



KRI Christmas Regatta

11 – 14 December 2025

*Regatta Information &
Safety Briefing*

*Please read the regatta conditions posted on the rowIT
"[profile](#)" tab for this regatta!*

<https://www.karapirorowing.com/christmas-regatta/>



**KRI Regattas Safety
and Coaches**

WhatsApp group



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**Karāpiro
Rowing**

ROWING
NEW ZEALAND

WELCOME

RACE COMMITTEE

- Chief Umpire – David Haydock
- Chief Starter – Jack Quirk
- Chief Judge – Tony Nelson & Peter Crane
- Organizing Rep – Steve Brine
- Association Rep – Richard van Dijk

OTHER KEY REGATTA OFFICIALS

- Chief Compliance – Adele Marsden, Colin Birch & John Joyce
- Chief Safety Officer – Greg Liddy
- Regatta Control – Andrew Carr-Smith & Tricia Balle
- Event Manager – Carol Howard
- KRI Board Representative – Amanda Singleton, David Boersen and Dave Wadell

SAFETY OFFICER

- 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/school.
- There are many examples in the presentation of important information, Rules of the Regatta, Regatta Control and Safety.

ENSURE ALL THIS INFORMATION IS PASSED ON

Boat Holders

We still need some boat holders for Friday. If we don't fill the spots, we can't start racing.

Thanks to St Kentigern's, Clifton and Auckland Grammar who have come forward to assist so far.

URGENT: Help amplify rowing's voice – Karāpiro Domain Reserve Management Plan submissions

KRI are reaching out to you as part of the rowing community to ask for your support in an urgent and important matter.

Waipa District Council is currently consulting on the Karāpiro Domain Reserve Management Plan, and this represents a critical opportunity for the rowing community to ensure our sport's interests are protected and prioritised for the future.

Why this matters

Karāpiro Domain has been the home of rowing in New Zealand for over 75 years. The decisions made in this Reserve Management Plan will shape the Domain's development, access, and priorities for the next decade and beyond. We need to demonstrate strong, unified support from across the rowing community to ensure the Council recognises rowing's foundational role and commits to supporting its continued growth.

How you can help

We are asking you to mobilise your networks – clubs, schools, athletes, coaches, parents, and sponsors – to submit feedback supporting rowing at Karāpiro.

Forms will be available and handed out during the event.

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MEASLES & INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Letter sent to ALL Clubs / Schools on Friday 5th December

All clubs/schools are to take responsibility within their own Health and Safety plans to manage their competitors' health including immunisations and the spread of any infectious diseases.

Please DO NOT ATTEND any EVENT at Lake Karāpiro if:

You are sick or show symptoms of measles – instead, stay home and seek healthcare advice from your doctor, healthcare professional, Hauora Māori provider or Pacific health provider. You can also call Healthline on 0800 611 116 anytime for free advice and support.

If you are not immune to measles and measles is currently circulating in your area, please carefully consider if you need to attend. This is because measles can spread easily to anyone who is not immune.

If you become unwell during the event, or are concerned about someone else, please seek medical assistance immediately and follow any health advice. You may need to return home or to your accommodation and isolate from others.

Please inform the Chief Safety Officer directly if any positive cases of measles occur in your squad whilst at Lake Karāpiro or afterwards for a period of 7 days.

You can also call **Healthline anytime on 0800 611 116** for free advice and support.



CHECK



CLEAN



DRY

**when you
move
between
lakes and
rivers**

The Clam has now been found at Lake Rotomanu , (North of New Plymouth)



CHECK CLEAN DRY REGATTA PROTOCOL

- All clubs (regardless of your home waterway) are to follow the Check Clean Dry protocols prior to leaving this event.
- Includes boats, oars, coach boats and any equipment or gear that gets wet.
- Wash Station located outside the KRI Shed, please feel free to bring along hose pipes and connect to any taps in the Domain.
- Please bring containers to soak any absorbent material in on way home

