

**DATE**

The regatta will commence on Monday, 27 March 2006 and run until Saturday, 1 April 2006 with Sunday, 2 April 2006 (until 12:00 P.M.) being the official reserve day.

**TIMES**

Racing will commence at 8:30 A.M. on Monday, 27 March 2006 and daily thereafter as directed by the Day Sheets. For the purposes of the regatta sunrise is at 6:55 A.M. and sunset at 6:30 P.M. each day.

**LOCATION AND COURSE DETAILS**

The regatta will be held at Lake Ruataniwha, Mackenzie Basin, New Zealand.

All races will be rowed on the 2000-meter eight-lane Albano course with markers at every 500 meters and the lanes numbered 1-8 with number 1 being closest to the Judges. The course is straight and on still water.

**CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE REGATTA**

The regatta is being held in accordance with the NZSSRA Rules of Racing and Regulations for Regattas and these Terms and Conditions. We recommend all competitors should be familiar with them. In addition the Regulations for Regattas and the Directives and Conditions of the NZRA and SIRI will be diligently referenced.

**CLASSIFICATION OF RACES**

Races are classified by boat type, sex, age and, where applicable, ability (novices) or weight (lightweight). Classifications are made in accordance with Rule 14 of the NZSSRA Rules for Regattas.

**BOAT TYPES**

The regatta is for rowing boats that meet the requirements of Rule 4 of the NZSSRA Rules for Regattas and fall in the following categories: Singles, Doubles, Pairs, Quadruples, Fours and Eights.

Any boat may be inspected before racing commences and may be spot-checked at any other time to see it complies with these requirements. Unsafe non-compliant boats shall be disqualified in accordance with Rule 17.8 of the NZSSRA Rules for Racing.

**THE ORDER OF EVENTS**

The order of events is that set by the NZSSRA Executive in 2002 and is listed in Appendix D of the NZSSRA Constitution. In addition there might be a coxswains race and possibly a coaches race at the end of racing on day 1 of finals. Details will be made available at the time and will depend on regatta progress.

**PROGRESSION**

The progression to the finals will follow the Option 1 NZSSRA National Championships progression system as approved by the NZSSRA Executive and found on the NZSSRA website. The allocation of crews to the preliminary heats shall be random drawn. The maximum number of crews in a race will be eight.

'B' finals will be held in events where more than 16 crews start in the heats. They will be started ten minutes prior to the 'A' final of that event.

**REGATTA FEES**

The fees for the regatta, which are GST inclusive, are as follows:

**Entry fees**

Eights	\$55.00 per crew
Fours/ Quads	\$45.00 per crew
Pairs / Doubles	\$32.00 per crew
Singles	\$20.00 per crew
Amenity fee	\$12.50 per pupil
Regatta surcharge	\$4.50 per pupil

**Other fees**

Entry Protest	\$20.00
Race Protest	\$20.00
Appeal	\$20.00

**ENTRIES**

Entries close at **1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 14 March 2006.**

Entry into the regatta is by way of Online Regatta Entry on the NZSSRA website: [www.schoolrowing.org.nz](http://www.schoolrowing.org.nz)

The Online Regatta Entry system will generate all the forms necessary to complete entry into the regatta and they must then be signed by the appropriate people and posted to:

**The Secretary**  
**South Island Rowing Inc**  
**PO Box 3261**  
**Christchurch**



The preferred method for payment of entry fees is for schools to deposit their entry fees into the SIRI account and include a copy of the associated receipt with their entry forms.

**Name of account** South Island Rowing Inc  
**Branch:** Twizel Branch

**Bank** National Bank  
**Account No:** 60966-0100341-00

Alternatively a cheque could be included with the entry forms. All cheques are to be made out to South Island Rowing Inc. Variations are not valid and the associated entries will not be accepted.

