for this regatta.
3. Race schedules have been generated to allow as much flexibility as possible for clubs / schools to enter their chosen events. The biggest time delays at KRI regattas at the pre-christmas regattas and at the NICC regatta is the amount of time Novice and U15 rowers take to back into the start. This delay is exacerbated by any weather related issues. For this reason, the programme requires clubs / schools to choose between entering U15 and Novice events, particularly for pre-christmas regattas. This provides KRI the opportunity to try and manage the time delay flowing from U15 and Novice events. While sometimes we can manage this with 5 minute intervals between Novice and U15 races, extending the time between races for these classes beyond 5 minutes has consequences elsewhere in the race schedule for other class events.

KRI is open to suggestions about how to deal with the challenge of completing regattas in the time available. While we will make changes where we can for the remainder of the season, KRI will be holding a meeting with the North Island Associations in mid-2020 to discuss these issues. Further details will follow in due course.

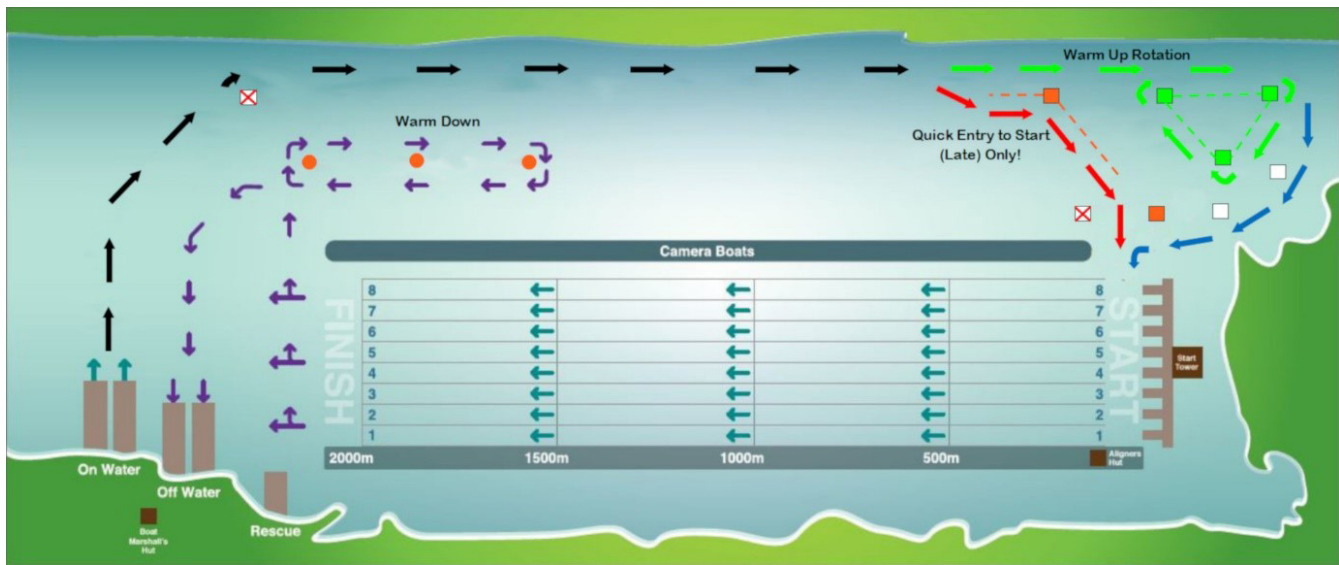
2020 will see Karapiro Rowing turn 20!

If you have stories or photos we would like to hear from you.
Please send to:

victoria@karapirorowing.com

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.