WASTE MANAGEMENT



Sort Yourself Waste Station

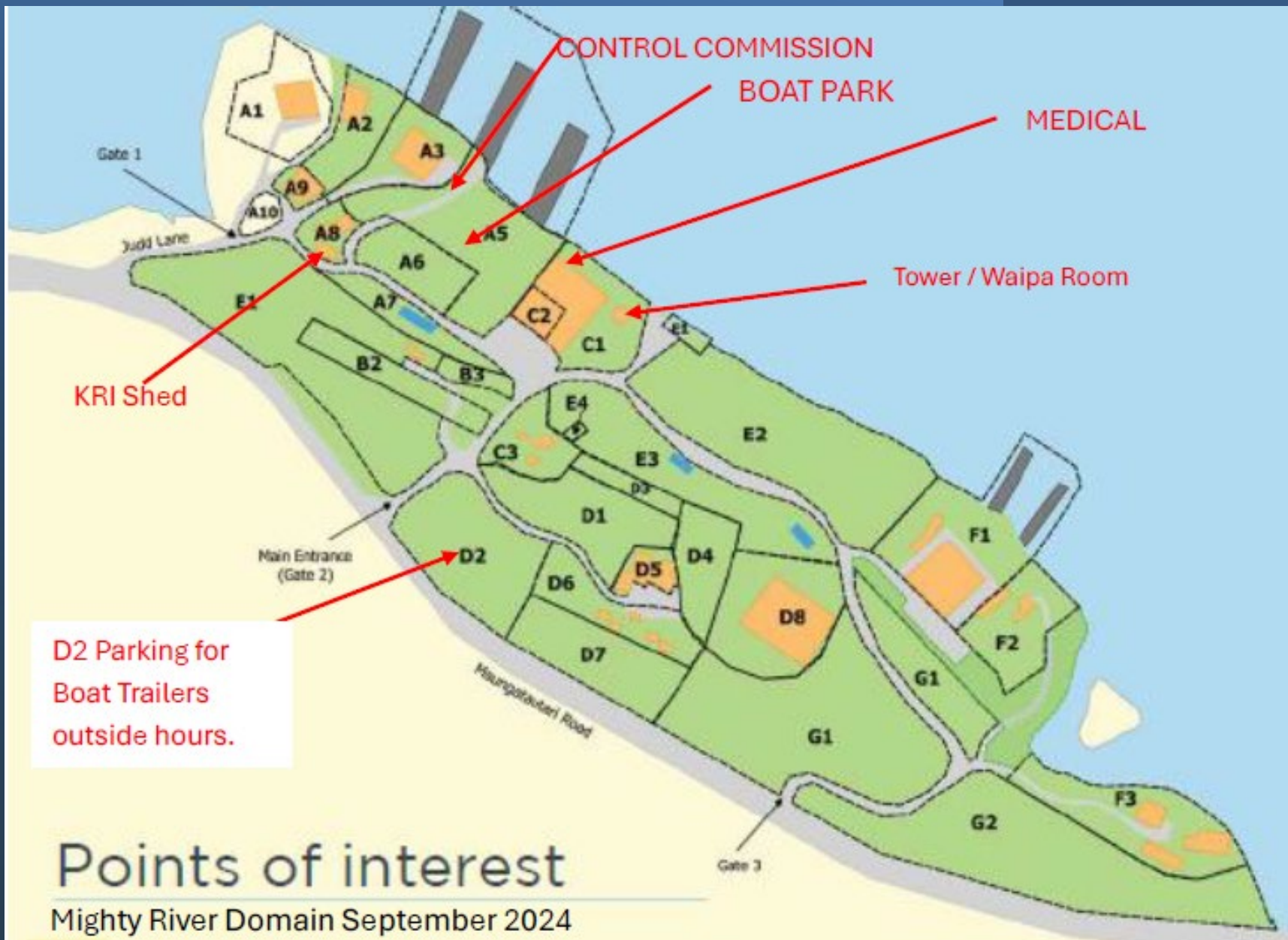
Please use reusable bottles and containers where possible.

KRI would like to encourage all clubs to sort your refuse within the confines of your own tent, making delivery and processing faster.

Only transparent bags will be accepted (no black bags).

Location: next to first block of toilets on the Spectator Embankment

All clubs are requested to assist in picking up litter in your area at the end of the day – let's leave the site the way we found it.



Points of interest

Mighty River Domain September 2024

LOCATIONS

CHIEF UMPIRE & SAFETY OFFICER

- Upstairs of the Sir Don Rowlands, in the Karāpiro room

COACHES' ROOM

- Waipa Room (round Floor Opposite Tower)

SIR DON ROWLANDS HALL

- University of Waikato Activation Area

The University of Waikato will be set up in the Don Rowlands Hall each day between 9am – 5pm, providing a place for competitors to relax, as well as ergs and watt bikes to use.

PARKING

Mercury Land	Minivans and Coaches
Gate 1/ Judd Lane	Competitor drop off (no parking), use roundabout Boat trailers and support vehicles (displaying support vehicle pass)
Gate 2	Support vehicles (displaying support vehicle pass) Buses (big ones) Race Officials, volunteers and VIPs
Gate 3	Overflow for minivans and coaches
Overflow Parking	Land opposite The Real Fruit Shop. Allow sufficient time to walk to Mighty River Domain. We expect ALL Domain carparks to FULL by early afternoon on Saturday and Sunday. ALL Carparking will be opposite the Real Fruit Shop from this time NO EXCEPTIONS. Drop offs will still be permitted in Gate 1. Please plan accordingly.

ONLY EFTPOS ACCEPTED

ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING OR DROP OFFS ALONG MAUNGATAUTARI ROAD.

