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INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

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1. Competitor Briefing

The Competitor Briefing will be held at **6pm on Friday at the Hawthorn Rowing Club.**

Given the changed conditions at the start (see below) it is VITAL that all crews are represented.

Penalties can still apply off the water whilst you are handling your boat, either at the start or finish. Please follow the instructions of Marshals.

Please also note Rowing Victoria's "Code of Behaviour" accompanying this newsletter.

2. The Draw

The final draw is available on RV Website at <http://vic.rowingmanager.com/?regatta=3766> and follow the links.

3. Updated START Grid Line-up

The line-up for the START will be in threes, not fours, this year due to river works associated with the Swan St Bridge upgrade.

This will be explained at the Briefing.

Be sure your crew is represented.

The start grid will be available on RV Website at <http://vic.rowingmanager.com/?regatta=3766> and follow the links.

4. Regatta Overtaking Rule

Overtaking Rule. A boat is deemed to be overtaking when it has its bow ball within half a length of the stern of the boat in front.

When this occurs, the slower boat must not block or obstruct the faster crew.

The faster boat must be prudent and delay the act of passing if a pass cannot be accomplished without incident.

This will apply at Swan Street Bridge, the first bridge in the city after the Start. Swan Street Bridge will have two of the three arches open.

An umpire will be at Swan Street Bridge.

5. Wallan Road Bridge Overtaking Rule

Special Overtaking Rule. There will be NO OVERTAKING from the Power Street Fishing Jetty until after Wallan Road Bridge.

The boat in front at Power Street Fishing Jetty has right of way.
The boat behind must yield.

Power Street Fishing Jetty is located at the end of Fairview Straight and is approximately 200 metres from Wallan Road Bridge.

An umpire will be on the Power Street Jetty.

A 20 Second penalty will apply

6. Weather impact

Delays or cancellation due to a weather or safety event is as determined by Rowing Victoria under the instruction of the President of the Jury, Ben Ratcliffe.

Any delay associated with either a weather or safety event will be communicated via public address at the start or by on course umpires if the event occurs on course.

It is important that coxswains follow the direction of umpires or safety boats at all times in relation to any instruction.

6. Medal Presentations – Noon and 4pm

Schools and Male Masters HK Eight medal presentations will be at noon.

The remainder of the presentations will be around 4pm.

7. Crowded Places Emergency Procedures

The Finish area at Hawthorn is a crowded place – report suspicious behavior to any of the security people or volunteers in orange T-Shirts or Hi Vis vests.

8. NO BYO Alcohol

No BYO alcohol is permitted at the event. It is a condition of our licence. People violating this rule may be removed by security staff or police. The Head of Yarra Committee support the responsible consumption of alcohol.

9. The Finish – Boat storage and footwear

Boat storage at the Finish is very restricted. You must follow the boat marshals' instructions. The cox should be holding the leading end of the boat whilst its moving.

Take footwear in your boat. Your feet will thank you when you are carrying your boat to and from the boat storage.

10. Boat Trailer Parking

Boat trailer parking is at a premium, particularly at the Finish end in Creswick Street. Please note that we may need to move your trailer to improve access if its left in Creswick Street.

We recommend parking your trailer at:

- Yarra Boulevard (the road on the opposite side of the river to the Hawthorn Rowing Club) including downstream from St Kevins boat shed.
- City boat storage area

11. Drones

Know the law. Drones must not be used in the vicinity of the river or adjacent parkland. A drone can cause serious injury.

Parks Victoria's (Controlling body for the Yarra River) website advises: "Recreational use of RPAS by the general public is prohibited on Parks Victoria managed land. The recreational use of RPAS is not permitted under Parks Victoria regulations and visitors should refrain from flying them or they may receive a penalty infringement notice."

12. Bow Number Collection

Bow number collection at HRC after 2.30pm till 6pm on Friday. At the City on Saturday morning 8am till 12.30pm.

13. ATM and cash at the Finish

All the food and drink sales are cash only.
No Eftpos.

An externally-provided ATM machine will be at the Finish just upstream of the boat clubs.

A fee will be charged by the operator.

Bring cash if you want to avoid the fee.

The Regatta does not receive any payment for the ATM.

14. Parks Victoria Navigation on the Yarra

Remember that when the regatta is finished the normal river rules apply:

- Keep right on the river.
- Boats travelling downstream have right of way through bridges.
- No turning in front of the city clubs. Travel downstream of Princess Bridge before turning.

Please see the maps and information below from Parks Victoria.

Start Area – Manoeuvring Outside of Exclusion Zone

Last Year: Parks Victoria identified issues with the turning of boats and direction of boats around the VRA landing. Several crews were going the wrong way on the day. This is very dangerous as there are many ferries in this area.

Extract of Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules for Victorian Waterways

3.4 Vessels proposing to berth at the boathouses on the south bank of the Yarra River and located immediately upstream of the Princes Bridge must approach the berthing area from downstream and after passing through the southern arch of the Princes Bridge



Boats returning to VRA Landing at the completion of race

Last year it was observed that after the race, boats returning to VRA Landing from Hawthorn Rowing Club were all over the river and getting in the way of vessels coming upstream.

The River is open after the last race, and as such, correct boating behaviour must be observed. Namely, stick to the starboard (right hand) side of the river, no more than two abreast.

International Collision Regulations

Rule 9 Narrow channels

(a) A vessel proceeding along the course of a narrow channel or fairway shall keep as near to the outer limit of the channel or fairway which lies on her starboard side as is safe and practicable.

