



Augusta Picnic Regatta Briefing Notes Saturday 25th January 2025

- Depending upon nominations there may be 10 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.
The course requires all boats to observe the statutory navigation marks as detailed in the briefing notes to be handed out at the 'cox's briefing'
A distance according to Google Maps around 3.5 klms & it will be an incoming tide peaking early afternoon.
- There may be 8 short course races (depending upon nominations) 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 colour coordinated with starting buoy)– **Rounding of the buoy will be to Port for all skiffs.**
- There is a limitation upon how many lanes we can fit safely in the bay & the difficulty in marshalling so many crews we are limiting the short course races to one boat per club in each race.
- Accordingly, to accommodate all who wish to participate we are having a first and second four race races for the women's, men's & mixed crews . Should there be insufficient nominations to run the two races per category we will combine the two races into one.
- The short course races being planned for are.
 - All women's crew
 - Second Four
 - First Four
 - All men's crew
 - Second Four
 - First Four
 - Mixed crew
 - Second Four
 - First Four
 - Veteran's (over 70 & not gender specific)
 - Marg's Cup

Clubs to have nominations in by 19th January 2024

- All races shall nominally be 20 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 \$15 per head for lunch and regatta expenses and **forward monies to our account by Friday 17th January 2025** 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 or card 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 have generously donated the lamb.