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We are now heading to the 2010 AON MAADI Cup Regatta...the last Major regatta here this season. We have been very fortunate with the weather so far with two great days for the Meridian South Island Junior regatta on the 6th and 7th March.

It was indeed an opportunity to try out many of our systems and prove their operation or in some cases prove that we still need to undertake some more work. It has been great that there have been so many cooperative people who have assisted with this and it does make for a good regatta.

This news letter will include a number of aspects especially for those attending the MAADI Cup regatta. We understand there will be over 114 schools attending including two from Australia. We trust that all attending will have a very enjoyable and profitable regatta.

## Didymo

Yes, it is still with us and from reports received, it appears to be spreading. Please be aware of the potential for contamination and operate to minimise the risk. Wash, Clean and Dry after using any equipment in the water.

## ECAN Bylaw

It is the ECAN Navigation and Safety By-law that operates on this lake. It aims to create a safe environment and this in turn requires everyone to cooperate. Another law that needs to be known is MSA 91. These two laws are legally binding and all must work within their requirements.

## Boat Park



The picture above shows the boat launch area and the associated boat racks. As can be seen from this picture the racks are fully utilised for the SIJ regatta. This means that many will have to use their boat transport to accommodate their boats. A revised layout has been developed that will give each trailer a 7 meter slot along the opposite side of the road to the racks. This will mean that are will need to be taken with exactly where your trailer is parked. We expect to have an attendant to guide you into position so please be patient.



The picture above shows the boat weighing area. Through the trees you can also see the road and the location of the boat trailer park.

**Please note that once all the trailers are parked, there will be no vehicles allowed into the boat park.**



## Buoys

There has been a lot of work done with marking the lines where rowers can go. At the launch area there is a line of buoys to separate the boats going out from those coming back. The picture on the right depicts this in action. A similar situation can be expected at the start.



Please see the "ROWED CODE" in the programme for the details.

## SISS Regatta

South Island Rowing applied to host this regatta on the assumption that all the entry information would be supplied on time and in a format that it could be used for the downstream processing and the regatta management program. Unfortunately, the NZSSRA's entry processing contractor (RowIT) advised they were unable to deliver this some 5 days before the close of entries. This effectively cancelled the hosting application.

As one of its basic tenets, SIR is to "foster the sport of rowing" and cancelling a regatta is quite contrary to this. Within 24 hours of this and with the assistance of Rowing NZ, a revised entry arrangement was implemented. We knew this would work and with some agreements, we were able to extend the closing date out another couple of days. It also meant that we did not have to pay the NZSSRA's contractor so the entry fees were able to be reduced as well. Unfortunately the SISS regatta has been sanctioned by the NZSSSC and there was simply not time to meet the associated requirements. So, to avoid any confusion, the name was changed and the was run as one that did not have NZSSSC sanction.



The picture above is the view looking towards the start from the Regatta Control Building and shows the shoreline at the MSIJ regatta. The weather was very good and the participants we spoke to all said it was a very good regatta. This picture also shows the tents down the course and over 50% of the sites allocated for MAADI were occupied.



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## Can You Swim?

There has been some very serious concerns expressed that there are so many young rowers who cannot swim and the ability of the Regatta Organizers to cope with this is getting beyond their current capabilities. Some say that anyone taking part in aquatic sports should be able to swim. Certainly the future will see those who cannot swim being precluded from participating.

If you fall out in Lake Ruataniwha you **must** stay with your boat and using it for floatation wait for a safety boat to collect you from the water.

## Secretary's Office

The picture at the right is the Secretary's Office. From here you should be able to get all the information you need including programmes, day sheets, make scratchings and substitutes etc.



## St Johns Location



The location of the St Johns room is under the regatta control building. The picture on the right shows the western end of the regatta control building and the St Johns area.