BOAT PARK & TRAILERS

- The Boat Park is only accessible from 9am on Thursday 11th December until 6pm
- Trailers that arrive outside of these times must park via Gate 2 on the right in D2 (SEE MAP Previous Slide)
- Please do not place boats on dumps on roads or walkways
- Please ensure there are NO overhangs of boats onto walkways or roads

During the regatta, the Boat Park is limited to competitors and coaches only

Should you need assistance, please approach any of the KRI volunteers in compliance to assist

SQUAD TENTS

- Where space allows, each trailer can erect a 3x3 tent immediately adjacent to the boat trailer.

PLEASE BE COGNISANT OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND DO NOT ENCROACH ON THEIR AREA, ESPECIALLY WITH ERGS.

- Trailers allocated parking on the island of Judd Lane can erect a tent on the slope between the Upper and Lower Boat Park.
- Please do not erect any tents along the western side of Judd Lane, under the trees, as the branches are not secure.
- Please ensure all tents are securely tied down and guy ropes are not obstructing any walkways.

SPECTATOR TENTS

- Can be erected from 12:00 (Midday) Thursday 11 December
- Only transparent bags containing rubbish and recycling will be accepted at the waste station (absolutely no black bags)
- If you have gas present in your tent, you **MUST** have a fire extinguisher readily available.
- Ensure all tent pegs are safely covered.
- Ensure no tent legs or guy ropes obstruct emergency access paths.
- Do NOT remove any bollards when accessing the area.
- Ensure all electrical equipment has been tagged and tested.
- **Tent Supply drop-off:** Please collect a pass from the Office.

No vehicle access along the Spectator Embankment is allowed from 30 min prior to the first race until after the last race. Please drop off food and supplies prior to the start of racing.

Any access outside these times the Safety Officer / Event Manager must be contacted.

Reminder that the entire venue is ALCOHOL free

SPECTATOR TENTS COMPETITION

Give your spectator tent the Christmas treatment and be in to win! Fresh Choice Leamington has generously donated a hamper for the best Christmas-themed spectator tent. Judging will take place on Saturday afternoon.



VENUE

- **PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Start pontoon and boat park are restricted to accredited photographers (pink tabards) only
- **CYCLING & SCOOTERS:** No RIDING of cycles or scooters in the venue, IT'S DANGEROUS.
- **DOGS:** Please no dogs on site. \$300 fine can be issued by Waipa District Council
- **ALCOHOL/SMOKE/DRUG FREE:** This regatta is a smoke, vape, alcohol and drug free event

TRAFFIC

A reminder for all travelling to and from the Regatta

- SH29 Kaimai Range closure: The Kaimai Range will be closed from Sunday 7 December to Friday 12 December between 8.00pm /2000 and 03.30am each night
- SH1 Kinleith to Ātiamuri:
 - Night works 9 Nov- 12 December 1900-0600

Watch for updates from NZTA!

DAM ROAD IS OPEN (No Trailers)



LIVE STREAMING

- Live Streaming (filming) of the following events will occur during all finals (within the constraints of logistically getting drones to each start)
 - This will be from 2pm on Saturday
- On Sunday the Camera Boat (Guardian) will also be on the water to capture the action. It is planned to film showcase events with the Guardian and drones and static cameras will cover all other finals.

Thanks to our Live Streaming partners

AltitudeHD



REGATTA CONTROL

PHONE CALLS

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

CONDITIONS

- Posted on the rowIT "profile" tab for each regatta

RACING PROGRAMME:

- **Days:** Thursday afternoon for time trials. Friday plus Saturday until mid-afternoon for heats. Rest of Saturday and all day Sunday for finals.
- **Event order:** Events will be raced in order throughout the regatta. No more split between age-group days and ability days.
- **Progressions:** time trials = times. "Next fastest" for everything else = 1-3 crews progress based on place then finals are filled by time.
- **Lanes:** 6 lanes for U15 & Nov (except Nov 2X = 8 lanes). 9 lanes for everything else
- **Intervals:** 5-minute intervals for Novice events and all Finals. 4-minute intervals for everything else (incl U15).

REGATTA CONTROL

Preliminary Heats:

- In events with 9 or fewer entries, a preliminary heat will be held
- Prelims are optional. But, if your crew does not intend to race in the prelim, you must let Regatta Control know you're opting out at least 60 mins before the start of the race.
 - **Ask for an opt-out form at the office – don't fill in a scratch form!**
- If Regatta Control is not notified and the crew does not turn up, the crew will be deemed a DNS (and will get a penalty fine). They will still be allocated a lane in the final
- Prelims are races for lane allocation; unplaced crews and those who opt out will be placed randomly in the remaining lanes
- If heats are running late, prelims may be cut. If finals are running late, straight finals may be cut. But we won't cut both!

REGATTA CONTROL

MULTIPLE CREWS in an event?

