

## **BRIEFING WELCOME**

On behalf of the Royal Hobart Regatta, we welcome you to the 15K Two Bridges Race for Paddlers 2021.

This is a 15km race for experienced paddlers through the Tasman Bridge, on to the Bowen Bridge then return to the finish line at the Regatta Ground.

## **MAJOR OFFICIALS AND JURY**

### **The Organising Committee:**

Chief Official – Alec Young 0402 260 298 akyoung5@bigpond.net.au

Chief Safety Officer – Geoff Lucas 0417 352 264 blacksnake3@bigpond.com

Chief Timekeeper – Brett Stephenson 0407 935 964

Chief Rescue Support – Max Watson 0457 566 285

The Jury for the race will comprise these 4 people.

Protest fee is \$50.

## **VENUE LAYOUT AND AMENITY**

- Race Centre marquee - Paddler check-in and Number issue will be in the marquee near the boat ramp from 8:00am.
- Parking – parking will be on the rail corridor – turn right through the yellow bollards.
- Takeaway food and beverages are available of the foreshore. Complimentary egg and bacon rolls are available for all paddlers.
- Portable toilets are located on the regatta foreshore along the northern end where the rowing crews set up.
- Private boats cannot be brought to the venue, other than by sea. They will be restricted to the areas outside the kayak and rowing courses.
- Regulation 71 – please note that during the Royal Hobart Regatta, Marine and Safety Tasmania invoke Regulation 71 (Pilotage and Navigation) of the Marine and Safety Regulations which describe safe navigation procedures during such events. This enables Tasports to direct vessels in a manner which ensures the event runs smoothly and safely, in conjunction with the regatta radio communications unit.
- Sea Scouts overlap. There will be sea scouts rowing and kayak events along the western shore at the Regatta Grounds. Please show consideration for scout crews and officials at the finish line.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

- Paddlers to enter the water from the Southern boat ramp and shall not enter the water anywhere else.
- The warm up area is between the boat ramp and Macquarie Wharf.

- It is the responsibility of the paddler to be at the start 10 minutes early – race starts will not be held up.
- The start is between a red buoy/flag near Macquarie Wharf and the end of the pontoon.
- Paddlers will head East when clearing the jetty and proceed in a Northerly direction. They will then paddle to the Tasman Bridge. The span to pass through is the second span to the left of the main span.
- Paddlers will then proceed North to the Bowen Bridge where they pass to the left of the second pylon from the Eastern shore, go around the pylon and return to the start by the same course.

## **FINISH**

- The finishing line is reached when the bow of the canoe or kayak with the competitor/s in it has passed the line between the flags. If two or more boats reach the finishing line at the same time, they get the same classification.
- At the finish, paddlers are requested to paddle close to the jetty to assist timing staff. Paddlers are required to stay downstream of the finish line once they have finished.

## **WEATHER FORECAST**

Weather will be monitored on the days leading to the race, and any decisions on cancellation notified to competitors as early as possible.

## **PRIZEMONEY, MEDALS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation of cash prizes and medallions will be made at 11:30am following completion of the race.

The first three placegetters in the mens' and womens' races will receive Gold, Silver or Bronze medallions.

Each competitor will receive a special commemorative medallion for participating.

Prizemoney will be as follows, subject to sufficient entries:

The prize pool of \$2,050 is broken down as follows:

First Female \$500  
 Second female \$250  
 Third female \$125

First Male \$500  
 Second Male \$250  
 Third Male \$125

There will be six more \$50 prizes - drawn randomly from the non-placegetters

## **MANDATORY EQUIPMENT FOR THE RACE**

- Boat leash (which must be attached to you and your craft during the race)
- PFD
- Mobile phone in a waterproof case
- Hi-vis clothing
- Hi-vis hat
- Enough food and water for the length of the race and wear sunscreen and appropriate clothing.

## **CANOE NUMBERS**

All kayaks and canoes shall carry a number (A5 self-adhesive) which shall be attached to the right hand side of the bow of the kayak or canoe as instructed by the race organiser.

## **THE START**

### **Stationary Start**

The position of the boats at the start is such that the bows of the competing boats are on the starting line. The boats must be stationary. The craft may be held at the stern. Wherever possible all boats in a class shall line up at the starting line and use the stationary start.

