

NORTH ISLAND
**SECONDARY
SCHOOL ROWING**
CHAMPIONSHIPS



7th – 9th March 2025

***Regatta Information & Safety
Briefing***

**KRI Regattas Safety
and Coaches**

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WELCOME

Key people for the week:

Race Committee

- Chief Umpire – Mary Birch
- Chief Starter – Jack Quirk
- Chief Judge – Kim Harrison
- Organizing Rep – Steve Brine
- NZSSRA Rep – Jared Cummings

Other

- Chief Compliance – Garth Bradford
- Chief Safety Officer – Greg Liddy
- Regatta Control – Andrew Carr-Smith & Tricia Balle

SAFETY OFFICER

Roll Call

The names received as per the registration & attendance will be the designated Adult Safety Officer for the event.

Please ensure the Adult Safety Officer is present, on site and contactable for the entire regatta

- As the key representative and Adult 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 school.
- There are 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

Keep your waterways pest free



Check

New evidence that the clam and/or its eggs can live up to two days in salt water!

ALL BOATS MUST BE WASHED BEFORE DEPARTURE



Clean

Boat Wash Station: Outside the Green Shed; Main Boat Ramp and in Boat Park rows.



Dry

Bring own hose pipes for use in the Boat Park & containers to soak any absorbent material in.

- **Virkon Aquatic is acceptable** as an alternative to bleach. (Virkon S is not acceptable)