- Check the crew member names – don't guess!
- Make sure your crews carry the correct bow number

CREW ALTERATIONS:

- Can be made on rowIT or at the tower
- Due no less than 60 minutes before published race start time
- Max of 50% of rowers (plus cox) can be sub'd in any boat (includes medical subs). 50% is relative to the crew as entered.
- Make those scratchings! Let Regatta Control know, even if it's less than 60 mins before race - otherwise we will be searching for you.
- If you are scratching out of a final, PLEASE let us know in plenty of time so we can find somebody else to fill your spot!

REGATTA CONTROL

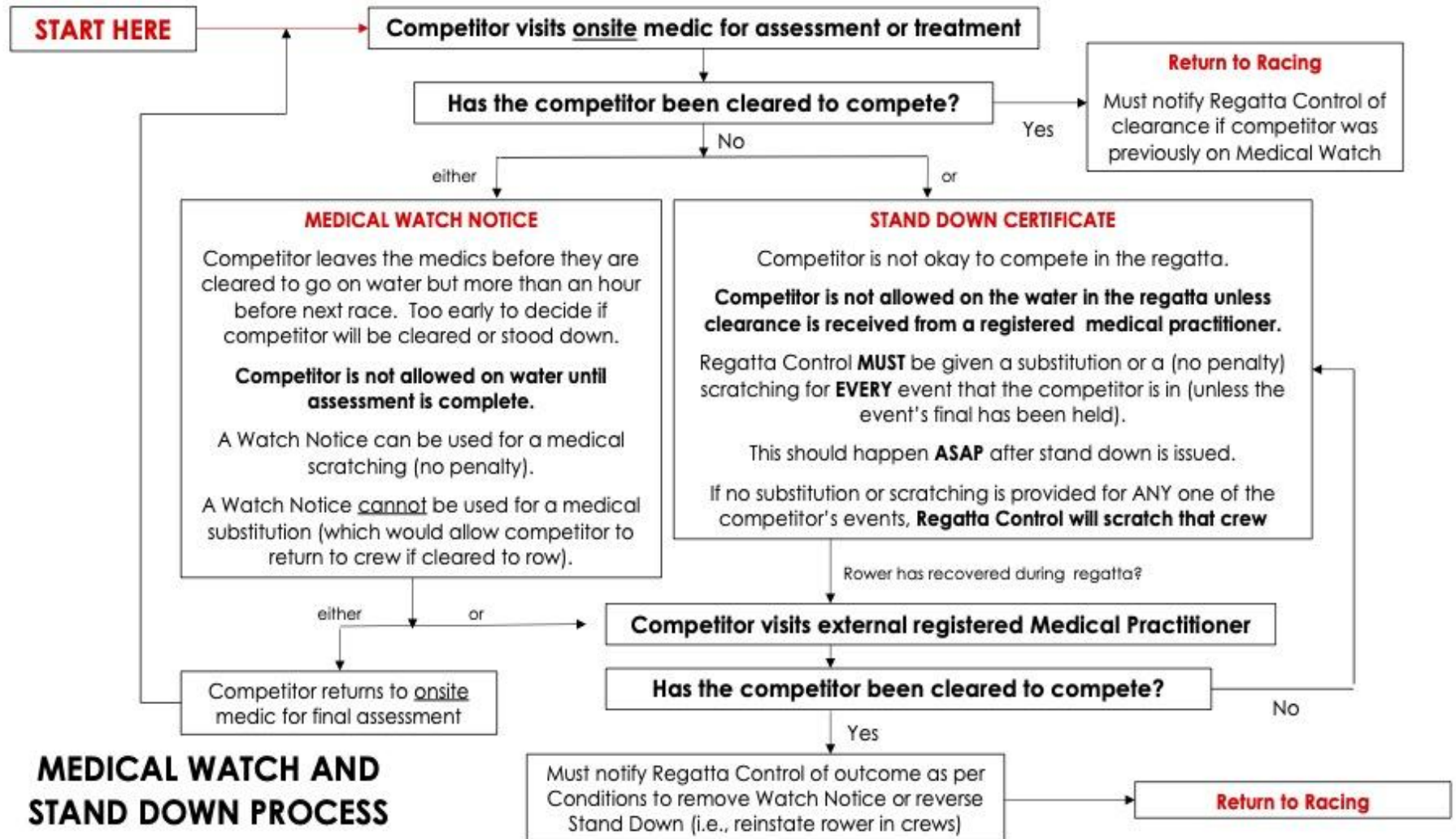
Medical subs can be made within 60 mins of race with medical certificate from onsite medic or a qualified medical professional.

A medical scratching has no penalty.

Potential outcomes of medical assessment by on-site medics:

- a. **Cleared** to continue competing; or
- b. Medical **Watch**: Not allowed to race until assessment is completed (can be released by onsite medic)
 - If a watch has not been released prior to race, then crew will be medically scratched and not allowed on the water
- c. Medical **Stand Down**: Not allowed to race (need clearance from registered medical practitioner to remove Stand Down)
 - Must sub competitor out of all crews (or scratch)!

