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## Welcome

Welcome to the first Maadi Cup Update Newsletter. For many of you attending the Maadi Cup this year, it will be the first time that you would have been to Karapiro since the major facelift and rebuild for the World Rowing Championships last year, for others who have not been to Karapiro before—it will be equally impressive. Throughout this Newsletter we have included some photographs of the new facilities.

Entries have now closed and Supplementary entries have opened, this allows empty lanes to be filled, but does not provide for extra races to be added to the program. This year Maadi Cup sees a few firsts and records broken before the regatta has even started. There are now 122 schools out of 139 registered rowing schools attending—the largest number of schools ever to attend a Maadi Cup Regatta. We have over 1400 crews racing of which only 42% are coxed. Athlete numbers are less than the record high



The New Finish Tower

in 2005 when 2041 athletes attended. Please read the rest of this Newsletter carefully and email it on to all the students, coaches and parents who are coming to experience Maadi Cup 2011

## Regatta Vehicle Access

As the regatta continues to grow, so do the systems that are needed to be implemented to support the size of the regatta. There are three

## Key Regatta Positions

CHIEF UMPIRE: Drew Tierney

CHIEF STARTER: Brian Clarke

CHIEF JUDGE: Lesley Milne

NZSSRA LIAISON: Andrew Carr-Smith

KARAPIRO ROWING LIAISON: Tony Popplewell

REGATTA ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIR: Roger Milne

BOAT PARK & TENT SITE MANAGER: Warren Thomas

SAFETY OFFICER: Peter Carr

COURSE MANAGER: John Strange

REGATTA CONTROL: Tony Nelson



The re-modeled Domain Entrance

points of access to the Mighty River Domain at Lake Karapiro. Gate 1 is closest to the Dam and also known as Judd Lane. This is the access for Boat Trailers entering the Boat Park and will also be used for the Athlete Drop-off area. This gate also provides through access to the Cambridge Rowing Club, Karapiro Ski Club, the Cambridge Water Treatment Plant and the Service area for the Domain including the rubbish and recycling area. Parking is available in this area for one Towing Vehicle per boat trailer during the regatta and Mini Buses that are transporting athletes. Towing Vehicles will require a pass available from the Regatta Secretary's Office to park. Mini buses will not require a pass and need to be parked as directed by the Traffic management staff.

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Gate 2 is for site access and parking for Regatta Officials, Exhibitors, VIP's and Sponsors and access is by Gate 2 Pass only.

Gate 3 is for Public Parking and access to Rowing New Zealand and Flynn Cove (the maintenance base for Karapiro Rowing Inc.).

## Tent Sites

Currently we have 72 tent sites occupied in five rows. Sites 2a through to 13a are permanent sites similar to what is done by South Island Rowing at Lake Ruataniwha. There were 47 requests for front row tent sites, and with only 13 available, these were allocated by random computer ballot. The Tent site allocations have been advised to all schools who have sites booked. Power is available to all tent sites in the first four rows and must be requested by emailing [regattaentries@karapirorowing.com](mailto:regattaentries@karapirorowing.com) to have a connection arranged. Powered sites will be charged at \$200 + gst for the duration of the regatta. There are **NO GENERATORS** allowed this year on the Spectator bank as they are



Tents on the Spectator Bank

noisy and the exhaust fumes offensive.

Each school that has a site will receive 2 tent service passes for vehicle access to service their tent. Each pass allows access to the tent twice each day. We would like to ask that vehicles remain no longer than 10 minutes outside their tent whilst delivering or picking up supplies. Access to the tent sites is via Gate 3 through the Public Car Park.

## Boat Park

As a result of all the developments that have happened at the Mighty River Domain, we have lost a considerable amount of boat park area.

To fit all the boats that we are expecting, there will need to be tight control on the boat park and schools will be expected to cooperate with the boat park staff to make it run smoothly. There are a number of boat trailers that are being used across the rear of the boat park as boat storage. These are predominately North Island trailers and this has nothing to do with looking after the North Island Schools, but rather that it is expected that they will arrive sooner than the South Island trailers. Outside of these trailers there will be **NO TRAILERS** left in the boat park for the regatta. May we please ask that nobody question the decision of the Boat Park Manager or staff about the allocation and set-up of the boat park. Karapiro Rowing is having additional Oar racks made and these will be located adjacent to the Cambridge RC Car Park. Please put your oars on the oar racks as ones that are left on the ground tend to get stepped on inadvertently by one of the over 2000 athletes and coaches in the boat park. When stepped on they become weak and, inevitably, break during races.



Boat Launching Area at NI Champs

Boat racks will be available to suit all boat sizes. If the racks don't fit the boat that you wish to rack, please find another rack rather than move the racks. As all the boat racks are constructed from round tubular steel, schools are advised to bring some foam to put between the racks and their boats. As part of the Domain up-grade, a new toilet block has been built and have showers as part of the facilities. There are taps at the toilets as well as throughout the park that are suitable for the supply of treated drinking water. Access to the Boat Park for schools arriving at the regatta is via Gate 1 at Judd Lane. We ask that schools do not bring any vehicles and trailers into the boat park unless they have students or parents to unload the trailers. Trailers that arrive without the ability to unload immediately are asked to enter the site by Gate 2 ...

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... and then park in the area through the right hand gate until unloading can be arranged. After unloading, trailers are to be taken up to the Gate 2 car park via the internal roading system and park as directed by the staff. Towing Vehicles that are not being used throughout the week may be parked in the same area for the duration of the regatta. There is NO vehicle access to the Boat Park during the regatta. The Boat Park will be locked from 8am Monday 28th through until the end of the regatta. Access to the boat park prior to the regatta will be between the hours of 6am and 9pm.



