



## Augusta Picnic Regatta Briefing Notes Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- There will be 6 races in total – one , the first race will commence at 8:00am from the Turner Street Jetty beach finishing at the Yacht Club on the Regatta Race Day Finishing Line immediately adjacent to the Yacht Club boat ramp. A distance according to Google Maps around 3.5 klms & it will be an incoming tide peaking early afternoon.
- There will be 5 short course races all over the same distance over a distance of 500 metres with a turning buoy at the 250-metre mark. (as per last year) Each skiff will have its own turning buoy (clearly marked with its lane number & colour coordinated with starting buoy )– **Rounding of the buoy will be to Port for all skiffs**
- The short course races as they have previously been,
  - All women's crew
  - All men's crew
  - Mixed crew
  - Veteran's (over 70 & not gender specific)
  - Marg's Cup

Clubs to have nominations in by 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- All races shall nominally be 30 minutes apart with welcome & briefing commencing at 9:30 am – First race of the Short Course programme to start at 10:00 am
- Lane draws will be conducted & posted on the whiteboard located adjacent to the flagpole prior to the commencement of racing. Lane numbering will be from the Yacht Club shoreline.
- The start & finish line will be adjacent to the boat ramp to maximise the beach space for viewing with starter / umpire on the 'official support boat'. Judges will be shore based in line with the finish line. (as per last year)
- **All skiffs must have an experienced coxswain in control of the skiff for all races & need not be gender specific where applicable in the interest of safety. Note – life jackets for all crew must at least be carried onboard as per boating regulations**
- Prior to the start line there will be buoys marking the marshalling zone where the racing crews are to assemble & row forward in an acceptable line as called by the starter/ umpire
- All skiffs will start free; hence there will be a 'rolling starts to windward' and be accordance with SASI International commands of
  - "All crews; Attention.
  - Go!" with the drop of the arm
- Deliberate 'breaking of the start' when called by the umpire, will result in offending boat having to let all boats clear before doing a 360 degree turn & return to racing.

- Hitting / colliding with the turning buoy will not disqualify a competitor , but the skiff must round the buoy leaving it to port. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- Results for each race will be recorded on the whiteboard adjacent to the flagpole
- All protests lodged must be accompanied by a carton of wine with the first 6 bottles being for the establishment of the protest committee's substance & should the protest be upheld the remaining 6 bottles must be shared by all!
- Where a club is unable to fill all crew positions – let us know & we'll seek rowers from Augusta & other clubs
- Visiting clubs to provide a finish line judge – preferably someone who can use the camera on their phone – air horn to signal finish.
- Lunch as per last year , sausage sizzle under the paper barks – we will be asking for all clubs to collect \$10 per head for lunch and regatta expenses and **forward monies to our account by Friday 19th January 2024** for catering purposes . A limited number of latecomers etc will be accommodated for & a donation tin available

Augusta Rowers account details are as follows

- Bendigo Bank
  - BSB 633000
  - a/c 126162775
- Feel free to BYO beer & wine etc as there are no bar facilities.
- As in past years , lunch will be 'under the peppies ' - In event of a total fire ban the BBQ's will be located on the deck or similar – with seating etc remaining under the trees
- Only the vehicles towing the skiffs are to be parked on the grounds – all other parking is adjacent to the club along road verges- Parking space is at a premium – ride sharing is encouraged & be mindful of others when parking and will ask that all 'reverse park' their vehicles.
- As per last year - a raffle for a professionally butchered & packed lamb, chilled & ready for collection on the day along with other 'goodies'. Arrangements can be made to have the lamb delivered to a metro area. Ian & Dee Edgar has already generously offered to donate the lamb.