## Regatta Control Building

The picture below shows the regatta control Building as viewed from the Lake edge close to the finish line. The little room at the top is the commentary room where the live commentary and the presentation information originates. The first floor is for the Chief Judge and the team of officials undertaking that phase of the work. Many of the media representatives also occupy this floor. On the ground floor we have on the left, the front of the St Johns room. Then there is the back of the Secretary's office. The other end of the building contains the drug testing people.





## Row Shoppe

This is another place that people seem to have difficulty finding. The Row Shoppe is located in the west end of the Macrae Building. The picture on the right was taken from near the dais with the entrance to the Row Shoppe through the glass conservatory.



## Grounds

The grounds are owned by South Island Rowing who consequently are responsible for their condition and maintenance. The cost of this is quite staggering and we ask that you assist where possible. You may bring a significant quantity of "extras" with you but, please take any left over rubbish away with you. The Local Council have a re-cycling system and for those who are staying locally please make use of this system and do **NOT** bring your household rubbish down to the lake.

The picture on the right shows the view from the TV platform on the control building looking down the course towards the start. While we have been flexible with gazebos at the smaller regattas, there is to be no such item on the lake side of the road for the MAADI Cup regatta.



## Who Is Max Smith?

In coming to the Lake Ruataniwha you will most likely have travelled along Max Smith Drive. Many will have seen and heard the name but few will have seen the man and even fewer will have met him. He has attended at least one regatta most years since the course was built. SIR was privileged to have him attend the Meridian South Island Club Championship Regatta.



The picture above right depicts Max with our Chairman Cliff Buchanan. He is dressed in an attire that he has become synonymous with; although his traditional silver hard hat has been replaced with a most appropriate floppy brimmed sun-hat.

Yes, there is a person behind the name. He was the Project Engineer who lead the team that built the Upper Waitaki Hydro Scheme. That in itself was a major feat, steeped in history and intrigue and guaranteed to put one off politics for life. But as a result of that project and the efforts of Max, we now have the Lake Ruataniwha International Rowing course. All of us are truly indebted to one who had such foresite to initiate the development such a complex to the benefit of the whole Rowing Community, the Mackenzie District and Twizel itself.





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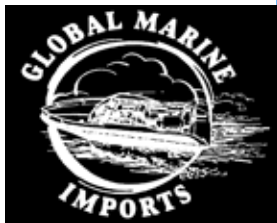


## Tent Site Allocation

Site	SCHOOL/CLUB	Site	SCHOOL/CLUB
0	Twizel Area School / Twizel RC		
1	Villa Maria College		
2	Nelson College for Boys	2a	Westlake Boys
3	Nelson College for Girls	3a	Westlake Boys
4	Rangi Ruru Girls School	4a	Westlake Girls
5	Rangi Ruru Girls School		
6	Marlborough Boys / Blenheim C	6a	ST Peters College (AK)
7	St Bedes College	7a	St Hildas Collegiate
8	Marlborough Girls College/Wairau		
9	Waikato Diocesan School		
10	Craighead Diocesan School/Timaru	10a	Macleans College
11	Timaru Boys High School		
12	Christchurch Girls High School	12a	Hamilton Girls
13	Otago Boys High School	13a	Baradene College
14	Columba College	14a	Epsom Girls Grammar
15	Waitaki Girls/Boys/St Kevins/Oamaru	15a	Queen Margaret College
16	Otago Girls High School	16a	Hillcrest High School
17	Wakatipu Rowing Club	17a	Dilworth School
18	Burnside High School	18a	
19	Roncalli College	19a	Christchurch Boys High
20	Christchurch Boys High School	20a	Hamilton Boys High School
21	Avonside Girls	21a	Cambridge High School
22	Marian College	22a	
23	St Margarets College	23a	Nga Tawa Diocesan School
24	Christs College	24a	Kings College
25	Timaru Girls High School	25a	
26	Ashburton College	26a	
27	St Andrews College	27a	Buller High School
<b>W A L K W A Y</b>			
28	Wanganui Collegiate School	28a	
29	Sacred Heart Girls College		
30	Kings High School		
31	Bethlehem College	31a	Otumoetai College
32	Wellington College	32a	Wellington Girls College
33	Auckland Grammar	33a	
34	Tauranga Girls	34a	
35	Wanganui High School	35a	
36	Samuel Marsden College		
37	Auckland Diocesan		
38	St Thomas of Canterbury		
39	ST Peters School		
40	St Patricks College		
41	St Kentigern College		
42	Wanaka Rowing		
43	St Pauls Collegiate School		
44	Takapuna Grammar School		
45	Southland Girls High School		