**NOTE:** Payment must be received before the crews will be allowed to race.

### PRE-REGATTA MEETING

The pre-regatta Safety Briefing and managers' meeting will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, 26 March 2006 in the MacRae Lounge. **Attendance at this meeting by the school's Adult Safety Officer is compulsory for those schools wishing to compete at the regatta.**

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION

#### 1. SAFETY

Any use of the lake is subject to the Maritime Safety Authority Rules and Regulations and Environment Canterbury Inland Waters Navigation Safety Bylaws 2005. These rules are all-embracing and take precedence over all other safety related documents. Nevertheless, all crews and coaches should be conversant with NZSSRA Safety Rules (Rule 17).

\*\*\*\*\* **WATER SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU** \*\*\*\*\*

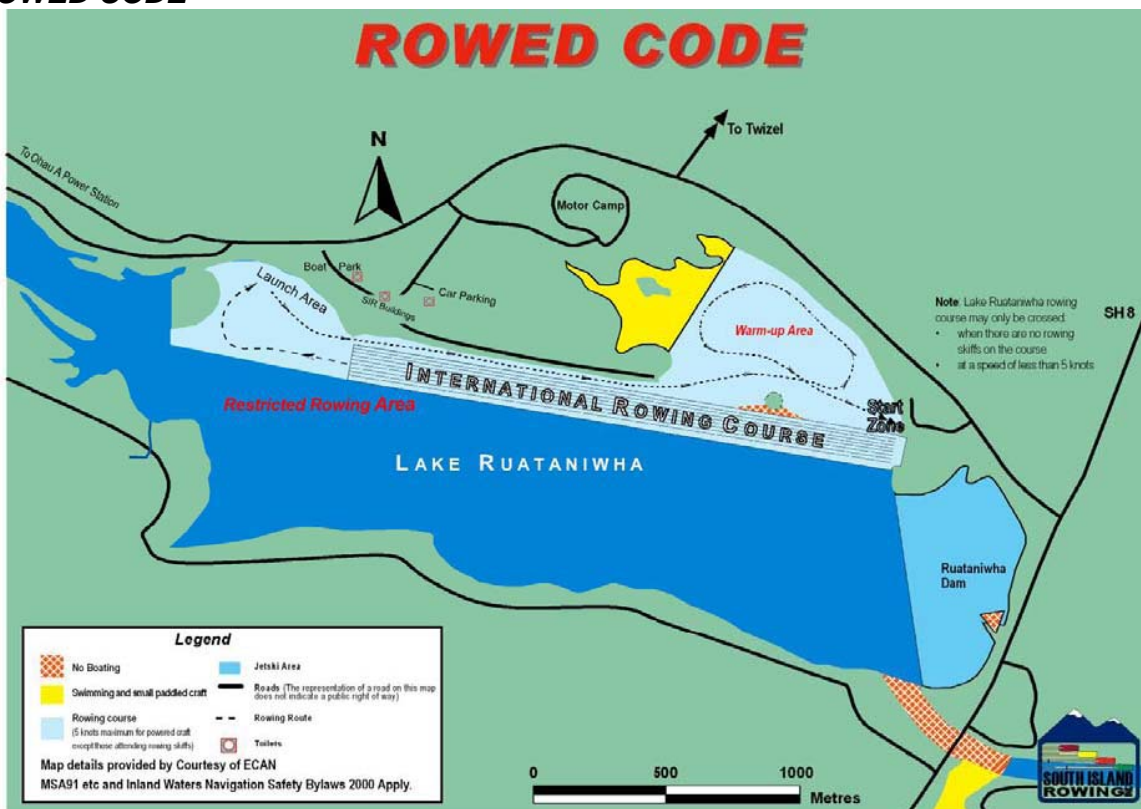
Rowing, by its very nature has an element of danger associated with it and it is a responsibility of all participants to ensure that safe practices are to be used at all times. Safety equipment is available for the official racing and training hours of the regatta only. The Safety requirements are defined in the SIR Safety and Risk Management Document. **Responsibility for going on the water lies At all times entirely with the crew.**

#### 2. BOAT WASHING

In response to the Didymo Bio-security Hazard it is a requirement for all boats and oars must be washed with detergent when entering into the boat park and when leaving the boat park. Facilities are available for this and your cooperation is appreciated.

