

WELCOME TO THE OTAGO CHAMPIONSHIPS REGATTA FOR 2013

Welcome! To all athletes, coaches, supporters and volunteers.

Our Thanks to Ruataniwha Volunteers for setting up this venue and to those helping in any way to organise this regatta. Have Fun and enjoy the Racing and the Good Company and may the best crews win

REGATTA SAFETY

Anyone attending this regatta must read these conditions. Your continued attendance at the venue is to be taken as acceptance of the Tort Liability Exclusion Clause below and the acknowledgement of the Safety Instructions and other messages expressed in these Conditions and elsewhere. Anyone who does not accept the Tort Liability Exclusion Clause or objects to the way this regatta is run should express this by removing themselves from the venue.

Listen and re-act to the instructions from the Officials at all times, starting off with the Boat Marshalls.

Safety Boats are on the water to assist if required.

Shoe heels must have tie downs not exceeding 50mm.

Likewise, Velcro Straps must have a Quick Release joining Tie.

Make sure everyone in the boat is accounted for. Once in the water never leave the boat - it will float and provide support.

Wait for rescue &/or attempt to paddle the boat yourself to the nearest shore.

Never attempt to leave the boat and swim to the shore under any circumstances

Coxswains must wear approved Life Jackets and must not be restricted from exiting the boat in an emergency.

All boats must be fitted with regulation Bow Balls (solid & 40mm+)

Be aware of your Race Number Alpha/Numeric Lane Number.

Crews rowing to the start must use the feeder lane between the shore and Lane 1.

Be aware of crews racing in Lane 1.

Await the call up for your race in the assembly area between the Island and the 1000metre Start and **Remain Alert.**

Failure to ignore instructions may result in disqualification. Crews must be at their allotted Start Positions at the listed start times.

Crews must remain in their allocated lanes.

At the conclusion of the race keep on the Course side of the marker buoys and return to the Launch Area in a clockwise direction i.e. with all boats pointing in the same direction towards the start.

Crews must not change at the Dais area

Meridian Energy Safety Notice

There have been issues with rowers ignoring safety signage and safety barriers on Meridian's hydro structures at Lake Ruataniwha and the upper Waitaki area. Please observe the following safety reminders when visiting the region.

- Comply with all safety signage associated with hydro structures in and around Lake Ruataniwha and in the wider Waitaki area. This includes all dam, canal, control gate, spillway and generation stations.
- Public signage including "no entry" and "no swimming" notifications are in place to protect the public.
- Please keep safe during your visit to beautiful Lake Ruataniwha and Waitaki Valley.

The Safety Officer for this Regatta is Chris Smith

Exclusion of Tort Liability of Whatever Kind. The Regatta Organisers remind all who are present at this regatta venue that while every care will be taken by Regatta Officials to ensure that the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently it is the responsibility of individuals to ensure that the rules are complied with to ensure safe rowing activity.

Further, it is a condition of participating in this regatta including all spectators that all participants and spectators accept and note that no liability either in tort or of any nature whatsoever is accepted or will be attached to Rowing NZ, or South Island Rowing and/or the Regatta organisers or any person for these organisations for any harm, damage, loss, costs, expenses, inconvenience of whatever nature and whatever kind including damage to equipment, death 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 omission, wrongdoing, negligence or any other tort whatsoever on the part of any regatta official or any other person may be established.

Chris Smith

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