



South Island Master's 2023 Rowing Championships Hosted by Picton Rowing Club Saturday 3rd - Sunday 4th June 2023

History

In 1998, Port Chalmers Rowing Club held their 125-year celebration with a regatta predominantly for masters. Following the success of this event, it was decided that an annual South Island masters rowing regatta would be held on Queens Birthday weekend and be called **The South Island Masters Rowing Championships**. The first official regatta was at Kerrs Reach in 1999 and now rotates annually around each province. The event is now in its 23rd year.

Master's Age Groups

27-35	A dult in training
36-42	B eginner master
43 -49	C onsummate master
50-54	D elusional master
55-59	E ndless excuses
60-64	F ading fast
65-69	G ood for my age
70-74	H elp me into the boat
75 -79	I mminent collapse
80-84	J ust let me sit here
85-89	K eeep me upright
90+	L ast legs
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
NRO	Now Rowed Over...

Race Programme and event schedule

Saturday's racing is a long-distance handicapped race from Queen Charlotte Yacht Club to the Snout return (10km) at 8.30am, followed by mixed racing over 1000m and then a casual BBQ at Queen Charlotte Yacht Club.

Sunday is the main race day with age group racing (approx. 60 races) over 1000 metres, from Bob's Bay finishing at the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club. There is a prize giving dinner at the completion of rowing on Sunday at the Pavillion at Endeavour Park. Buses will be available to bus competitors to the Pavillion.

Friday 2nd June

Crews and boat trailers arriving - Event registration from 3.30pm

Saturday 3rd June – Long Distance Race

7.30 am – Race Safety Briefing
8.30 am – 10km Long distance race.
12 noon - 1000m Mixed Races
3.30pm - Informal get-together and BBQ at QCYC

Sunday 4th June – 1000m age group racing

8am – 4pm - 1000m races
6pm - Evening function at Endeavour Park Pavillion.

Monday 5th June -Crews and boat trailers leave

The Race Venue

Racing on both days will be in Picton Harbour. The main regatta control, finish line and spectator area will be at the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club, (QCYC). Snacks and hot drinks will be available from QCYC all day and there will be a BBQ and social get together after racing on Saturday. Boomtown will be running a mobile bar from 3pm.

Toilets and Showers

Two showers and toilets available at Picton Rowing Club

12 toilets available at QCYC including two disabled.

5 men's and 5 women's showers at QCYC

Two toilets available in the public toilets at Shelley Beach.

Sunday evening function and prize giving

The prize giving will be at the Endeavour Park Pavillion in Waikawa from 6pm until midnight. This will be a three course family style menu, prize giving and dance with live band and bar. Buses will be provided from Picton to the venue at Waikawa.

Prizes

Gold medals are awarded to winning crews on each day with Trophies awarded annually for specific races.

