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We are now facing the last Major regatta of the season. Getting to this point has been a major undertaking and it is clear that those involved with getting the facilities up to operational standards and maintaining that standard have done an amazing job. In real terms the whole face of Lake Ruataniwha has changed and we hope that all are suitably impressed with the results. We look forward to favourable conditions for the rest of this season.

Who Are We?

South Island Rowing Inc is an independent, non-profit organization set up by the four South Island Rowing Associations to own and operate the rowing facilities at Lake Ruataniwha. Membership is by virtue of being a member of one of these Local Associations. All members including the Office Bearers operate on a purely voluntary basis. Revenues come from sponsorship, facility hire charges and from the sale of goods through the "Row Shoppe" and the "Lakeside Café." We encourage all visitors and participants to the Complex to assist by purchasing goods and services from us and our sponsors.

Course

Following the recent working bee, the course work is now well advanced. Most of the buoys have been suitably arranged and the new Kevlar lane "wire" installed successfully. It is intended to install further buoys at the launch area to assist with traffic management and at the start area to assist with "herding" each crew into the correct starting blocks in an orderly and timely manner.

Safety

Safety is a very serious issue and everyone at the Lake needs to be aware of the dangers. This is a snow fed, hydro lake so it is cold and both the level and flow can change quickly and unexpectedly to meet the electricity generation requirements. Hypothermia is a very real risk to those who end up in the water and suitable safety arrangements (including clothing) must be made prior to venturing onto the water.

For those visiting this area, we recommend a wide range of clothing to cover all weather outcomes. We have had weather ranging from burning sun to snow falling and clothing plays a major role in making the most of the environment.

Those who attended Lake Ruataniwha two years ago will remember the weather variability...especially the wind that can transform the lake from tranquillity to a raging storm in a relatively short time. The Chief Umpire will ensure that maximum use of the





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available rowing time will be made. This means that crews need to be watchful in regards to the weather.

Environmental Protection

While not wanting to appear like a broken record I must repeat the Didymo message as many seem to have missed it last time. **Didymo** (aptly called rock snot) is a major problem and serious efforts are being made to minimise the potential for its transferral between lakes and rivers. All your boats **must** be washed when they come to Lake Ruataniwha and when they are taken from the Boat Park. Facilities will be available for this at the location pictured on the right.



There will be changes to the Boat Park operation including: restrictions and washing on entry at the start of the regatta, only boat entry/exit during the regatta and washing when leaving the boat park. We appreciate this may pose some short term difficulties but with the eyes of New Zealand are on us in this operation we feel this is worth the effort.

No Wash ... No Row ... No Exceptions

See <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests-diseases/plants/didymo/index.htm> for details on these pests.

Fire Protection

There is a fire ban in the area so no open fires are allowed. The presence of trees and very dry grasses make for serious concerns here and we expect all visitors to the area to abide by the rural fire ban. All tents must be equipped with a fire extinguisher.

Power

The power cables for the main buildings are now fully operational. This has been a continuing saga of challenges but we now appear to have enough power to operate all the current facilities when required. We must acknowledge with thanks the special assistance from General Cables, Alex Wood and John Wylie.

Communications

All the speakers on the PA system have been replaced. Positive feedback from the last regattas indicates this has been a major improvement. The temporary cable has now been buried and this should add to the security. There is still some serious work to do to enable the television capture of the races.

We understand that there will be television coverage of the two finals day and this is expected to be for sale later in the year. This will mean some additional boats on the water and while every effort is being made to minimise the wake the reality is that will be a standard feature of National Regattas in the future. We also understand there may be a webcam operating for those who are unable to attend in person.

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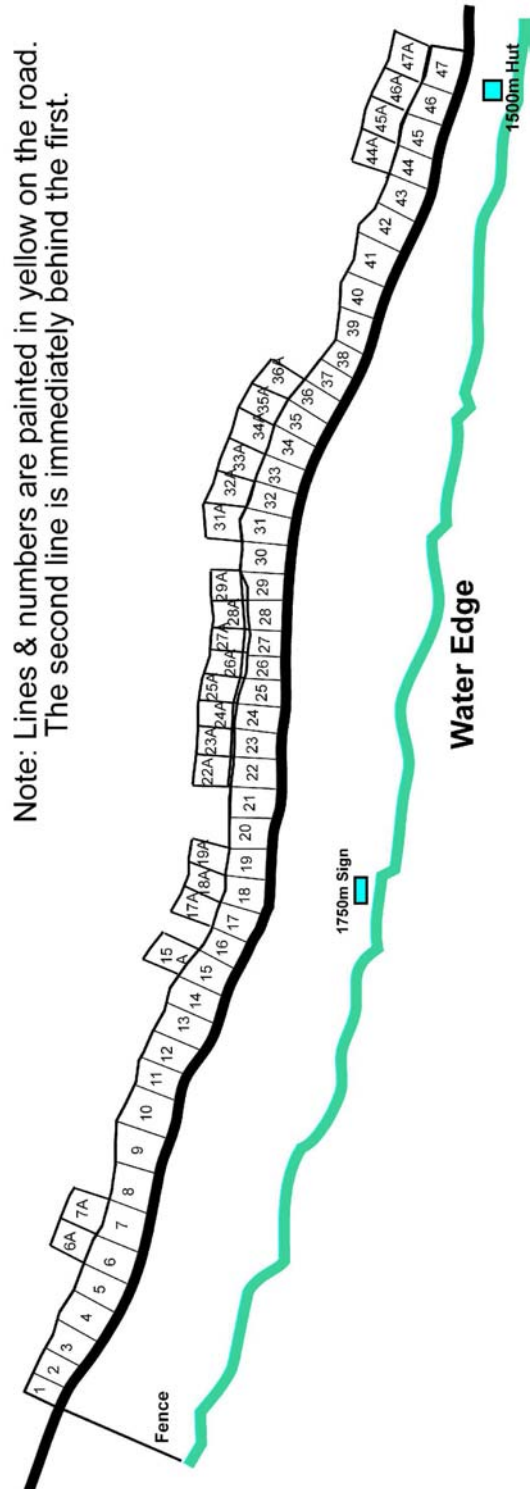
Tent Sites