\*\*\*\*\* **No Wash, No Row** \*\*\*\*\*

#### 3. ROWED CODE



**4. FLAG SIGNALS FOR THE REGATTA**

**Green** Venue is open for training and racing  
**Blue** Racing is finished for the day

**Yellow** Racing is suspended  
**Red** Venue is closed for training and racing

**5. TRAINING ON THE LAKE**

Official training hours are from half an hour after sunrise until half an hour before sunset.

**\*\*\*\*\* Training is not permitted at any time the red flag is flying \*\*\*\*\***

Crews wishing to train on the lake during training hours **must** be within the designated training area (see Rowed Code), **must** observe the NZSSRA Safety Rules (particularly 17.11), **must** comply with the MSA and ECAN Rules, and coxswains **must** wear a life jacket.

Unless otherwise advised by the Chief Umpire **crews are not allowed to train on the course** (defined as the area of water that is on the start side of the finish line) during the period between half an hour before the start of the days racing and half an hour after the finish of the days racing.

Training outside the allowable area of the lake is done entirely at the crew's risk and the school's Adult Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring MSA and ECAN Rules are complied with.

Any crew ignoring these conditions or in breach of NZSSRA Safety Regulations may be fined a monetary penalty and may be disqualified by the Chief Umpire from taking further part in the regatta. The Chief Umpire shall reprimand the coach.

**NOTE:** this is a hydro lake used for the commercial production of electricity. The Generator has rigid controls of where rowing is permitted and must be respected. Areas prohibited for rowing are shown on the Rowed Code..

**6. SUBSTITUTES**

All crew substitutions must be advised in writing with to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party no less than 30 minutes prior to the first race for the event in which the crew is entered. Substitutions for subsequent races must be accompanied by a medical certificate or evidence of expulsion from the regatta and must be advised in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party at the earliest opportunity but no less than 30 minutes prior to the race.

**7. SCRATCHINGS & NON-PROGRESSION**

Any scratching must be advised in writing to Regatta Control by an appropriately authorised member of the school party as follows:

- Elimination heats by **11:30 A.M. on Sunday, 26 March 2006**; and
- Thereafter scratching notification is required **within one hour** after the last qualifying race in which the crew raced; but
- In the event of straight finals or events with no repechages or semi-finals, 12:00 P.M. on the day before the final.

Any boat that is scratched from or does not start a race it has progressed to shall incur a non-progression monetary **penalty of \$40.00**.

Schools who fail to notify a scratching by the nominated time or whose crew/s do not take part in an event in which they have been entered, shall incur a monetary **penalty of \$40.00** for each crew that has not been properly scratched. This penalty can be incurred in addition to the non-progression penalty.

**8. COXSWAINS WEIGHTS**

All coxswains must provide their own weights.

**9. BOAT WEIGHT**

All boats may be weighed prior to the commencement of the Regatta and all boats will be subject to random weighing throughout the regatta. All boats must comply with the following minimum weights as specified by the NZRA:

1X = 14kg      2X = 27kg      2- = 27kg      4X+ = 52kg      4+ = 51 kg      8+ = 96 kg

**10. BOAT NUMBERS**

All boats must carry the lane number as shown on the Day Sheet. Sets of numbers can be purchased through the Secretary's Office.

**11. CREW IDENTIFICATION**

There have been a number of instances where there have been difficulties with crew recognition. To solve such difficulties, photographs of the individual crews may be taken at the start or finish of any race and held as part of the official records of the event.



**12. PROCEEDING TO START**

All crews must proceed to the start on the inside of the course unless specifically directed (see the Rowed Code). Crews must not proceed to the start on the course or cross the course when a race is in progress.

Crews must be in the START zone at least five minutes before the advertised start time of their race. The starter will inform crews of the time remaining before the start of the race at appropriate intervals.

**13. START PROCEDURE**

As it is difficult to identify raised arms, it is preferred that prior to the commencement of the start command the Bow or Two person of a crew raise their arms. These are not recognised after the attention call. Please note:

**\*\*\*THE START AREA IS A QUIET ZONE\*\*\***

**14. NON-START RETURNS**

For safety reasons, non-starters must return to Boat Park on regatta course as directed.