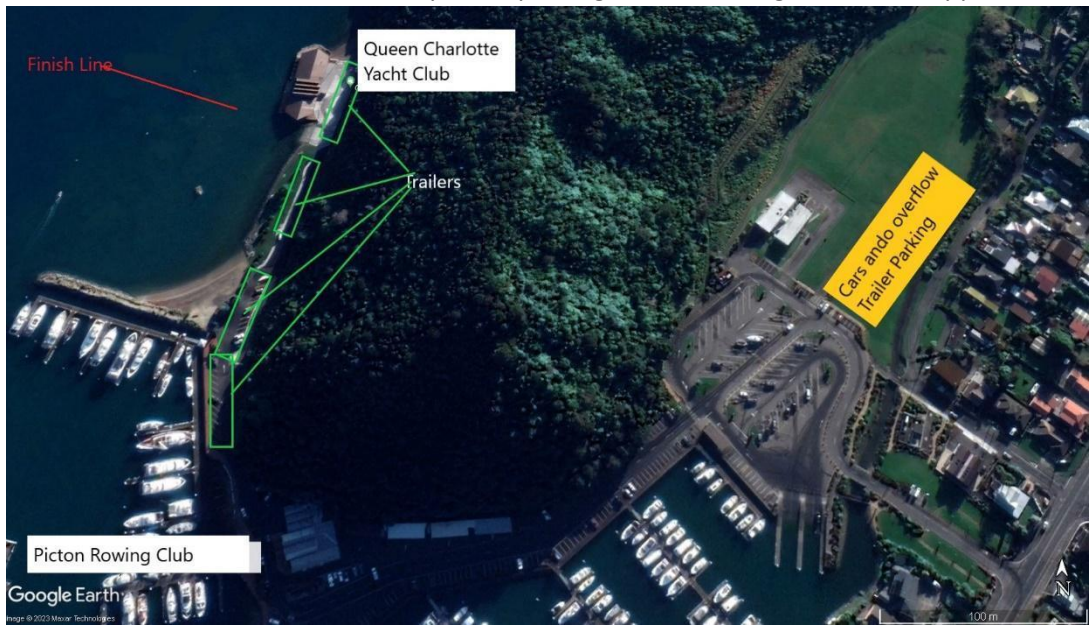


Annual Awards

Trophy	Category	2022 Winners to return trophies
Bluebridge Trophy	Long distance race fastest quad	Picton
Smash and Grab	Long distance race fastest eight oared boat	Wakatipu
Wakatui Gate	Long distance race fastest Women's eight	Canterbury
Port Parrot	Long distance race fastest Women's quad scull	North End
Golden Scull	Men's Quad scull	Nelson
Pink Paddle	Women's quad scull	Cambridge
Mock Rooster	Men's four	Picton
Nelson Rowing Club Trophy	Women's four	Invercargill
Elder Trophy	Novice Women's four	No entries
Te Anau Trophy	Novice Women's quad	Nelson
Harpacker Trophy	Novice Men's four/quad	Canterbury
Don Gardiner Trophy	Men's double	Wakatipu
Robyn Gardiner Trophy	Women's double	Wanaka
Jack Cocker upside down rooster	Men's single	Wakatipu
Parker Accountants Trophy	Women's single	North End
Mercer Trophy	Club with largest number of wins	Avon
Stew's Stirrer	Rower/s that made the largest splash	Dave Hannan
Terry Noonan Trophy	Rower or official showing commitment to rowing	Deb Hymer
Georgia Trophy	Women's coxless pair	Invercargill

Boat Trailer and competitor parking

Boat trailers will park outside the yacht club and along the foreshore. Boats will be racked on the Shelley Beach Reserve area or left on trailers. Competitor parking will be in the grassed area opposite the St. Johns building.



