



ROYAL HOBART REGATTA

ABN 67 818 649 641

Information Packet - Two Bridges Kayak Race

The Royal Hobart Regatta Association welcomes you to the 185th Royal Hobart Regatta. The following information pertains to Two Bridges Kayak Race to be held Saturday 11 February 2023.

This is a 15km raced designed for experience paddlers that sees competitors traverse the River Derwent to the Tasman Bridge and onto the Bowen Bridge before returning to the finish line adjacent the Regatta Grounds.
Venue Amenities

Information pertaining to Regatta facilities is available on the Royal Hobart Regatta Association website and shall be updated as appropriate.

RACE OFFICIALS

A committee of race officials will be announced on the Royal Hobart Regatta Association website prior to the event. Said officials will comprise members of the jury for the resolution of any race protests as detailed here in.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Registration fees for the race shall be set at \$30.00
- Registering for this race shall be deemed as acknowledgement of these terms in harmony with the Royal Hobart Regatta 'Terms and Conditions' as listed on the Royal Hobart Regatta website
- Competitors must comply with all reasonable instructions issued by race officials and/ or safety crews. Failure to do so may result in disqualification
- All competitors are required to attend the safety briefing at the time and location posted on the Royal Hobart Regatta Association website
- It is the responsibility of competitors to inform race officials of any medical conditions relevant to their participation in the event
- In the event a competitor is below the age of 18 (Junior Categories) a parent or guardian shall assume responsibility for their compliance within these terms
- Competitors are advised that during the event there will be other craft and/ or persons on the water. This may include, yet not be limited to:
 - Competing Swimmers
 - Naval Vessels
 - Rowing Sculls
 - Race Officials and Safety Crews
 - TasPorts logistical vessels (example Tug Boats/ Pilots)
 - Personal and/ or Commercial watercraft not associated with the event
 - Vessels engaging in activities associated with the Australian Wooden Boat Festival
- Private boats cannot enter the Regatta venues unless by sea and shall be restricted to areas beyond the kayaking and rowing courses
- During the course of the 185th Regatta Marine and Safety Tasmanian shall invoke Regulation 71 (Pilotage and Navigation) of the Marine and Safety Regulations which describe safe navigation procedures during such events. Regulation 71 enables TasPorts to direct vessels in a manner which effects the ongoing safe coordination of the Regatta in conjunction with Regatta administration

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RACE TERMS & CONDITIONS

- In the case of opposing traffic keep right
- All craft must have sufficient fixed or positive buoyancy to float when filled with water
- All competitors must notify a race official if withdrawing from the event using all practical means
- All competitors must be able to swim adequately in waters on which the race is being held
- All watercrafts are required to carry an adhesive number which shall be attached to both sides of the bow of the vessel as instructed by the race organiser
- In the event a craft is overtaking another it is the duty of the overtaking craft to always keep clear of competitors. Where a craft is racing in a group of competitors it is the duty of all the competitors in said group to always provide suitably ample space between each other

RACE SAFETY

- If a competitor falls out of their craft 3 times consecutively within 10 minutes a water safety crew will escort them to land. Collection thereafter will be the responsibility of the competitor. Depending on the location of the collection, crafts will only be taken to land where safe to do so
- Competitors are required to wear a properly fitting life jacket. Failure to do so may result in disqualification
- The Royal Hobart Regatta Association will provide safety craft coverage for the event
- In the event a race official deploys a red flag during the race it shall signify the event has been stopped. Competitors are to proceed directly to the start/ finish area
- If personal safety of a competitor is compromised they are to go ashore at the nearest, safest location and contact officials by phone where possible
- Where a competitor is in distress paddlers in the immediate area are required to render assistance in the absence of a safety crew. Failure to do so may result in disqualification
- Race officials will conduct all relevant risk assessments for the effective coordination of the event. Competitors are further encouraged to make their own, personal risk assessment to ensure they are confident with the distance, course and conditions

WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Weather conditions will be monitored continuously and decisions made due to inclement conditions will be distributed to competitors as soon as practicable
- Competitors are advised that the River Derwent can be affected by wind and thereby competitors should ensure they are adequately equipped physically to paddle safely in changing and/ or unpredictable conditions

ASSISTANCE

- A competitor may not be accompanied along the course or assisted in any way by other craft not entered in the event or by any vessel (example runabout)
- In the event of a capsize a competitor may receive assistance with emptying their craft and regaining his or her paddling position but may not be progressed in any way
- No exchange or substitution of craft is permitted



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MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

Competitors are required to have the following articles;

- Boat Leash (which must be attached to you and your craft during the race)
- Personal Flotation Device (PFD)
- High visibility Clothing including a hat
- Food and/ or water in a quantity suitable for the entirety of the race
- Sunscreen

Competitors should attire themselves appropriately for the conditions. GPS and/ or heart rate monitors may be used however they should not emit any sound.

DISQUALIFICATION AND PENALTIES

- Any competitor who attempts to compete in a race by any other than honourable means and/ or who breaks the racing regulations shall be penalised or disqualified for the duration of the race
- Any competitor who disregards the honourable nature of the racing regulations will be penalised or disqualified for the duration of the race
- Should a competitor be found to have not follow the correct course the competitor shall be deemed to have broken the racing regulation and will be subject to a penalty
- Protests
- Protests shall be mitigated by a jury comprising the race officials as posted on the Royal Hobart Regatta Association Website
- Lodgement of a protest shall incur a \$50.00 submission fee
- All protests must be submitted in written form and addressed to the Race Officials
- All protests must be received no later than 30 minutes from the conclusion of the race
- Race officials shall be permitted to commence issuing preliminary results and/ or 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 intended every effort will be made to notify teams and spectators
- The decision of the Race Officials on a reported protest will be addressed within 30 minutes of the protest being received or the incident reported.



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Watercraft shall be positioned in such a way that the bows are on the starting line. All craft must be as stationary as possible. Craft may be held at the stern to assist.

Wherever possible all craft in a class shall line up at the starting line and use the stationary start. An alternate staggered start may be used in the event a stationary start is impossible or impracticable owing to lack of space, a large volume of craft or undesirable water/ weather conditions. The classes shall start in descending order from fastest to slowest as determined by the Competition Committee. All competitors shall be called to the water at least ten minutes before the scheduled start.

- Paddlers to enter the water from the Southern boat ramp only
- The warm up area is between the boat ramp and Macquarie Wharf
- It is the responsibility of the paddler to be at the start of the event 10 minutes early
- The starting line shall be indicated by a red buoy and/ or flag near Macquarie Wharf and the end of the pontoon

NAVIGATION

- Paddlers are to travel east when clearing the jetty and proceed in a northerly direction. They are to then paddle to the Tasman Bridge
- Transiting the bridge shall be through the second pylons counting left from the centre
- Paddlers are to then proceed North to the Bowen Bridge where they must pass to the left of the second pylon from the Eastern shore before circling back beneath the bridge and returning toward the Regatta Grounds

COMPLETION

- A competitor shall be determined to have completed the race when the bow of the canoe or kayak with the competitor/s has passed the line between the flags
- In the event two crafts cross the line equally they shall both receive the same classification
- Upon completion of the race competitors are asked to paddle adjacent the jetty to assist timing staff
- Competitors are required to stay downstream of the finish line upon completion