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WASTE MANAGEMENT



Sort Yourself Waste Station

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

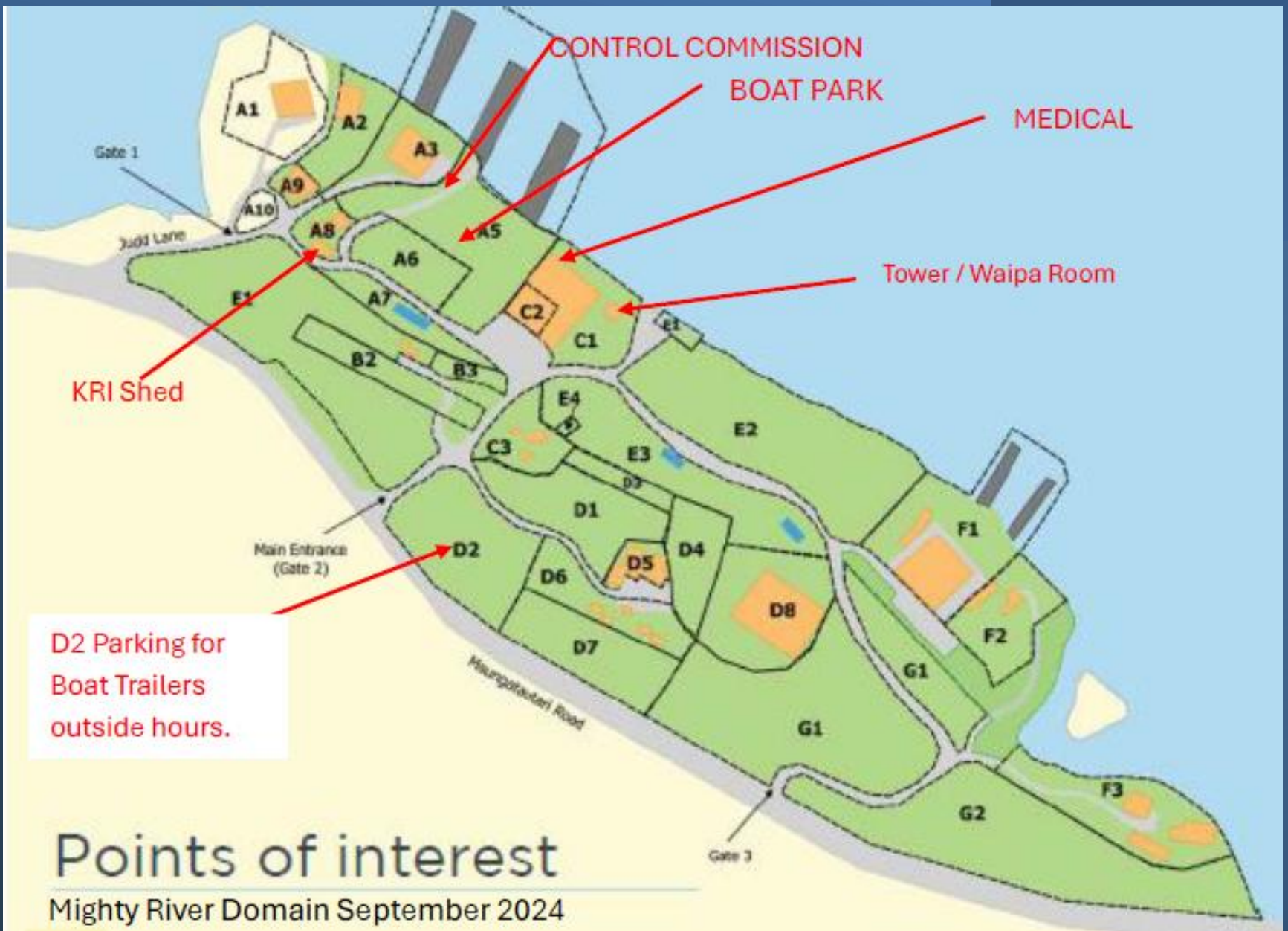
Only transparent bags will be accepted

!! BLACK BAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED !!

Arguments from parents will no longer be tolerated either

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

All schools 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.



CONTROL COMMISSION
 BOAT PARK
 MEDICAL

Tower / Waipa Room

KRI Shed

Main Entrance
 (Gate 2)

D2 Parking for
 Boat Trailers
 outside hours.

Points of interest

Mighty River Domain September 2024

LOCATIONS

COACHES' ROOM

- Don Rowlands Centre
- Coffee available from 10am – 3pm
- Please keep this area tidy

ERGS

- Waikato Rowing Association have kindly provided a number of ergs for use during the regatta. They are situated up the bank above the KRI shed in the Upper Campground, under a Waikato Rowing Association Gazebo.

TRAFFIC

A reminder for all travelling

- Putaruru to Lichfield will be closed until 28th March.
- Desert Road closed until Mid March 2025
- Karāpiro Dam Road closed until August.

SUGGEST:

- FROM THE EAST , come via Putaruru / Arapuni / Te Awamutu.
- FROM THE SOUTH, come via Taumarunui / Te Kuiti / Te Awamutu.



KARĀPIRO DAM ROAD CLOSED

PARKING

- **Mercury Land**
 - Mercury Land is the piece of land between the dam/Hydro road and Gate 1.
 - **Club Minivans and Coaches**
- **Gate 1/Judd Lane:**
 - **Competitor drop off (no parking), use the Turn Around Bay**
 - 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:**
 - Public
 - Overflow
 - Mobility Parking

ONLY EFTPOS ACCEPTED

ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING OR DROP OFFS ALONG MAUNGATAUTARI ROAD

PARKING FOR THE DISABLED AND ELDERLY

Will be in normal parking areas

We will have golf carts available to ferry those who need it to the spectator embankment/boom by RNZ

Please show mobility certificates to the car park attendants

CREW TENTS

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

- Cannot be erected until **Thursday 6th March after 12:00 (Midday)**
- 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.
- Provide various bins for ease of sorting refuse at the Sorting Station.
- **Tent Supply drop-off:** Please collect a pass from the Office.

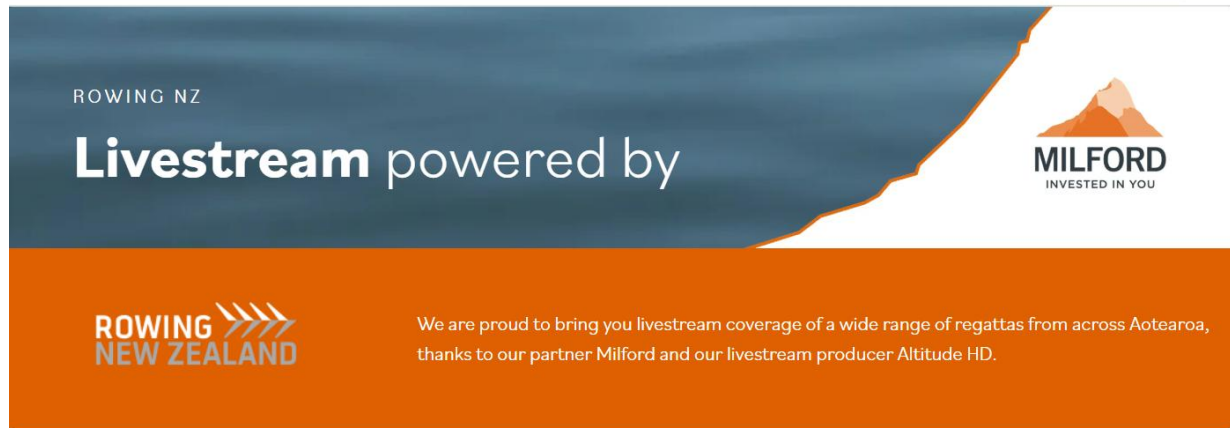
Only accessible until 30 minutes prior to the start of racing
Applies to Upper campground as well