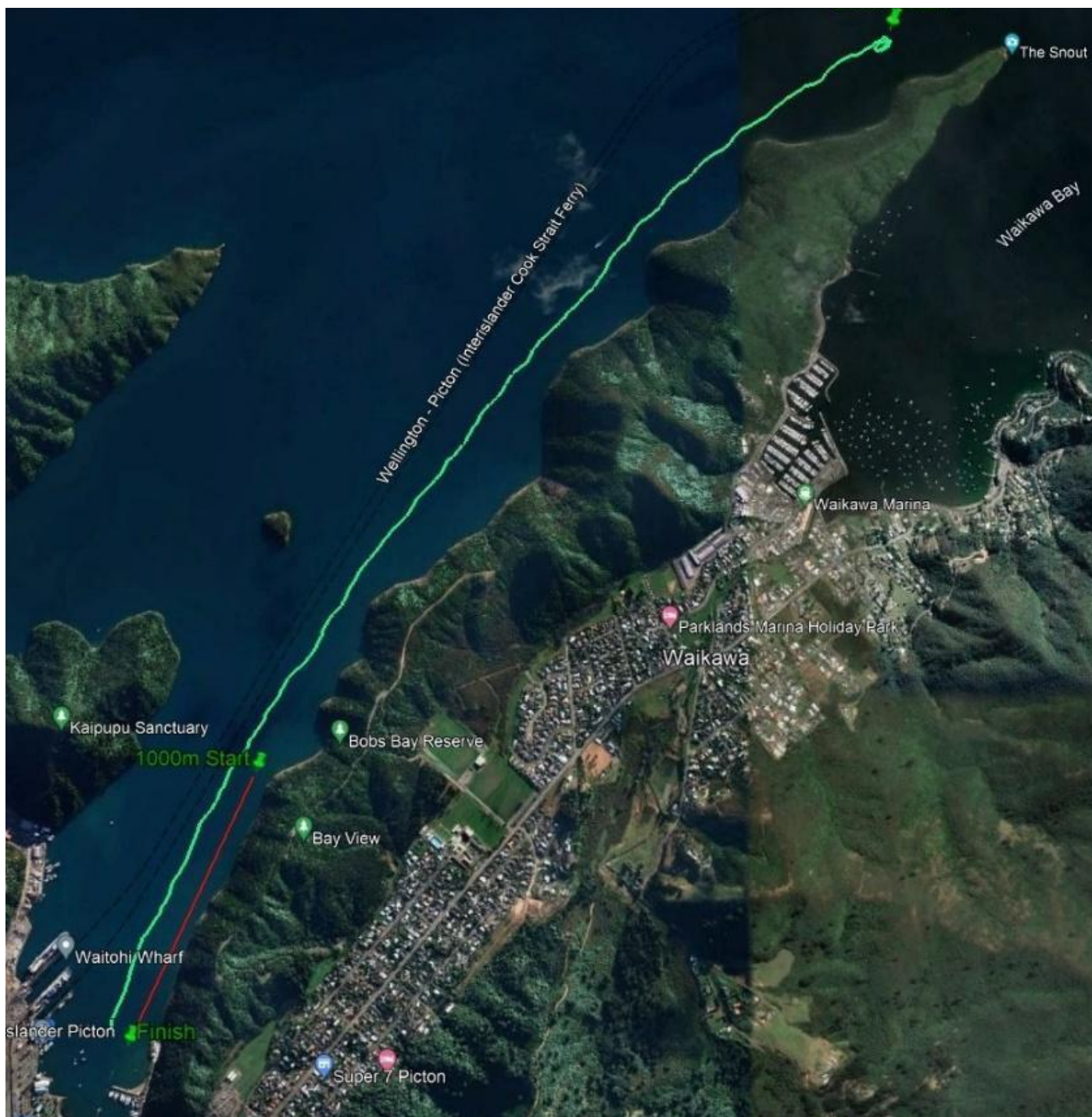
Boat launching and return.

On Saturday, crews will launch from Shelley Beach or from the rowing club and assemble along the shoreline in front of Queen Charlotte Yacht Club ready to start the long distance race. All crews must assemble in the start area 10 minutes before the start time and will start at intervals, with slower crews starting first. Crews will race from the yacht club to the Snout and back.

On Sunday, crews will again launch from Shelley Beach or the rowing club, and make their way to the 1000m start rowing past the yacht club on the inside of the racing course to the start at Bob's Bay. A circulation pattern will be in place with racing crews finishing and either rowing back to the rowing club keeping to starboard, or back into the southern end of Shelley beach, in an anticlockwise direction.



Course Safety – Full safety details are available in a separate document



- The harbour master will notify marine users that an event is on over the weekend in the bay.
- A start boat will be at the course start on each day. On the side of the vessel will be a large sign warning all boat users that a regatta is in progress.
- Another sign will be at or near the finish warning boat users leaving the marina that a racing is in progress.
- All rowers, safety boats and course umpires will attend a safety briefing on Saturday morning outlining the course, circulation pattern and emergency procedures.
- There will be six 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 from Bob's Bay to the Yacht Club.
- All crews are aware of the ferry passage and wash created by the ferries.
- The regatta organisers will do their best to start races around the expected ferry arrivals and departures.