

DATE

The regatta will commence on Monday, 26 March 2007 and run until Saturday 31 March 2007 with Sunday, 1 April 2007 (until 12:00 PM) being the official reserve day.

TIMES

Racing will commence at 8:00 AM on Monday, 26 March 2007 and daily thereafter as directed by the Day Sheets. For the purposes of the regatta sunrise is at 6:25 AM and sunset at 6:20 PM each day.

LOCATION AND COURSE DETAILS

The regatta will be held at Lake Karapiro, Waikato, NZ. 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 KRI 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 2006 and is listed in Appendix D of the NZSSRA Constitution. In addition there might be a coxswains race, a parents race and possibly a coaches race. Details of any such extra races will be made available during the regatta and those races will be dependant 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	\$56.00 per crew
Fours/ Quads	\$46.00 per crew
Pairs / Doubles	\$34.00 per crew
Singles	\$22.00 per crew
Amenity fee	\$15.00 per pupil

Other fees

Entry Protest	\$20.00
Race Protest	\$20.00
Appeal	\$20.00
Crew Change	\$5.00

ENTRIES

Entries close at **1:00 PM on Tuesday, 13 March 2007**. Entry into the regatta is by way of Online Regatta Entry on the NZSSRA website: www.schoolrowing.org.nz

Racing is limited to 72 crews per event. If more than 72 entries are received for an event then priority will be given to members' higher ranked crews over lower ranked crews and then priority between equally ranked crews will be determined by time of entry.

After close of entries Regatta Control may call for supplementary entries to fill some of the lanes that would otherwise be empty during heats. Any call for supplementary entries will explain how they can be made.

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:

Karapiro Rowing Inc.
C/- M.H.Campbell
280 Fencourt Road,
RD1
Cambridge

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

Name of account: Karapiro Rowing Inc
Bank: National Bank of New Zealand
Branch: Hamilton
Account No: 06-0317-0531088-00

Alternatively a cheque could be included with the entry forms. All cheques are to be made out to Karapiro 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 5:00 PM on Sunday, 25 March 2007 in the Events Centre beside the Control Tower. **Attendance at this meeting by the school's Adult Safety Officer is compulsory for those schools wishing to compete at the regatta.** Coaches and Managers are also urged to attend the meeting.



ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION**1. SAFETY**

Any use of the lake is subject to the Maritime Safety Authority Rules and Regulations and Environment Waikato's Navigation Safety Bylaw 2006. This legislation takes 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 KRI Safety and Risk Management Document.

Responsibility for going on the water lies At all times entirely with the crew.

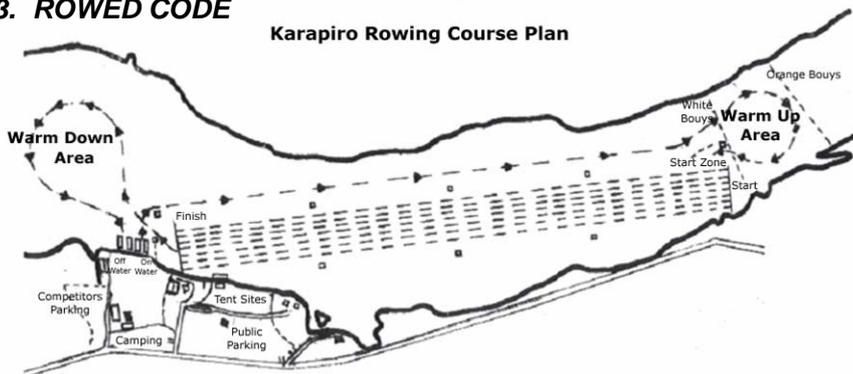
2. BOAT WASHING

In response to the Didymo Bio-security Hazard it is a requirement for equipment going onto or into the lake to have been first properly cleaned. Bio-security New Zealand will have staff on hand to help advise schools about their obligations and correct cleaning methods. Your cooperation is appreciated.

“Check, Clean, Dry”

3. ROWED CODE

Karapiro Rowing Course Plan

**4. FLAG SIGNALS**

Green flag Lake is open for training and racing

Red/No flag Lake 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 unless the GREEN FLAG is flying

Training is permitted only when supervised by KRI at specified times subject to review in the event of adverse conditions or change of programme. No coach boats are permitted on the Lake.

- There will be supervised training from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sunday, 25th March.
- Training hours during race days at the regatta will be notified in due course but they will be as extensive as possible.

Crews wishing to train on the lake during training hours **must** be within the designated training area, **must** observe the NZSSRA Safety Rules (particularly 17.11), **must** comply with the MSA and EW 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 EW 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 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 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 **12:00 PM on Sunday, 25 March 2007**; 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. COMMUNICATION DEVICES

No **cell phones** or other electronic communication devices (capable of communication with anyone outside the boat) are permitted to be carried in a boat whether switched on or off.

9. COXSWAINS

Coxswains are to weigh in each day between 1 and 2 hours before the coxswain's first race of the day.

All coxswains must supply their own dead weight and it is to be secured together or contained so that it is clearly identifiable as dead weight. Spanners and other tools are not acceptable as dead weight. Dead weight may be check weighed at any time. If inadequate weight is carried in a race, the crew will be subject to being relegated to last place in that race or another penalty imposed by the Chief Umpire.



Coxswains are not to wear heavy cotton clothing (such as jeans or sweatshirts) but suitable clothing that will keep them warm if they become wet - for example, polyprops, polar fleeces etc

Life-jackets: coxswains must wear an approved life-jacket, suitable for their size and weight, and outside all other clothing. Self-inflating or automatic-inflating life-jackets are not acceptable

10. 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+ = 51kg, 8+ = 96kg

11. BOAT NUMBERS

All boats must carry the lane number as shown on the Day Sheet.

12. 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.

13. PROCEEDING TO START

All crews must proceed to the start on the outside 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.

14. 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.

THE START AREA IS A QUIET ZONE

15. NON-START RETURNS

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

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. SMOKING, ALCOHOL & DRUGS

This regatta is deemed to be Smoke, 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.

19. 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.

20. 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. No tents or canvas structures will be permitted in the boat park area during the regatta without the specific approval of the Boat Park Marshal.

Schools are asked to contact the Regatta Committee at the earliest opportunity and advise how many boats are being brought to the regatta.

21. 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 Karapiro 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.

22. SOURCE DOCUMENTATION

The source documents for this regatta are:

- The NZSSRA Rules for Racing
- The NZSSRA Regulations for Regattas www.schoolrowing.org.nz
- The NZRA Rules for Racing www.rowinginfo.info
- Maritime Safety Authority Rules www.msa.govt.nz
- Environment Waikato, Navigation Safety Bylaw 2006 www.ew.govt.nz

23. VARIATIONS

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

24. DISCLAIMER

Karapiro 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 NZSSRA 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 NZSSRA 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**

**THIS EVENT IS
SANCTIONED BY
THE NZSSC**