Boat Park at NI Champs

## On Site Security

Security will operate from 6pm to 6am each day from the evening of Saturday 26th until Saturday 2nd of April inclusive. The Security will cover the Boat Park, Spectator Bank and the Gate 2 Car Park area. The entire Site will be locked down each evening by 9pm. If you are intending to have a function in a tent outside of these hours, please check with regatta management prior to organising.

## Sponsors Expo

As in previous years, there will be display area for Sponsors of the regatta in the Don Rowlands Centre.



Don Rowlands Centre Front Entrance



Interior of Don Rowlands Centre

## On Site Facilities

There will be a number of facilities on site to assist with the smooth running of the regatta for schools ranging from Boat repairs to supply of new equipment. There



Café in the Don Rowlands Centre

will be a range of food available from the café and coffee carts located around the venue. During the regatta, St John's will be in attendance each day and is located on the water front foot path at the lakeside of the Don Rowlands Centre. If any parents attending Maadi are doctors, we would appreciate you advising regatta control so that we could call you should we have an emergency that could require your assistance. Toilets are located in the boat park, at the Don Rowlands Centre and at the two toilet blocks on the Spectator Bank. Fresh treated drinking water is available at taps on all toilet blocks throughout the site.

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## Declaration Forms and Payments

It is a requirement that before any school can compete in the regatta, that all the School Declaration forms are signed by your Principal and posted to the Regatta Committee at the address stated on the front of the forms. We don't want to be faced with the issue that we had at NISS Champs where 50% of schools had not signed and returned their form the day before the regatta, thus barring them from participation. It is also a condition of participation in the regatta that all entry fees are paid before a school can compete—so make sure that those payments keep rolling in as it appears to take longer to pay these days with the faster technology.



Outside the Café at the Don Rowlands Centre

## Onsite Fundraising

The Regatta Organising Committee would like to remind all schools and parents attending the Maadi Cup regatta this year that no organization is allowed to run raffles, sell merchandise or fundraise in any way. Breaches of this condition will be taken very seriously by the Regatta Organising Committee.

## Programme and Day Sheets

A Souvenir programme will be produced as in previous years and will be available from the Regatta Secretary's Office on the ground floor of the Finish Tower. Day sheets will be available daily for no charge to those who have programmes and for a gold coin donation for others. Day sheets will be available by about 4pm on Sunday for Monday's racing and about 4pm on Monday for Tuesday's heats.

## Safety Briefing

The Safety briefing will be held in the Don Rowlands Centre at 4pm on Sunday 27th March. We remind schools that in this day and age, safety can not be taken lightly and it is a requirement of your schools participation in the regatta that the **NAMED ADULT SAFETY OFFICER MUST ATTEND THE BRIEFING**, not just any parent or coach that is around that may be able to deputise. We also encourage you ask the Team Managers and coaches to attend. It is the Safety Officers job to ensure that all the safety information is disseminated to your coaches and athletes.

## Supervised Training

There will be supervised training starting on Sunday 27th March (Weather permitting) in two sessions. Session 1 will be from 8am until 12pm and Session 2 from 2pm until 6pm. The lake will be closed from 12pm until 2pm. Thereafter, The Chief Umpire will endeavor to allow training on a daily basis after racing, but please bear in mind that this will be weather dependent. There will be no training in the morning this year due to the late finishing of daylight saving. Coaches and Safety Officers are reminded of the requirements of the NZSSRA Safety system as regards signing crews on and off the water.



Road along the Spectator Bank

## Coxswains

Coaches and Safety Officers need to make themselves fully conversant with the NZSSRA Rules in regard to Coxswains. Particular attention needs to be paid to ensuring that you have the correct coxswain in the correct race, that they have weighed in in accordance with the rules and in the time allowed. Coxswain substitutions must be done at the Regatta Secretary's office on the ground floor of the tower. Substituted coxswains must present the pink slip to the weigh marshal before weighing in for a race. Coxswains Weigh In will be at the Old RNZ Shed on the Northern end of the Boat Park

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## Boat Weighing

Boat weighing will be conducted in the Old Rowing New Zealand Shed, and will be available from Friday 25th March onwards. Coaches and Team managers are encouraged to have

their boats weighed prior to the regatta starting. Boats that are found to be under weight will require deadweight to be added. For reference, the minimum weights for the various classes of boat are listed.

Boat Type	Min Weight
1x	14kg
2x	27kg
4x+	53kg
2-	27kg
4+	51kg
8+	96kg



Commentary Booth and Regatta Control

## Coach Hospitality

Another first for the Maadi Cup 2011 regatta is a new initiative that will hopefully recognize and reward coaches for the tremendous effort that they put into the sport. Coaches that can be identified from their schools' entries will be supplied with an ID pass that will allow them to park their cars in the Gate 3 car park for no charge, allow free day sheets for the duration of the regatta and also allow access to the Waipa Room for a coffee and a bit of respite from their crews. In addition to this, the pass will be required to gain access to the launch and retrieval pontoons. The pontoons are becoming ever increasingly congested and this is one way to control it.

## The Best Seat in the House

With all the great improvements that have come out of the World Rowing Champs, came the Grandstand with plenty of seating right on the finish line. With the new



The Best Seats in the House

seating, there is now no need to sit in the boat park to watch the racing, and for this regatta there are to be no parents allowed in the boat park other than those assisting with crews.

Unless you have a swing tag ID, we request that you keep away altogether from the boat launching area.

