

## Traffic Rotation Lake Karāpiro

Waikato Regional Council, Rowing New Zealand and Karāpiro Rowing Inc., have collaborated to make our rowing community safer. As defined under the Waikato Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2013 (revised edition 2020), all rowers and clubs are to abide and uphold New Zealand Maritime rules and Navigation Safety Bylaws that are issued by Regional Councils throughout New Zealand. In practice, this means that due to potential confusion when the rowing lanes are laid on the lake in zones 3-6, that it is unlawful to utilise the lanes in a downstream direction at any time unless the lake is reserved with a formal lake booking.

### Summary of Safety Rules

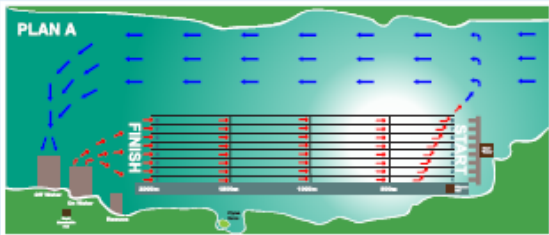
- When Rowing on Lake Karāpiro – All rowers must row on the true right (with the bank on the bow side of the boat or to the starboard side of the coach boat) of the lake at all times. This rule is to apply at all times when rowing up or down the lake including when there are buoys in the lake to indicate the racing lanes of a rowing course regardless of the number of lines of buoys. (*Waikato Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2013 – Section 2.9.1.a*)
- All crews leaving from Rowing New Zealand or Waikato Rowing Club sheds at Flynn Cove must give way to any crews travelling up the lake.
- Crews returning to their respective rowing sheds or training bases shall proceed down the true right side of the lake (as detailed above) and when opposite their rowing shed or training base shall pause and check that their way is clear before crossing the lake at right angles to the traffic flow. When crossing the lake in this manner, the crew crossing the lake must give way to any crew proceeding up the lake. (*Maritime Rules Part 22 – Collision Prevention*)

On occasions when there are buoys marking the location of racing lanes of the rowing course, the traffic rotation pattern does not change unless the lake is closed. It is unlawful to utilise the lanes in a downstream direction at any time unless the lake is reserved for that purpose. Upstream vessels have right of way.

Temporary Event Application forms can be found at:

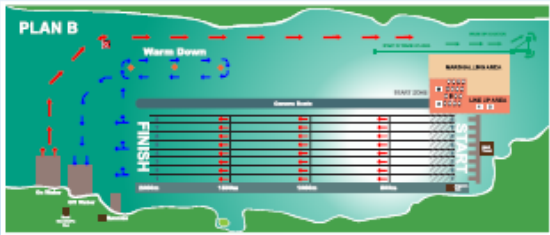
<https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/services/regional-services/navigation-safety/events-on-waikato-region-waterways/>

### 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 FINISH LINE TOWARDS THE START 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.

### LAKE CLOSED FOR A ROWING REGATTA ON SPECIFIC DATES BUOYED LANES IN POSITION



- TO BE USED FOR ROWING REGATTAS WHEN THE LAKE IS CLOSED TO OTHER USERS