MEDICAL WATCHES/STAND DOWNS



**MEDICAL WATCH AND
STAND DOWN PROCESS**

CONTROL COMMISSION

There will be NO calling of races. Presume the regatta is on time and be at the Start in good time for your race.

Boat compliance: 100% check!

- Hatch covers (to be in place as per rules, NO duct tape), heel restraints, quick release, bow balls, compartments empty
- Please check your own boats in the presence of our Compliance Licensed Officials
 - Boats may be checked at any time by the Officials!
 - IF A BOAT IS NON-COMPLIANT YOU WILL BE TOLD TO RETURN TO THE BOAT RACKS TO RECTIFY THE ISSUE.

Name checking of crews will be carried out

Coxswain armbands will also be checked

CONTROL COMMISSION

Coaching During Racing and Technological Devices

RNZ Rule 65.1: It is prohibited for any person (other than the crew's coxswain) to give instructions, advice or directions to crew members that are racing, with any electric, electronic or other technical device, either directly or indirectly.

Regatta Conditions:

- Competitors and coaches must comply with Rule 65 of the [Rules](#), noting Rule 65.3 that a crew receiving coaching while racing, with the use of a technological device, may be **Excluded** from the event.
- Under Rule 65.2.a of the [Rules](#), the Organising Committee may require crews to carry on their boats such equipment as it considers desirable for the better promotion of the sport of rowing (e.g., mini-cameras, microphones, GPS, etc.) provided that such equipment is identical in weight and location for all boats in a race.

For Example:

Crews can carry or wear any devices on a boat, they can communicate with their crew or send data to the shore, but they CANNOT receive advice or guidance from the shore using a technological device. Those that do risk exclusion.

CONTROL COMMISSION

LAUNCHING PONTOON AREA: Keep area clear of all belongings (e.g. shoes, oar carriers, loose blades). NO running on the pontoons and only 1 or 2 helpers for each boat to avoid overcrowding.

BOAT WEIGHING: No boat weighing at this regatta. However, scales will be available for test weigh-in

HOT SEATING: – at Pontoons – you must notify the Compliance Chief at the gazebo by the on-water pontoons of any hot swaps.

UNIFORM: Rowers must race in the colours of the entry entity i.e. club colours for crews entered by clubs, school colours for crews entered by schools.

COX WEIGH-IN

COX WEIGHING: is in the KRI shed (See MAP Slide 8)

- Coxswains must weigh in pursuant to Rule 21.5(a)(i) of the [Rules](#) **not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race of the regatta.**
 - A Yellow Card will be issued if late to weigh in.
 - A no-show will result in Exclusion.
- Coxswains only have to weigh-in once for this regatta (not both days) so they need to keep their wristband!
- If the regatta is running behind time, the weigh-in time remains as per the programme

COX WEIGH-IN

WRIST BANDS:

- Once weighed in the cox will be issued a wrist band. The coxswain needs to **keep this on for the regatta.**
- If the Cox has **dead weight** to carry the wristband is on their **RIGHT wrist**
- If the Cox has **NO dead weight** to carry the wristband will be on their **LEFT wrist.**

LIFE JACKETS:

- Ensure lifejackets are appropriate and of a good standard.

DEAD WEIGHT:

- Please ensure weights have no loose straps that can snag.
- If sharing weights, please ensure you re-tie them correctly.
- Ensure crews take their coxswain's weights with them **AT ALL TIMES.**
- **It must not be connected in any way to a crew member, nor should it be of such a composition that it might impede their exit from the boat.**
- To be placed in the boat as close as possible to the coxswain.
- **In a bow-coxed boat, it must not be placed in front of the coxswain.**



ROWER CLOTHING

RNZ Rule 22.3 - Rowers' Clothing

Additional garments may be worn underneath the official uniform for reasons of comfort, safety, or modesty, provided that the official club or association uniform remains the outermost visible layer.

Note KRI local condition: Undergarments must be uniformly worn

- If undergarments are worn, they must be the same for all those wearing them.
- Not all of the crew are required to wear undergarments, but if worn they must be identical
- For example:
 - One rower could wear a long-sleeved white top under their row suit, and the rest of the crew can have no undergarments
 - If any other rower wears an undergarment, it must also be a long-sleeved white top to match the first rower