Below is the latest tent site information

TENT SITE INFORMATION

1	Villa Maria College	17	Waikato Dio	33	Burnside High School	23A	St Kentigerns College
2	Nelson College for Boys	18	Roncalli College	34	Wellington Girls College	24A	Carmel College
3	Nelson College for Girls	19	St Pauls Collegiate School	35	Queen Margaret Collete	25A	Wellington College
4	Rangi Ruru	20	Christchurch Boys High School	36	Westlake Boys Grammar	26A	Takapuna Grammar
5	Rangi Ruru	21	Marian College	37	Westlake Girls College	27A	James Hargest
6	Marlborough College for Boys	22	St Andrews College	38	Rotorua Boys High	28A	Otumoetai College
7	St Bedes College	23	Wanganui High School	39	Otago Girls High School	29A	Hauraki Plains College
8	Marlborough Girls College	24	St Peters, Cambridge	40	Epsom Girls Grammar	31A	Southeast Girls High School
9	St Hildas Collegiate School	25	Timaru Girls High School	41	Bethlehem College	32A	Cambridge High School
10	Ashburton College	26	Christ's College	42	Hamilton Boys High School	33A	Te Awamutu High School
11	Timaru Boys High School	27	Christ's College	43	Kings College	34A	Whanganui Collegiate
12	Christchurch Girls High School	28	St Margarets College	44	St Marys College	35A	Sacred Heart Auckland
13	Otago Boys High School	29	St Margarets College	45	Auckland Grammar	36A	
14	Columba College	30	Tauranga Girls College	46	Hamilton Girls High School	44A	
15	Wairaki Girls/Wairaki Boys/St Kevins	31	Auckland Dio	47	Sacred Heart Girls, Hamilton	45A	
16	Craighead	32	St Thomas's of Canterbury	22A	St Kentigerns College	46A	

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Volunteers

We need to thank our faithful volunteers who though few in number assisted at the last working bee. It has been amazing what has been achieved with so few but we more people who can assist with the ongoing course work.

Similarly, we are always keen to hear from anyone who will be attending Regattas and is willing to volunteer with some of the associated activities. (Judging, boat driving, marshalling in the boat park). Please contact the Regatta Secretary on site if you can assist.

Regatta Information

The last regatta on Lake Ruataniwha was the South Island Schools Regatta. Unfortunately, the wind on the second day caused the cancellation of most of the finals races. However, Saturday was okay for most of the day and most crews has their trials before "MAADI".

The next Regatta is the New Zealand Secondary Schools Regatta from March 26th to April 1st 2006. Information about this regatta can be found on the School Rowing Web site, www.schoolrowing.org.nz

Information about Twizel and the surrounding area can be obtained from the Twizel development and promotions web site. www.twizel.com. They can also be contacted about accommodation in the area.

Works

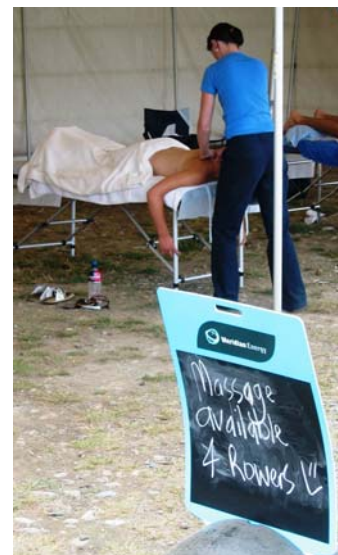
The works we need to complete before the Maadi this year are well advanced and we expect to meet all the requirements expected of us. The latest works include:

1. The installation of the additional boat racks.
2. The Boat Park security.
3. The tent site levelling.
4. Additional waste bins and "port-a-loo" supply.

Massage

A massage service will be available during the 2006 AON NZSS Regatta (MAADI Cup). The charge will be \$20 for 20 minutes. We have noted that many young people need their services and Wendy, Amanda and Graeme are keen to be of assistance.

Their services were extensively used at the NZ National Championships at Lake Karapiro and we expect this will again be well patronised.



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Lakeside Cafe

Located at the eastern end of the MacRae Lounge, the Lakeside Café has proven to be a very valuable asset to the whole operation. The presence of quality food and drink at reasonable prices has made this venue very important with the variable weather conditions occasionally encountered. All proceeds from this operation are used for operating and maintaining these facilities.



Row Shoppe

Located at the western end of the MacRae Building, the Row Shoppe will again be operating, providing souvenirs for attendees at this regatta. There is an extensive range of memorabilia and all should take the opportunity to obtain their mementos. All proceeds from this operation are used for operating and maintaining these facilities.

For your convenience there will be a few retail outlets and displays at the next regatta. These are mainly not for profit organizations or sponsors and we look forward to their support.

As in previous regattas, Kolourcare are the official photographers. There will be photos taken of all events and a number of candid shots as well. This is an excellent opportunity and we trust you to take advantage of the facility.

One issue that has arisen is that of tidiness. It is important that all the rubbish is placed into the skips provided. Over 4 cubic meters of plastic drink bottles were collected from the boat launch area alone. The cost of rubbish collection and disposal at two day regattas is about \$1000 and if you cannot guess, this does come from entry fees. Any assistance to reduce this helps us keep the entry fees down.

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