



Briefing Sheet

COLOUR OF BUOYS AND FLAGS

All buoys and flags as per Sunday Race Briefing sheet

Please note: The display of a medical flag by any competitor in a race will result in a Red Flag situation.

All boats may launch and retrieve from the Crown Hotel boat ramp. All boats must carry adequate fuel for all races. No boats may be removed from the water between Race Heats.

TIMETABLE

13:00 Breath Testing at Crown Hotel Jetty (**SRA Membership Card and skier helmets must be presented**)

14:00 Heat 1A (1 Lap)

14:15 Heat 2A (1 Lap)

14:30 Heat 3A (1 Lap)

14:45 Heat 1B (1 Lap)

15:00 Heat 2B (1 Lap)

15:15 Heat 3B (1 Lap)

Races times may be brought forward if all heats are not required.

START PROCEDURE

Start procedure will be a push-out start with 2 boats every minute. Starter will be positioned on the Crown Hotel bank. Pole 1 will be on the upstream end of the bank. Odd number poles will start on the right side and even pole numbers on the left. The second heat race for each boat will be a reverse grid draw from the first race.

- Boats will be notified of 10 minutes to start and 5 minutes to start.
- Grid 1 will be counted down to 1 minute to start.
- At 10 seconds to start, boats will be pushed from the bank and skiers may drop into the water.
- Grid 1 will be counted down to GO when boats may start their engines. No boat is permitted to start their engine prior to GO.
- Subsequent grids will receive the same countdown as Grid 1.
- NO POWER TURNS ARE PERMITTED.

- Any subsequent start attempt must be made parallel to the racing line.
- After 3 failed starts. Boats must withdraw from their Heat and the boat will receive the race time of the slowest recorded time in that Heat.

COURSE

- PROCEED UPSTREAM – Slightly moving across to the left hand side of the river.
- LITTLE ISLAND – You will pass between the Big Island (on your left) and the Little Island (on your right). After passing the Little Island (on your right), do not push over to the right as shallow water exists.
- TOP TURN BUOY (Large Square Orange Buoy) – Located approximately 2 kilometers upstream. A small orange lead in buoy will be positioned approximately 100 meters before the turn buoy.
- Approaching the end of Susan Island turn there will be 2 white buoys on the right of the channel. Keep these on your right as shallow water and rocks exist.
- PROCEED DOWNSTREAM ensuring you remain RMS regulation distances from all banks and structures. You will come across an orange buoy approximately two thirds the way down the island, this must be kept on your left. When you approach the bottom end of the island do not cut the point as a sandbar runs out for approximately 250 metres.
- BOTTOM TURN BUOYS (3 Buoy Turn) – A small orange lead in buoy will be positioned approximately 100 metres before the first of a 3 buoy turn at the bottom end of the course.
- A Course Boat will be located mid-course halfway between the bottom turn and the start / finish line. This boat will display a Yellow Caution Flag should any boats or excessive wash still be present in the start area.
- WHITE SAFETY BUOYS – Off the Grafton bank – Must be kept on your right.
- FINISH BUOY – Must be kept on your left. Proceed well past the finish line and come to a stop on the right hand side of the course. NO POWER TURNS PERMITTED IN THIS AREA.
- A course boat will notify all boats in the finish area when the course is clear for boats to return to the bank.
- BOATS UNABLE TO FINISH may return to the Start Bank under their own power (if possible) following the course being opened by the Chief Judge. Boats unable to return to the Start Bank under their own power are to remain on the nearest bank until the end of racing. Boats not completing a Heat will be receive the race time of the slowest recorded time in that Heat.

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