



**South Island Master's Rowing Championships**  
**Hosted by Wanaka Rowing Club Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**REGATTA CONDITIONS**

**STANDARDS**

This regatta will be conducted in accord with the NZRA rules of racing and Water Safety Codes except where amended by these regatta conditions.

**ENTRY**

Clubs must complete the official Registration Form by the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Please note that we are limited to 230 people for the prizegiving, so tickets are being sold on a first come first served basis.**

Email [southislandmasters@gmail.com](mailto:southislandmasters@gmail.com) if you need a copy of the form or download from our Facebook page.

Race entries will be available as normal through ROW IT. Entries open 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and close Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024. [South Island Masters, rowing regatta details \(rowit.nz\) \(https://rowit.nz/simm2024/profile\)](https://rowit.nz/simm2024/profile)

If, at the close of entries, there are three entries or fewer in any event, the event may be withdrawn from the program or combined with another event.

**DISTANCE**

Long Distance race - 5,000 meters approximately. From the main Lake Wanaka entrance to Glendhu Bay, back to shore, at Glendhu Bay Campground.

All other races - 1,000 meters approximately. This will be along the shorefront, Glendhu Bay.

**TIME**

The regatta will commence at 8.30am on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and will conclude on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Long distance and mixed races.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April - 1,000m age group races.

**THE COURSE** – The organizers have gained consent for exclusive access to only part of Glendhu Bay during the event. Rowers need to be aware that public boats can be in the bay as well as rowers.

**TRAINING ON THE COURSE** – no training allowed on the course within half an hour of the start or after the finish of the days racing. Any crew breaking the rules will be penalized.

**RACING COLOURS**

Every competitor (excluding coxswains) must wear a uniform in club/team colours. In an emergency or bad weather, the race committee or umpire may authorize the wearing of an alternative singlet and/or undergarment.

### **COMPOSITE AND MIXED CREWS**

Members from different clubs may make up a composite crew but must wear their own Club colours. Co-ed crews can be made up of equal numbers of male and female members, or an odd amount as long as there is one person of the opposite sex to the rest of the crew. There could be a time penalty added if the crew is compromised with a majority of men.

### **COXSWAINS**

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. The minimum weight of coxswains is 50 kgs. Coxswains may be of either gender. There is no age classification for coxswains. (Please note, if they are under 18 years of age, and planning to attend the prizegiving event, we need to be notified. This is part of our liquor license conditions.)

### **SUBSTITUTES**

Substitutes or scratching's must be given to the regatta control **prior to the first race for the event** in which the crew are entered.

### **NOVICE RACES**

To qualify as a novice, a rower must not have raced before, but if they have raced, it must be after the date of the 2023 Masters Regatta.

### **NEW RACE CATEGORY**

A new race category will be introduced this year: 50% novice/50% experienced - quad races. These will be mixed/men's/women's.

### **LANE NUMBERS**

All boats must carry the correct alphanumeric lane numbers. The number displayed must be the designated number in the draw and be read correctly to the judges during racing. **Lane 1 is that nearest to the shoreline.**

### **PROTESTS**

Any objections shall be made to the Chief Umpire, Judge, or member of the organizing committee before leaving the boat, except in unavoidable circumstances. The protest to be confirmed in writing immediately afterwards to the race committee and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$20. This shall be forfeited if the protest is not upheld.

### **PROCEEDING TO THE START**

Crews proceeding to the start must keep to the shoreline within the buoy line indicated. Proceed past the start and report to the Marshall, at least 5 minutes prior to race start time. The race will take place without reference to absentees. The starter will inform the crews of the time remaining before the start at appropriate intervals.

### **START PROCEDURE**

Crews are to be in their positions two minutes before start time. Crews arriving late (less than 2 minutes) but before the start of the race automatically incur a penalty false start. To assist with recognition, it is preferred that prior to the attention the bow or two person of each crew raises their arm.

After the race, row beyond the finish line and proceed back to the beach. **Do not stop** at the end of the course. Crews are responsible for steering their own course, assistance from the Umpires will be given as necessary to prevent or avoid collisions and/or obstacles.

### **NON-START RETURNS**

For safety reasons, non-starters must return to the launching area on the course as directed.

### **POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION**

The Organizing Committee shall be under no obligation to refund any fees whatsoever because of the postponement or cancellation of the regatta for whatsoever reason. Rowing is an outdoor sport and as such is subject to the weather being suitable on any given day to conduct the regatta in a safe and responsible manner. The regatta has no postponement dates. Races will be run at the discretion and advise of the umpires.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Communications on the day will primarily be through ROW IT. Leading up to the Regatta, we will also update the South Island Masters Facebook page as we can. Any other queries can be directed to the Regatta Head Office at the Lodge, Glendhu Bay Camp.

### **EXCLUSION OF ALL TORT LIABILITY OF WHATSOEVER KIND**

The regatta organizers remind all rowing organizations and rowers 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 Rowing Association, and or amended by these regatta conditions, it is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that those rules are complied with, and of the rowers 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 of any other nature whatsoever is accepted by or will attach to the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc., Otago Rowing Association, Wanaka Rowing Club Inc., or the organizers for any damage, harm, loss, costs, expenses, inconvenience, interference of whatever 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 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 a regatta official or other person may be established.

### **AGE GROUPS FOR MASTERS EVENTS – Age is as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

The age category of a master's crew is calculated by the average age of the crew.

Proof of age required if requested. (E.g., Drivers Licence).

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| A. Minimum age 27 years or more | B. Average age 36 years or more |
| C. Average age 43 years or more | D. Average age 50 years or more |
| E. Average age 55 years or more | F. Average age 60 years or more |
| G. Average age 65 years or more | H. Average age 70 years or more |
| I. Average age 75 years or more | J. Average age 80 years or more |

### **COURSE SAFETY – Full safety details are available in a separate document**

- We will be advertising the event two weeks out and leading up to the event, to ensure Wanaka is aware the event is taking place.
- The Harbour Master will be around to ensure all that the public are adhering to normal boating etiquette.
- A start boat will be at the course start on each day. A large buoy will be located at the side of this boat to ensure it is clearly visible.
- We will put signage up at the entrance to the camp entry and on the Rotary Boat Ramp area, to alert all lake users of the regatta being in progress.
- All rowers, safety boats and course umpires will attend a safety briefing on Friday morning outlining the course, circulation pattern and emergency procedures.
- There will be four umpire/safety boats spread across the course to manage crews rowing to the start and umpire the racing crews.
- Safety boats will do their best to communicate with recreational boat users asking them to keep their speed down and maintain little or no wash over the 1000m course within Glendhu Bay.
- Additionally, Coastguard will be on hand for the long distance race on Friday morning, due to the number of boats that will be on the water.