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
- **Dogs:** Please no dogs on site. \$300 fine can be issued by Waipa District Council
- **Alcohol/Smoke/Drug Free:** This regatta is deemed to be Smoke, Vape, Alcohol and Drug free event

LIVE STREAMING


- There will be Live streaming, on Saturday and Sunday
- Live Stream will be available via RowingHub
- There will be a TV outside the tower & in the spectator tent to view coverage
- There will be an RNZ/KRI drone present. No other drones allowed.



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BOAT PARK & TRAILERS

- The Boat Park is only accessible for Boats from 10:00 – 18:00 on Thursday 6 March.
- There is to be NO access of the Boat Park for Boat Trailers
- All tow vehicles must be removed from the Boat Park by 1800 Thursday .
- Trailer parking only from 10:00 on Thursday
- Boat Trailers that arrive outside of these times must park via Gate 2 on the right in D2 (SEE MAP Slide 6), after requesting permission from Mighty River Domain via info@lakekarapiro.co.nz)
- **Boat Trailers are not allowed to be kept in D2 whilst the Regatta is underway. They MUST be moved to their allocated parking spot.**
- All support vehicle drivers with athletes, on arrival please park in D2 and allow your athletes to stretch their legs after the travel to walk over to the trailer parking area. Do not bring vans into the Boat Park.

BOAT PARK & TRAILERS

- The designated trailer parking plan is on the KRI website under Regattas / NISS / Trailers. Please ensure you know where you are going to PARK
- Please do not place boats on dumps on roads or walkways
- Boats on dumps between racks are only allowed while rigging or for race preparation, not storage
- Please ensure there are NO overhangs of boats onto walkways or roads
- Chocks required for trailers 
- Ph: DAVID: 021 810182 OR email boatpark@karapirorowing.com

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.

All volunteers will wear Photo ID

REGATTA CONTROL

Declarations

If your school has not completed and returned its declarations its entries are incomplete and it will not be allowed to compete at the regatta.

A reminder went out yesterday to all available contacts from each school that has yet to return its declarations. Adult Safety Officers were included in the reminder

There will be a further reminder for any remaining declarations tomorrow.

REGATTA CONTROL

- Read the Conditions – posted on the rowIT "profile" tab for each regatta
 - All three days are full
 - Friday: Heats begin
 - Saturday: Rest of heats to about 1pm then Semi-Finals and C Finals start after a gap
 - Sunday: A & B Finals
- Be on time for your races and hope for good weather!
- Heats intervals: 4 mins (U15/Nov 5 mins, maybe 6 mins for octies/eights)
 - A Finals: 10 min intervals. Petite finals: 5 mins
 - Heats progressions are partially or fully time based – make sure your crews understand the progression for each event!
 - If you have more than one boat in an event, make sure they carry the right bow number.
[Check who is entered in each crew... don't guess!](#)

