

## **Important Boat Park Information for Schools: NISSC and Maadi**

North Island Schools and Clubs will have experienced that KRI has been considering different boat park layouts in the 2022/23 Season. There have been some changes from Seasons gone by and we acknowledge that change is not always easy. As expected we have received mixed feedback from North Island Schools and Clubs. In a nutshell, boat park layout changes that have been made for larger regattas (e.g. NIRC) this Season include:

- All trailers out of the lower campground area and replaced by boat racks. The thinking behind this is that it is the most efficient use of space for boats and gets as many boats as possible as close to the water as possible. At NIRC we found that this ensured we had ample racks for all boats that came to the regatta.
- Trailer spaces continue to be allocated in Judd Lane, the Sir Don Rowlands Carpark and now the Upper Campground.

We have been trialling these changes to ensure we can accommodate the future growth of rowing over the coming years.

### **Feedback we've received**

As mentioned above we received mixed feedback on these changes. Feedback included:

- Positive: Some Clubs and Schools (particularly those who previously were in Judd Lane and struggled to get racks in the lower campground) were pleased about more racks being available in the lower campground; Clubs and Schools who usually arrive later were also pleased because there were more racks available; Some Clubs and Schools have liked the upper campground spots due to the big trees there.
- Negative: Some Clubs and Schools said that no trailer spaces in the lower campground had a negative impact on the social vibe / feel of the boat park. They also said that having a trailer further away from the racks means that your "base" (where you keep tools etc.) is also further away, which is a pain. We have also heard that we don't have enough oar racks - something we will be looking into for next Season.

Another piece of feedback we continually receive (regardless of what format is used) is that Waikato RC Schools appear to receive special treatment because they are able to arrive early and secure their favoured position.

All feedback is valid and we have considered all in coming up with an approach for NISSC and Maadi.

### **General approach for NISSC and Maadi**

We are planning to continue with the same approach we have used this Season for NIRC. As mentioned above this ensures we get as many racks as possible as close to the pontoons as possible. To do this we need to replace trailers in the lower campground with boat racks. In our view this ensures the fairest outcome for the most athletes (and responds to feedback received over a number of Seasons, particularly from those whose trailers have been in Judd Lane).

As part of this approach we will be asking Waikato Rowing Club Schools to drop all their boats off before the regatta and taking their trailers offsite (so that their trailers do not need to be accommodated). Some

Waikato RC Schools already do this. Waikato RC Schools will be allocated racking near the Sir Don Rowlands Centre as part of this. Waikato RC Schools may set up tents in that area but will be required to share this tenting space.

As you will see in the table below we have also modified our plan to respond to recent feedback.

### Boat park layout detail

Maps for NISSC are provided below for reference. The Maadi set up will be similar (noting we will need to accommodate more trailers)

Area	Approach
<b>Racking</b>	<p>The lower campground will be filled with all racks.</p> <p>We are able to get 178 racks (89 sets) in the lower campground which can accommodate 712 boats.</p> <p>This ensures we can get as many boats as possible as close to the water as possible.</p>
<b>Trailer spaces</b>	<p>Generally the following areas will be used for parking trailers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upper Campground (up to 40 trailers)</li> <li>- Judd Lane (up to 30 trailers)</li> <li>- Sir Don Rowlands Carpark (up to 13 trailers)</li> </ul> <p>Trailers parked in the Sir Don Rowlands Carpark and any in the lower campground (we may need to put a small number next to Sir Don Rowlands carpark) will need small boats to be stored on them.</p> <p>For Maadi, we unfortunately only have the Sir Don Rowlands Carpark from Sunday 26 March due to a booking in the Sir Don Rowlands Centre. This is frustrating and we are working with the people who have booked the Centre to see if we can get into the Carpark earlier.</p> <p>We know that some Schools may have a preference for where they are placed (for example some people like the upper campground). For Maadi, as part of putting entries in we will be asking Schools whether they have a preference as to their spot. Where possible KRI will attempt to accommodate requests.</p>
<b>Tow Vehicle Parking</b>	<p>Each School will be provided with one Tow Vehicle pass. Tow Vehicles will be able to park at either Gate 1 (Judd Lane) or Gate 2. Note: All Schools will be allocated one Tow Vehicle pass even if they share a trailer with another School.</p> <p>The idea here is that tow vehicles will have toolboxes and other rowing coach paraphernalia. Parking at Gate 1 or Gate 2 ensures that coaches should be reasonably close to their tools from the boat park. Of course tools could also still be stored at trailers.</p> <p>No vehicles can park in the upper campground boat park area.</p>

<p><b>Having a base / Gazebos</b></p>	<p>Schools will be able to put a 3 x 3 gazebo near the boat park. This should give coaches and crews some shelter near their trailer / near the boat park for team talks and so on. Gazebo spots can be put up in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trailers in Upper Campground (or Lower Campground if applicable): gazebo spot immediately adjacent to trailer</li> <li>- Judd Lane: Gazebo spot immediately adjacent to trailer OR on the hill in between the Upper Campground and Judd Lane (refer to maps). Please don't put gazebos under the trees along Judd Lane as these are deemed unsafe.</li> <li>- Sir Don Rowlands Carpark: immediately adjacent to trailer.</li> <li>- If space allows, gazebos can be put up along the border of the boat park on the Western and Northern sides.</li> <li>- Waikato Rowing Club Schools: refer below</li> </ul>
<p><b>Waikato Rowing Club Schools</b></p>	<p>Waikato Rowing Club Schools will be expected to organise dropping all their boats at the regatta and taking their trailers offsite. This relieves pressure on the number of trailers we need to accommodate. Waikato RC Schools will be allocated racking near the Sir Don Rowlands Centre as part of this. Because they have removed trailers from the boat park, Waikato RC Schools may set up tents in that area but will be required to share this tenting space with other Waikato RC schools.</p>
<p><b>Arriving at the boat park</b></p>	<p>Trailers will only be able to park in their allocated trailer spot at the time the boat park opens.</p> <p>For NISSC this is Thursday 9 March @ 10:00 am. For Maadi this is Thursday 23 March @ 10:00 am (note, at this stage trailers in Sir Don Rowlands Centre will not be able to park there until the morning of Sunday 26 March).</p> <p>Trailers arriving before this time will be allocated a temporary trailer park to the right of Gate 2 (referred to as zone 'D2').</p>

Maps for NISSC - note will be slightly different for Maadi (as we need to accommodate more trailers)