### **Alternate staggered start**

Where the stationary start is impossible or impracticable owing to lack of space, too many starters or water or weather conditions, a staggered start will be necessary.

The classes shall start in descending order from fastest to slowest as determined by the Competition Committee.

All paddlers shall be called to the water at least ten minutes before the scheduled start.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- A Risk Management Plan is in place for the event.
- If you fall out more than 3 times in 10 minutes water safety will escort you to land, where you will be responsible for organising your own pick-up. Your safety, and the safety of the rest of the field, is our main priority, thus your kayak/ski will only be taken to land if safe to do so, otherwise it will be your responsibility to collect it.

## **BRIEFING**

- The briefing will be held at 8am in the launch area

## **SAFETY**

- Competitors will need wear to a properly fitting life jacket.
- The River Derwent can be wind affected and your paddling ability must equip you to paddle safely in these conditions. If wind is excessive, as ruled by the race director, the race will be cancelled.

- The Organising Committee will provide safety craft to cover the progress of competitors.
- Instructions from race officials and/or safety boat captains must be complied with at all times. Paddlers failing to follow instructions given will be disqualified.
- If a red flag is displayed by a race official anywhere along the course, this will indicate the race has been stopped and paddlers should proceed directly to the start/finish area. If your personal safety is compromised you should go ashore at the nearest safe location and contact officials by phone.
- All canoes/kayaks must have sufficient fixed or positive buoyancy to float when filled with water.
- All boats must display the racing number issued for identification and, if necessary, paddlers must state their number when requested by a Race Official. The racing number is to be displayed in an upright position in a number holder that is securely fastened to the canoe/kayak.
- All paddlers must notify a Race Official when withdrawing from a race and hand in their number to a Race Official at the finish line.
- When a paddler is in distress, the first paddler(s) on the scene must render assistance. Failure to do so may incur disqualification.
- In the case of opposing traffic – KEEP RIGHT
- As Race Organisers, safety is at the top of our list. This includes planning for all levels of ability, briefing marshals and competitors effectively, and having very clear lines of communication and escalation in case of incidents.
- You should consider your own personal risk assessment to ensure you are able to cope with the distance, the course and conditions on the day.
- Paddlers (and their parents or responsible adult in case of juniors) must attend the race briefing, and be confident to ask questions of, or challenge where they are unsure.
- Competitors must be able to swim adequately in the waters on which the race is being held. It is the responsibility of each competitor (or of a parent in the case of a junior) to inform event organisers of any medical condition that may affect this.
- Competitors should attire themselves suitable for the conditions.
- GPS and heart rate monitors may be used however they should not emit any sound unless it is a warning signal.

## **OVERTAKING**

When a canoe or kayak is overtaking another canoe or kayak, it is the duty of the overtaking craft to keep clear of other competitors at all times. When a canoe or kayak is racing in a group of competitors it is the duty of all the competitors in the group to keep clear of other competitors at all times.

## **ASSISTANCE**

A competitor may not be accompanied along the course or assisted in any way by other canoes/kayaks not entered in the event or by any vessel (e.g. runabout).

In the event of a capsize, a competitor may receive assistance with emptying his or her boat and regaining his or her paddling position, but may not be progressed in any way.

No exchange or substitution of boats is permitted.

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PENALTIES**

Any Competitor who attempts to compete in a race by any other than honourable means, or who breaks the racing regulations, or who disregards the honourable nature of the racing regulations will be penalised or disqualified for the duration of the race concerned.

Should a competitor have failed to follow the correct course of the race the competitor has broken the racing regulation and will be subject to a penalty.

## **PROTESTS**

A protest made during the race relating to an incident in the race must be in written form, addressed to the Competition Committee and handed to the Chief Official not later than 30 minutes after the last of the competitors involved in the incident have completed the course or retired.

The organisers shall be permitted to commence issuing preliminary results and carry out reward ceremonies after the first three competitors of the class have completed the course.

Should an incident be witnessed by race officials and action is being considered there should be a public announcement as soon as possible to notify teams and spectators of this.

The decision of the Competition Committee on a Protest or reported incident should be advised within 30 minutes of the protest being received or the incident being reported.