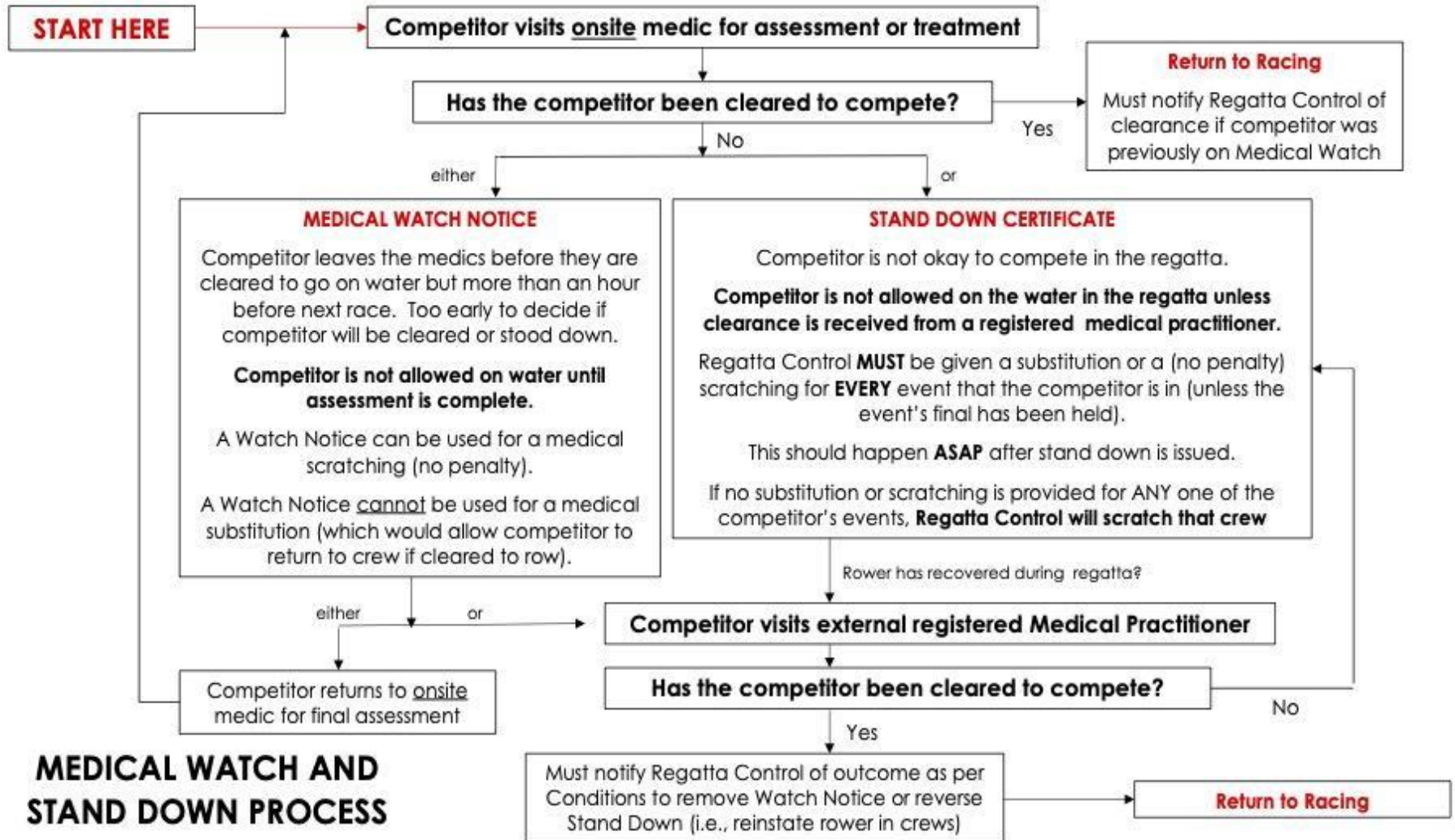
REGATTA CONTROL

- Substitutions and Scratchings
 - Make subs / scratches no less than 60 minutes before published race start time
 - **Medical sub can be made within 60 mins of race with medical certificate from onsite medic or a qualified medical professional**
 - Compliance will be checking crew names – don't risk being excluded!
 - Alterations can be made on rowIT or at the tower
 - Max of 50% of rowers (plus cox) can be subbed 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

- **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)!**

REGATTA CONTROL



MEDICAL WATCH AND STAND DOWN PROCESS

CONTROL COMMISION

- **There will be NO calling of races. Assume 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.

- **Name checking** of crews will be carried out
- **Coxswain armbands** will also be checked

GO-PROS and Recording and Electronic Devices

- The Organising Committees for NISS and Maadi would like to draw the attention of all entrants to Rule 4.3 of the NZSSRA Rules: "No Electronic Equipment that enables communication from a person not in the Boat is permitted."
- Most importantly, please note that the penalty for a breach of this rule is clearly spelled out in the rule: **DISQUALIFICATION of the SCHOOL.**
- We all wish to avoid the above scenario, so please ensure that your crews are aware of the rule and do not have in the boat or on their person ANY equipment capable of receiving communication from a source external to the boat. To avoid any possible doubt, we suggest you consider minimising the carrying of any equipment that is not strictly necessary for the crew's race.

CONTROL COMMISSION

- **Launching Pontoon Area:** Keep this area clear of all belongings (e.g. shoes, oar carriers, loose blades). NO running on the pontoons and only one or two helpers for each boat to avoid overcrowding.
- **Boat Weighing:** There will be boat weighing at this regatta in the KRI Shed. Please test-weigh boats prior to the start of the regatta. **Test weighing will be open from 8am on Thursday 23 January.**
- **Hot Seating** – at Pontoons – you must notify the Compliance Chief at the gazebo by the on-water pontoons of any hot swaps.
- **Uniform:** Race in your school colours.