**15. MEDAL PRESENTATION**

After the race finishes, the Umpire will ask the Medal Winning crews to proceed to the presentation area. Where boats of winning crews are required quickly for later races, schools are asked to arrange the take-over of the boats at the presentation area.

After medals and trophies have been presented, crews return to their boats and row to the Boat Park

**16. CONDUCT OF ROWERS**

Schools Coaches and crews are reminded that the school party is considered to be in attendance at the regatta from the start of the first day of racing till the end of the official spare day. These rules will be applied for any breaches on or off the water during this time and it is recommended that all members of the party be familiar with these rules. Any crew or crewmembers found guilty by the Race Committee of bringing the Regatta or Rowing into disrepute, on or off the water, may be disqualified from further participation in the Regatta and could prejudice the participation of other crews from the same school.

**17. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**

This regatta is deemed to be Alcohol and Drug free for the participants and the CONDUCT provisions apply to any breaches.

Coaches and Crews are advised that, as a condition of entry into this regatta, rowers may be required to undergo tests for substances prohibited by Rowing New Zealand's anti-doping code, the International Rowing Federation, FISA and the IOC. Such tests will be undertaken by the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency who will be acting in an independent capacity under the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency Act.

**18. VENUE CARE**

The regatta venue is private property and should be given due respect. To assist the hosts maintain the venue please do not litter, look after the assets and report any damage or breakages to Regatta Control. The CONDUCT provisions apply to persons abusing the hosts hospitality.

**19. BOAT PARK**

The boat park will be closed on Monday, 27 March 2006 and will not be opened until the following Saturday. Vehicle access during the regatta is not available. Only boat trailers used for storage will be permitted to be left in the boat park but there is ample parking adjacent to the Boat Park for transport vehicles.

**20. RAFFLES**

The selling of raffle tickets or goods for the purpose of raising money for any cause is not permitted under any circumstances unless permission has been gained from South Island Rowing Inc. prior to the regatta. Anybody caught selling raffle tickets or goods for the purpose of raising money at this regatta runs the risk of their crews being scratched from their events.

**21. SOURCE DOCUMENTATION**

The source documents for this regatta are:

- The NZSSRA Rules for Racing and associated appendices ( [www.schoolrowing.org.nz](http://www.schoolrowing.org.nz) )
- The NZSSRA Regulations for Regattas and associated appendices. ( [www.schoolrowing.org.nz](http://www.schoolrowing.org.nz) )
- The NZRA Rules for Racing ( [www.rowingnz.com](http://www.rowingnz.com) )
- Maritime Safety Authority Rules ( [www.msa.govt.nz](http://www.msa.govt.nz) )



- Environment Canterbury, Inland Waters Navigation Safety Bylaws 2005 ( [www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz) )
- SIRI Safety and Risk Management Plan ( [www.schoolrowing.org.nz](http://www.schoolrowing.org.nz) )

## **22. VARIATIONS**

The Regatta Committee reserves the right to change the conditions, programme, progression system or course should exceptional circumstances prevail.

## **23. DISCLAIMER**

South Island Rowing Inc reminds all schools and pupils participating in this Regatta that while every care will be taken by the regatta officials to ensure that the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently in accordance with the rules of racing established by the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Association and/or as applicable the New Zealand Rowing Association, it is the responsibility of schools to ensure that those rules are complied with and of the pupils to comply with them to ensure safe rowing activity.

Further, it is a condition of participation in this regatta that all participants accept and note that no liability either in tort or any other nature whatsoever is accepted by or will attach to the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc or the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Association for any harm, damage, loss, costs, expenses, inconvenience, interference of what ever nature and whatever kind including any damage to equipment or injury to persons of whatever nature incurred in the course of or in connection with or in any way related to the regatta regardless of whether any error or omission, wrongdoing, oversight, negligence or other tort whatsoever on the part of any regatta official or other person may be established.

***THE REGATTA PROGRAMME HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE NZSSRA.***