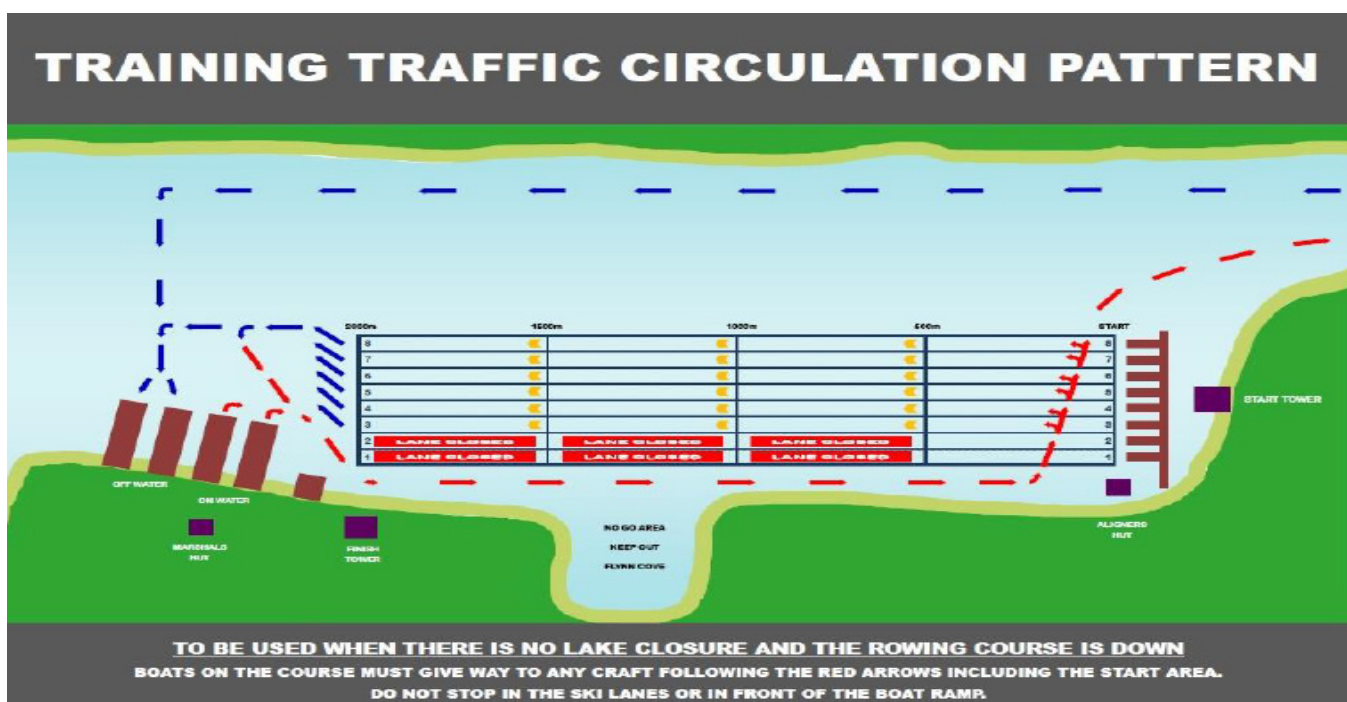
Ensure your crews understand this pattern, particularly the quick entry – if in doubt ask a regatta official.

The dates and times this circulation is enforced is: **6.00am Thursday 23 January until 6.00pm Monday 27 January 2020.**

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 23 January. **It is to be used by those crews training on or before Wednesday 22 January.**



We are in need of volunteers for the season : To apply click [here](#)



Boat Drivers

If you have your Club Safety Boat licence or you are experienced in boating, then let us know! We are always in need of boat drivers.



Judges Tower

Are you a numbers and details person with a calm disposition? There are roles on the judges floor that would be perfect for you!



Computer Skills

We have lots of different options for those who are computer literate (great views too!)



Do you know the rules of racing? Great if you do but not essential.



Plus many more areas that we require volunteers:

- Coxswain weigh-in
- Spectator commentary
- Medal Ceremony co-ordination
- Marshal's Hut assistants
- Catering for volunteers
- Camera operators
- Office based duties
- Distribution of catering to volunteers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	HOST	EVENT
2020		
24 - 27 January	Karapiro Rowing Inc.	North Island Club Championships
28 - 31 January	Rowing New Zealand	Olympic Trials
18 - 22 February	Karapiro Rowing Inc.	NZ National Rowing Championships <i>The lake will be unavailable for training prior to this regatta due Canoe racing the weekend prior</i>
29 February - 1 March	Karapiro Rowing Inc.	KRI Aon Junior Rowing Regatta
2 - 6 March	Rowing New Zealand	U23 / Trials #2
13 - 15 March	NZSSRA / Karapiro Rowing Inc.	North Island Secondary School Rowing Champs
30 March - 5 April	NZSSRA / South Island Rowing	NZSSRA National Championship Regatta / Maadi Cup
14 - 17 April	Rowing New Zealand	Junior Trials
30 April - 1 May	Rowing New Zealand	U21 Trials
26 April	Legion of Rowers	Legion of Rowers Rowing Regatta

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