COX WEIGH-IN

- **Cox Weighing:** Will be located in the KRI (Green/Grey) shed (See MAP Slide 6)
- **Coxswains shall weigh** in pursuant to Rule 12.5 of the [NZSSRA Rules](#) i.e. not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race **on each day of competition**
 - A Yellow Card will be issued if late to weigh in; a no show will result in Exclusion.
 - Ensure lifejackets are appropriate and of a good standard.
- Racing uniform is defined as a **singlet and shorts combination** or an equivalent **one-piece garment** (row suit).

LONG PANTS/TRACK PANTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

COX WEIGH-IN

- While the cox may choose to go out on the water in warmer gear (e.g. undergarments or jacket) these items do not form part of the weighing process.
 - Therefore, a hat, socks or shoes or any other items must **NOT** be worn during the process.
- If the regatta is running behind time, the weigh-in time remains as per the programme.
- Please ensure weights have no loose straps that can snag.
- If sharing weights, please ensure you re-tie them correctly.
- Ensure coxswains take weights with them AT ALL TIMES.
- **Dead Weight:** To be placed in the boat as close as possible to the coxswain. 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.



In a bow-coxed boat, it must not be placed in front of the coxswain.

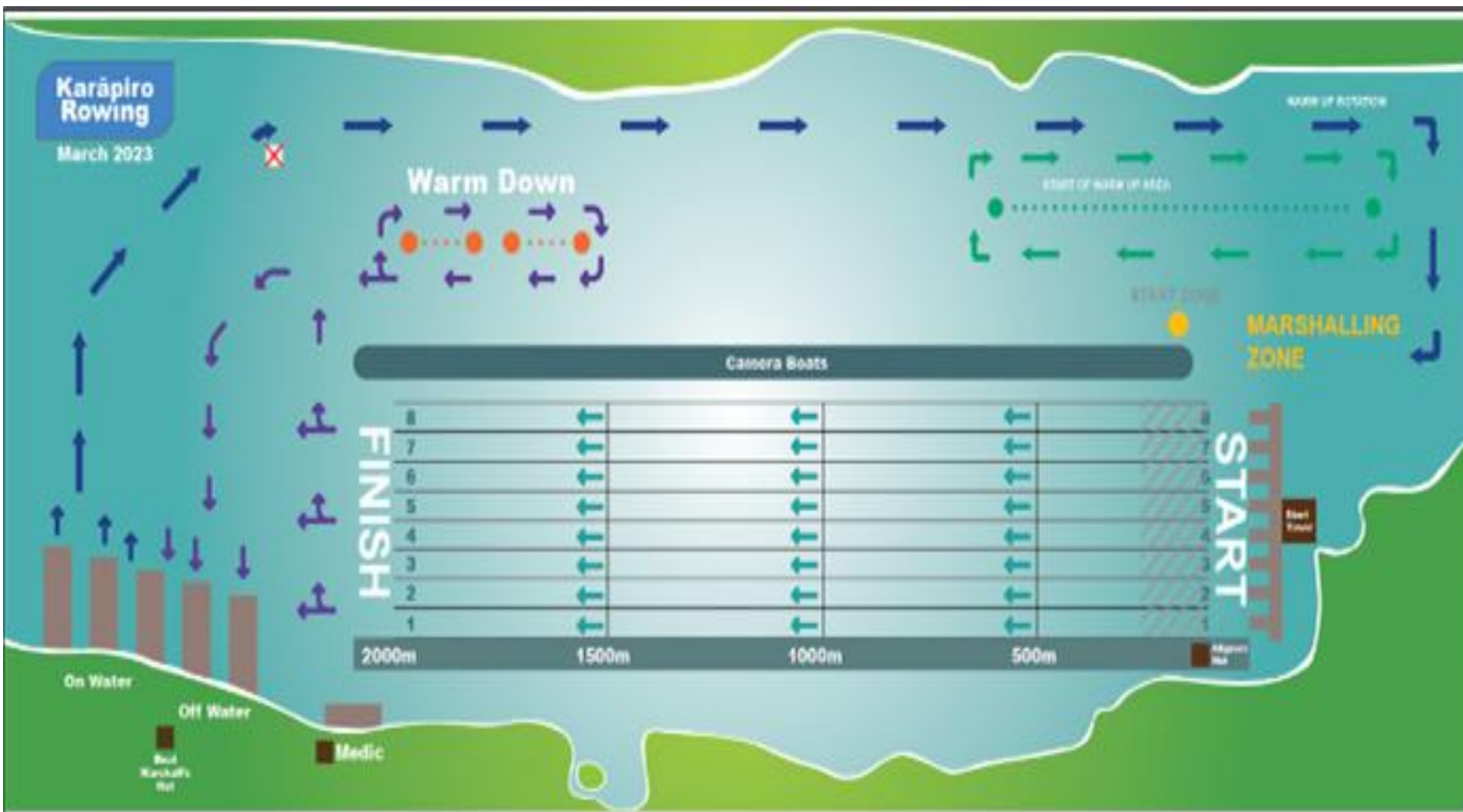
FLOW PATTERN



- **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
- **No Entry Zone:** Between Pontoons and Dam
- **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



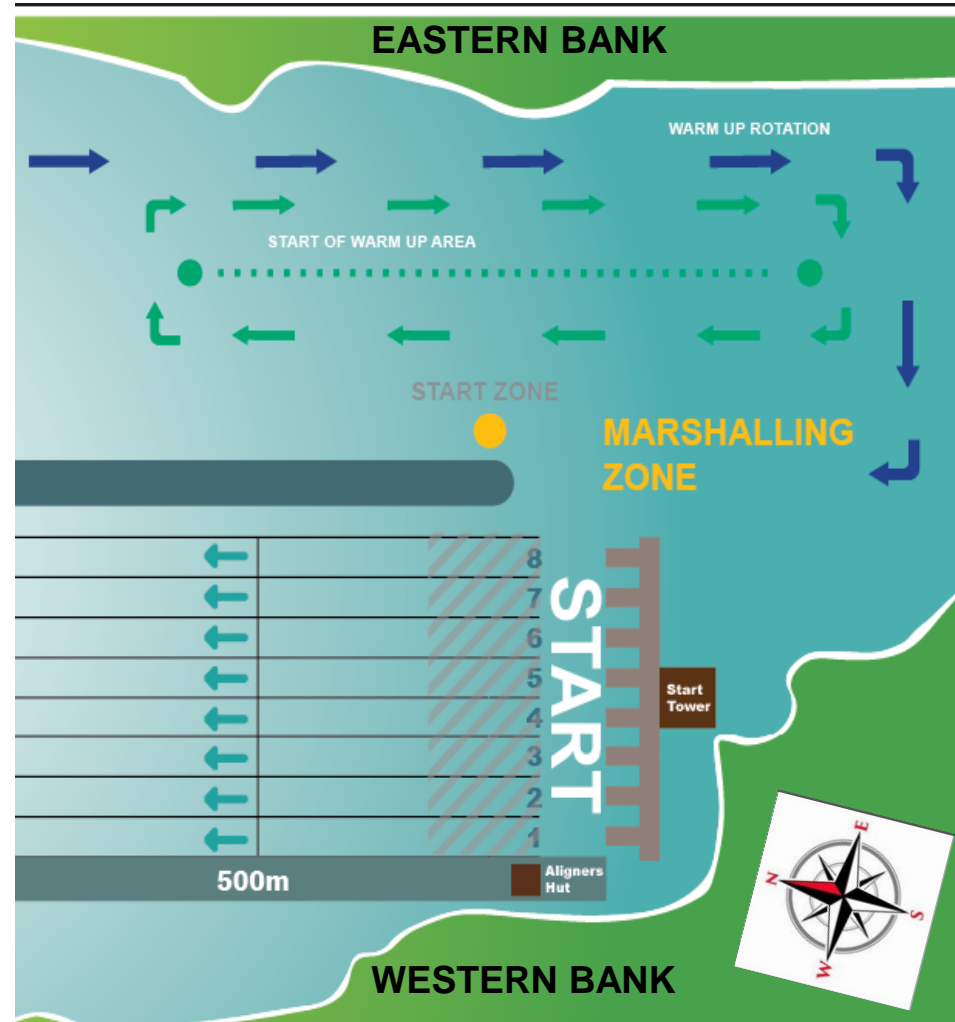
THE START

WARM UP AREA GREEN BUOY LINE:

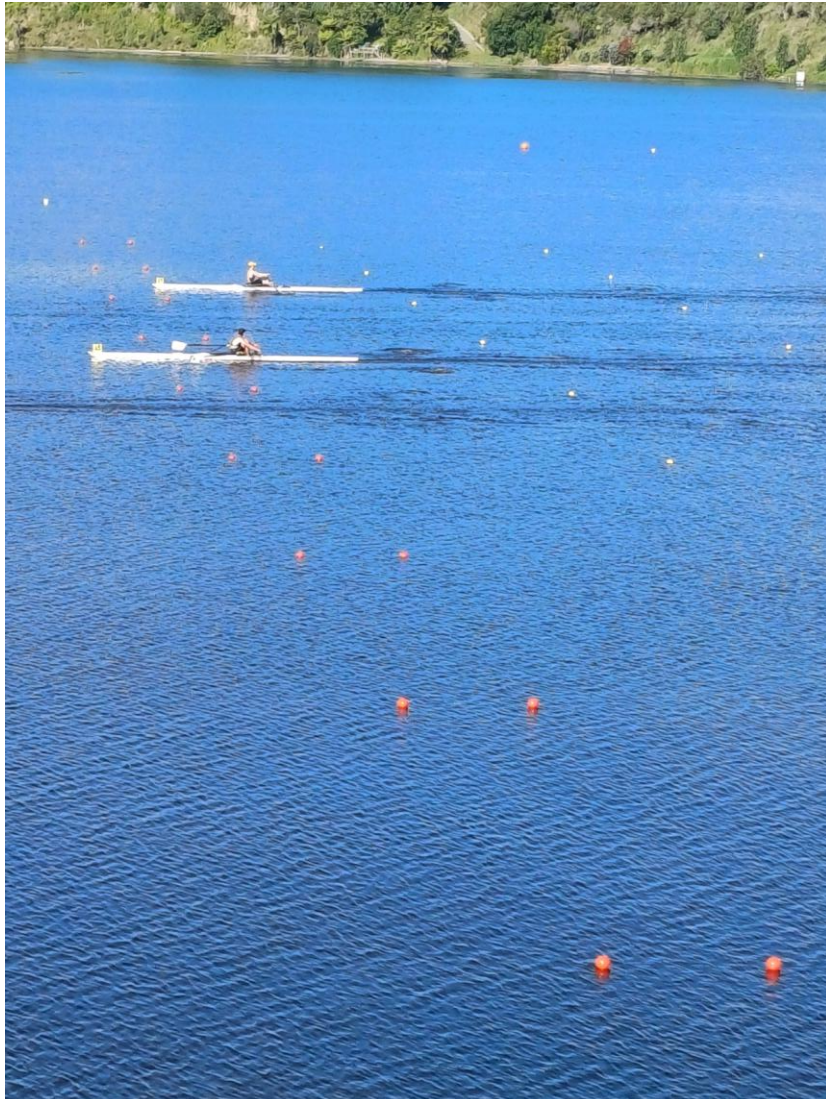
May be crossed West to East anywhere.

Never crossed East to West, Southern Buoy **MUST** be rounded.

- **Holding Area** (orange buoy): Arrive here 5 mins before start time in lane order 1 to 8. Lane 1 goes in first
- **Marshalling Zone:** The area from the Start Tower to the Weed wire, **there are to be NO practise starts / pieces in this area**
- **No Entry Zone:** Do not go past the buoy line 100m to the south of the Start
- **In the held start (the blocks):** Stern first into blocks and start backing close to pontoons
- **Entering the Start:** Please spend some time explaining to your rowers how to enter the start. It is expected that your students know how to enter the start blocks during the regatta, crews unable to access the start run the risk of a Lane 0 row home.
- **Please note: the Start area is a QUIET ZONE**
- **Procedure:** Quick Starts and Roll Call will be made as required. Crews are to be visible 5 mins before their race in the marshalling area behind the Start and held 2 mins before the start of their race. If not held at 2 mins, a Yellow card may be issued
- **Boat Holders:** Will be present
- A video on the KRI website under "Coaching Resources" explains more about the Start process



FINISH LINE



- The FINISH line is TWO lines of RED buoys, positioned a meter apart ($\frac{1}{2}$ m each on either side of the finish line).
- The actual Finish is not demarcated or visible to crews, so please ensure crews continue rowing past the second line of buoys.

CEREMONIAL

- You will be informed on arrival at the return pontoons of placings
- Crews who qualify for a medal must, return their boat to the Boat Park and walk over to the Ceremonial area immediately
- The presentation will take place as soon as possible after the race
- KRI will endeavour to provide a chaperone to meet the eligible crew/s at the pontoons to escort them to the medal dais. Crews that are dawdling will not be waited for.