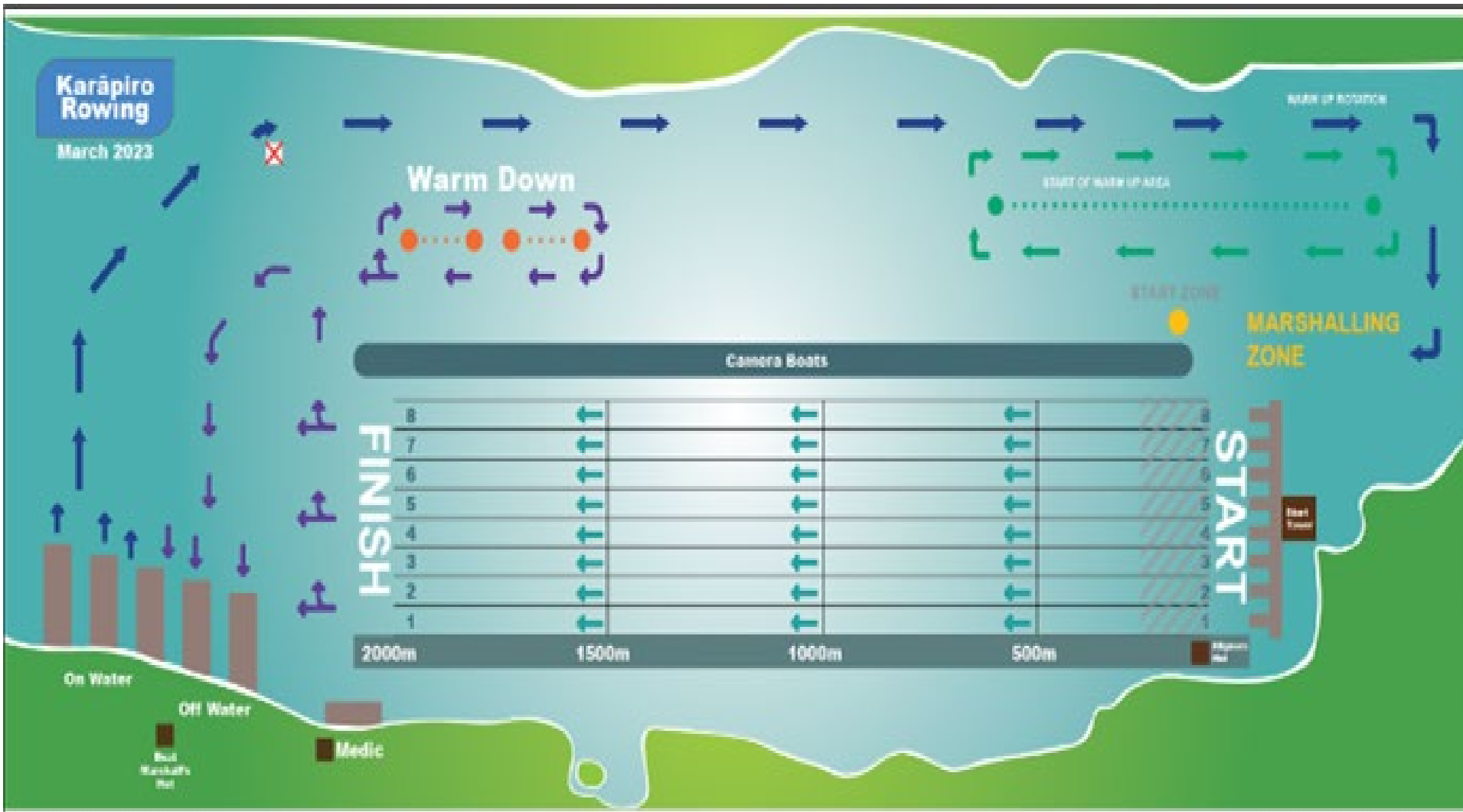
FLOW PATTERN



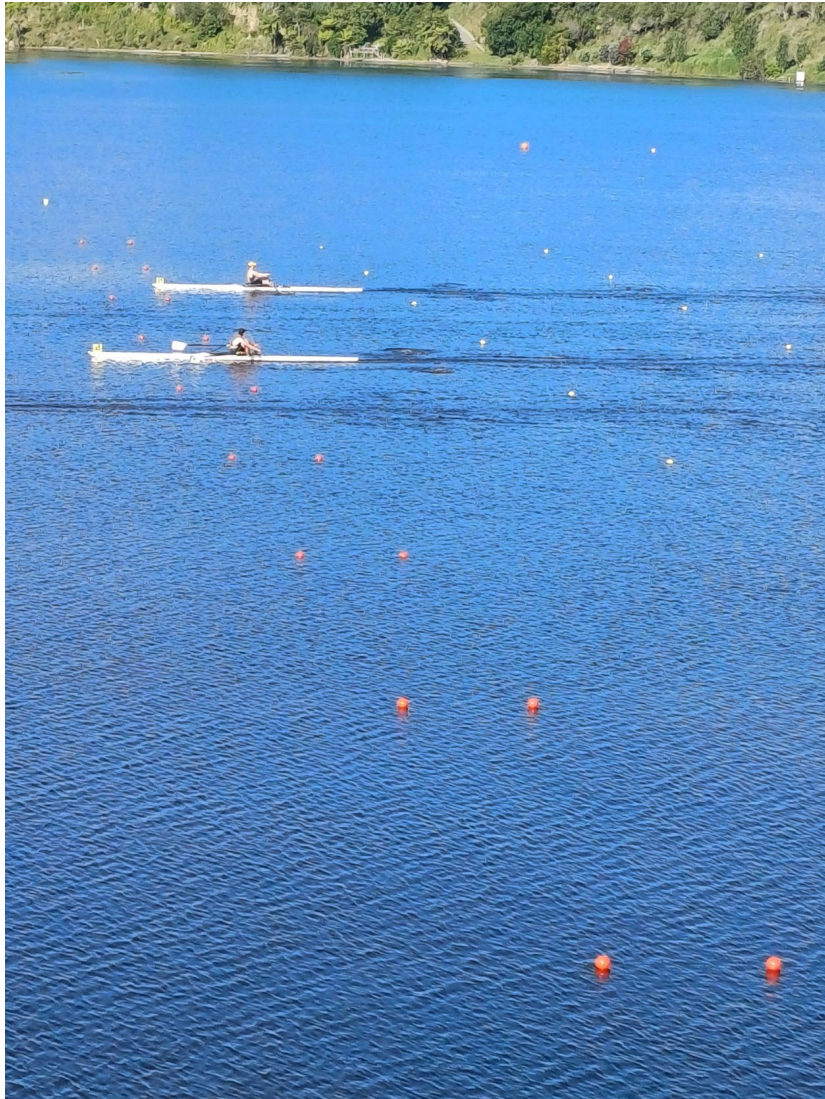
- **PONTOONS:** Ensure correct pontoon is used to enter or exit the water. The center pontoon will be a swing pontoon as advised by the Compliance Team
- **FLOW ROTATION:** Follow arrows as depicted on next slide
 - White buoy with a **RED** cross must be rounded. This is a NEW Buoy
 - The last **GREEN** buoy must be rounded to enter the Marshalling area
- **WARM DOWN AREA:** Will be available , CAUTION Camera Boats and crossing traffic
- **SOUTHERN LIMIT:** 100m behind the Start is a buoy Line (weed wires) that **MUST NOT BE CROSSED**
- **EMERGENCY PONTOON:** Outside Medical Rooms. For emergencies only

FLOW PATTERN

LAKE **CLOSED** TO THE PUBLIC



THE ROWING COURSE



START:

- There are no “Next Race” alphas displayed on the Start Tower as **they have moved to the end of the pontoon** – please inform your crews.
- They can also see which alpha is in the “blocks”.

FINISH:

- The FINISH is TWO lines of RED buoys, positioned two meters apart (1m each on either side of the finish line).
- The actual Finish line is not demarcated or visible to crews
- Please ensure crews continue rowing past the second line of finish buoys.

SAFETY OFFICER UPDATE

WEATHER:

- **THURSDAY:** Wind: NW 5-15kph, 24-27deg, UV INDEX EXTREME
- **FRIDAY:** Wind 10-20kph, 20-24deg, UV INDEX EXTREME
- **SATURDAY:** Wind S 5-10kph, 20-26deg UV INDEX EXTREME
- **SUNDAY:** Wind SE turning N 5-20kph, 20-28deg, Partly Cloudy

- **MEDICAL:**

The Medical Team will be in the First Aid room (see Flow Rotation Map)

- **MEDICAL OVERSIGHT FROM SAFETY:**

Oversight extends from On water to Off water.