## Dawn Parade

There will be a "DAWN PARADE" at the complex starting at 0630 hrs on Monday 22nd March. All Schools participating in the 2010 AON MAADI Cup Regatta are to be represented.



## Rule Comment

There is confusion and misunderstanding of rules within the rowing community. SIR has asked senior Officials to highlight some of these rules and explain how they are applied. If you have any questions or doubts: Ask an official! They are happy to help.

### Rule 16 – Substitutes

How many rowers can be substituted?	Up to half of the crew and the coxswain. So for an eight you can substitute 4 rowers and the coxswain.
Are there restrictions to the substitution?	Yes, there are. The rower can only be substituted by a registered rower who meets the eligibility criteria. So a lightweight has to be replaced by another lightweight rower, an under 16 year old has to be replaced by an under 16 year old rower of the same gender, if it is an under 16 race.  A single cannot be substituted. In this case the boat as to be scratched.
Are there any exceptions?	The only exception is the coxswain. Here a male can be replaced by a female and vice versa. But the coxswain has to meet the eligibility criteria including weighing in not less than one hour and not more than 2 hours before the race. This weigh in can only be done after the substitution has recorded with the secretary. A copy of the substitution has to be presented at the scales as proof of the change.
When has a substitution to be made?	Our rules allow checking the crew before the boat leaves the pontoons. Therefore the substitution has to be made before the crews goes onto the water. In the case of a coxswain the substitution has to be made in such a way that weighing within the time set is possible. It is of course advisable to make the substitution as soon as possible and prior to the first event in which the crew has entered.
Can a substitution be made after the first race of the crew?	If this race is a qualification race for a progression a substitution is only possible in case of an illness or injury substantiated by a medical certificate. This applies to all substitutions (including coxswain). If in doubt contact a Race Official. If this is no qualifying race there are no restrictions; but remember that a race for lanes is deemed to be a qualifying race!
Can a substitution be revoked?	Only if the substitution was made for medical reasons and a new medical certificate clears the substituted rower for racing. So in this case you need two medical certificates.
I want to change the order of a crew. Is this a substitution?	No, it is not. Any seat changes are possible. But if the coxswain should row and a rower should be the coxswain a substitution has to be made!



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## Safety Corner

Safety is of paramount concern on Lake Ruataniwha. It is a snow fed hydro lake which means the water is very cold and the flow is unpredictable. Similarly, the surrounding area is quite unique and the following safety information is for everyone. Please be careful.

### On Land

- You must have a Fire Extinguisher in your tent
- No Charcoal barbecues
- No open fires.
- A first aid kit must be available in your tent
- Please advise the regatta Secretary of your one person point of contact in case of emergency and their contact mobile number
- \* Please keep the access for St Johns Staff clear for emergency use.
- \* Please make sure the Chief Safety Officer and St Johns know of any "life threatening" illness.

### On Water

- If you capsize stay with your boat.
- Coxswains MUST wear a life jacket on the water at all times . Training and Racing . **No exceptions**
- Managers, Coaches Strokes and Coxswains. Please read the Lake "Rowed Code" particularly in relation to the warm up area and direction to travel in the bay at the start.
- If you are in trouble raise an arm and verbally attract attention.
- Refrain from collapsing and lying down in your boat at the completion of a race.
- Wear appropriate warm clothing on the cooler days
- Drink plenty of fluids on the warmer days
- The 1st Response Jet ski and safety boat are there for your safety. Their movement is kept to a minimum. They are in radio contact with all race umpires and only move when requested to attend a medical or on water problem.