SAFETY OFFICER UPDATE

- **Weather:**

FRIDAY: Wind : 5-10kmh S-SW; 10-23deg: 50-70% Cloud Cover; Mostly Fine:

SATURDAY: Wind 10-15kmh Gusts rising to 30kmh late afternoon ; 10-23deg; Mostly Fine:

SUNDAY: Wind 10-20kmh ; 10-25deg : Mostly Fine

- **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 miss a race, Safety will not contact Coach / Safety officer

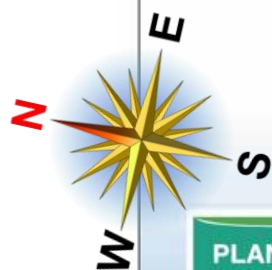
If there is a Medical Event on the water, Safety will do its utmost to contact Coach / Safety Officer and advise.

ANY QUESTIONS / QUERIES PLEASE RING SAFETY OFFICER

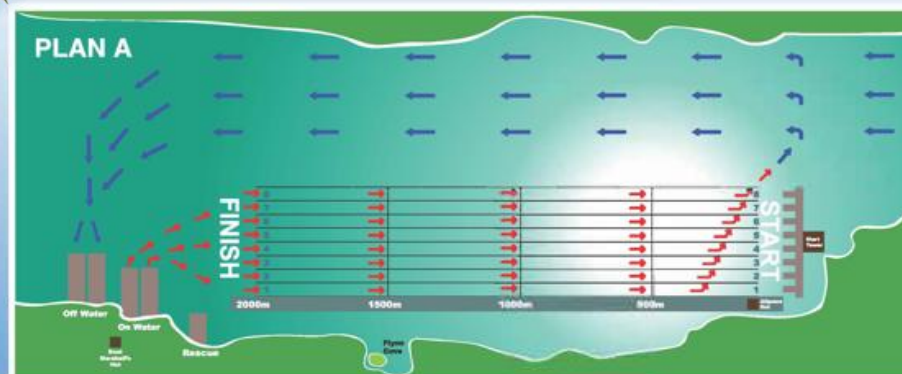
TRAINING

- **Thursday 6th March Training:** Training will be from 10:00 – 17:00. Please advise the Safety Officer if you wish to take advantage. Volunteers (Supporters / Coaches or senior students) will be required to man Safety Boats.
- CLOSED TOE SHOES required , Clogs are OK.
- **Coaches are required to contact the Safety officer of their crew's intent when going on water and when they are off water (NZSSRA Safety System: 11.B)**
- **I am happy to be sent a WhatsApp / text to fulfill this requirement.**
- **There will be NO opportunity to train before or after racing during the regatta. (NZSSRA Safety System: 11.A)**
- **Training During Regatta:** Training is allowed in the Warmup lane at the start. A bow training number will be required to be on the Lake. No Practice starts or pieces. Contact the Chief Control Commission.
- If crews wish to go for a row or transit outside the confines of the course, the Chief Safety officer **MUST** be contacted.

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 post finish. We are very vigilant of crew member welfare post-race.

- **Assistance in the event of a capsized**

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

Safety will advise crews that if assistance is given to return crews to the boat, they will be unable to complete the race. (NZSSRA Rule 19.2)

- **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.

PERSONAL/SAFETY

- **Temperature:** Hot, be appropriately dressed
- **Athlete Welfare:** Hydration/food
- **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.
- **EPI-PENS:** If required, please ensure they are carried by students.
- **Unsportsmanlike Behavior:** Please refrain from using bad language on the water and ensure that ALL officials and volunteers are treated with respect.

REMINDERS

- Compliant bow balls / heel restraints / hatch covers
- Traffic flow rotation
- Limited race calling , ensure you are on time and allow sufficient time
- ALL your rubbish must be sorted into the various bins at the sorting station or taken off site
- ALL boats and equipment must be washed down.
- Please note requirements in regards to Boat Trailers and Parking.
- Coaches ANY ISSUES please talk to us early rather than later!

- **TROPHIES**

Please return ALL NISS and Maadi Trophies to the KRI regatta office as soon as possible.

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MAADI

- We are still in need of boat holders for Maadi on the following dates
Monday 24th March, Wednesday 26th , Thursday 27th March, Friday 28th March
Supply of 20-24 people \$1200 + GST
If interested, please contact operations@karapirorowing.com
- No trailers will be allowed to park in D2 while the regatta is on

QUESTIONS

Contact Details:

Operations: Carol

Email: operations@karapirorowing.com

Phone: 027 506 6544

Chief Safety Officer: Greg

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Boat Park Manager: David

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Phone: 021 810 182



This presentation will be on the KRI website after the meeting.