If a crew misses a race, Safety will not contact Coach / Adult Safety Officer

If there is a Medical Event on the water, Safety will do its utmost to contact Coach / Adult Safety Officer and advise.

ANY QUESTIONS / QUERIES, PLEASE RING SAFETY OFFICER

TRAINING

THURSDAY 11 DEC: Training will be from 10:00 – 17:00

The race course will be available for training from 10:00-13:00.

Between 1300-1600 (when Time Trials on course) training will be to the north of the pontoons (between finish and dam) .
The Start Pontoon will not be in place until after completion of the Time Trials (approx. 17:00)

After 17:00 (5pm) the Lake reverts to Public Use. See next slide. Please plan accordingly.

We need volunteers to man Safety Boats. Please contact the Safety Officer ASAP if you intend to utilize this training opportunity. Introduce yourself at the Numbers Hut. Bow numbers will be required.

FRIDAY 12 DEC – SUNDAY 14 DEC:

- **Morning Training before Racing (Sunrise 05:50):** Lake is closed to the public from 5am; regatta rotation is in effect. Crews can train until 7.15am.
The Safety Officer must be notified by text when you proceed on the water and when you are back ashore.
- **End of Day Training (Sunset 20:35):** Lake open to the public from 6pm; crews can train after this time complying with the RNZ Water Safety Code.
- **Lake OPEN to Public:** When the Lake is open to the public, the flow rotation reverses; see next slide.

TRAINING DURING RACING: Training is only allowed at the discretion of the Safety Officer. A bow number will be required to be on the lake. See Chief Compliance at the Numbers HUT.

- If crews wish to go for a row outside the confines of the course, the Safety officer **MUST** be contacted.

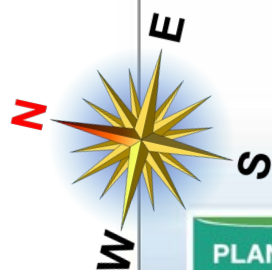
TIME TRIALS

Will be held on Thursday between 1pm and 4pm on the 2000m racecourse.

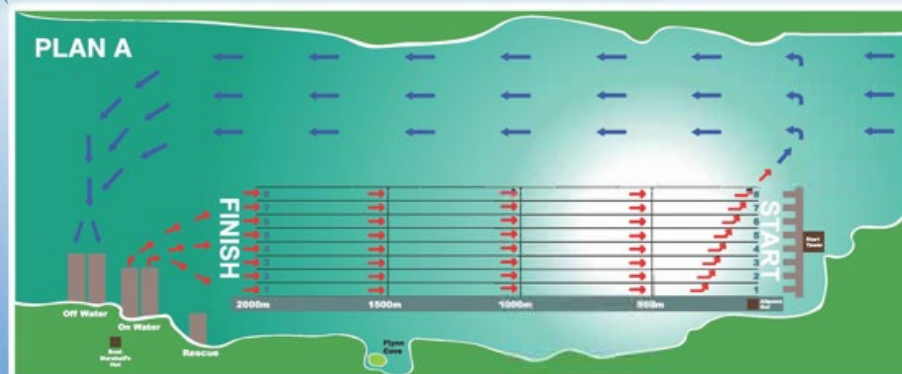
- **Mandatory Briefings for ALL Coaches and Rowers will be held:**
 - **Wednesday 10th Dec 10am at Flynn Cove**
for ALL RNZ and Prem participants.
 - **Thursday 11th Dec 11.30am at Flynn Cove**
Officials' Briefing
 - **Thursday 11th Dec 11am in Don Rowlands Centre**
for outstanding premier participants
 - **Thursday 11th Dec midday in Don Rowlands Centre**
for ALL other participants and pathway athletes

**Rowers will be required to register
Numbers will be issued to participants at each briefing.**

FLOW PATTERN LAKE **OPEN** TO THE PUBLIC



NO LAKE CLOSURE WITH OR WITHOUT BUOYED LANES IN POSITION



- IT IS UNLAWFUL TO UTILISE THE LANES IN A DOWNSTREAM DIRECTION AT ANY TIME (E.G. HEADING FROM THE START LINE TOWARDS THE FINISH LINE)
- IMAGINE THERE IS AN IMAGINARY LINE DOWN THE CENTRE OF THE LAKE. ALL VESSELS MUST KEEP TO THE STARBOARD (RIGHT) SIDE OF THE LAKE.
- USE PLAN A WHEN TRAINING OUTSIDE A LAKE CLOSURE.

SAFETY OFFICER UPDATE

- **FINISH**

Please remind crews **NOT** to lie down in the boat after finishing their race. We are very vigilant of crew member welfare post-race.

- **ASSISTANCE IN EVENT OF CAPSIZE**

Our Safety Team will first ensure the welfare of a capsized crew and will then clear the course.

The Safety team will assist crews into their boat and they can complete the race if they so wish.

- **EVACUATION POINT**

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

ALL attendees are to evacuate up the hill toward the camping ground or car park areas.

PARA ROWERS

- If you are entering a Para rower to row in non-Para events, please contact regattacontrol@karapirowing.com to ensure that the Safety Officer is informed prior to the regatta

PERSONAL/SAFETY

- **TEMPERATURE:** Hot! Be appropriately dressed
- **STUDENT WELFARE:** Hydration/food/ Infectious diseases
- **MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** Please ensure competitor medical conditions are updated accurately in rowIT.
 - If a rower requires an electronic device for Medical reasons, please advise the Chief Safety Officer (see Rule 65.2.b).
- **EPI-PENS:** If required, please ensure they are carried by students.
- **UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR:** Please refrain from using bad language on the water and ensure that ALL officials and volunteers are treated with respect.
- **MEASLES / INFECTIOUS DISEASES:** Please be vigilant and follow the instructions sent.

REMINDERS

- Compliant bow balls / heel restraints / hatch covers
- Traffic flow rotation
- Green Bouy Line crossing , A collision or an incident at ALL our Regattas this season. ITS DANGEROUS . DO NOT CROSS ESAT TO WEST always go round the last green buoy.
- Limited race calling , ensure you are on time and allow sufficient time
- ALL boats and equipment must be washed down on departure.
- Coaches ANY ISSUES please talk to us early rather than later!
- There were many examples in the presentation of important information, Traffic, Parking, Rubbish , Rules of the Regatta, Regatta Control and Safety.

ENSURE ALL THIS INFORMATION IS PASSED ON TO YOUR COACHES, CREWS AND PARENTS! POINT THEM TO THE PRESENTATION AND CONDITIONS POSTED ONLINE....

QUESTIONS

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WhatsApp camera to join this group

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