

December 2023

# CLUB UPDATE

ROWING  
NEW ZEALAND



We have reached the halfway point in the season with things really ramping up in the New Year.

With both the Karāpiro Club Regatta and the Marlborough Championships last weekend, it was a busy weekend for the rowers across NZ.

It looks like the South Island won the battle for the best regatta weather but I'm sure the long hot summer that the forecasters keep promising us, is just around the corner.

Best of luck for the rowers competing next weekend and we wish you all a happy and safe festive season.

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If in doubt,  
please ask

## TRANSFERRING ROWERS

A big thank you to all of the clubs that have been diligently following the transfer procedures this season.

Please remember that permission must be sought from the previous club before rowers are transferred.

The NZRA Constitution imposes an obligation on clubs to "not admit to its membership as an active member any person who remains financially indebted to another Club".

All transfers must be actioned by Kate @ Rowing NZ. Please do not create a duplicate profile in the Rowing NZ database for any transferring rowers.

## TROPHIES

You may have seen the recent emails about the missing Nationals trophies.

We are still seeking these trophies so please have a look around your club.



Missing Trophies

Left: Max Smith Ruataniwha Trophy  
Women's Premier 8+

Right: Rowing New Zealand Trophy  
Women's Senior 4-



# CHECK, CLEAN, DRY - FRESHWATER GOLD CLAMS

The Check, Clean, Dry process is extremely important for all clubs and schools coming to Lake Karāpiro this season. The Freshwater Gold Clam was found along the Waikato River in May 2023. Overseas, this clam has proved difficult to control and eradication has never been achieved.

These clams reproduce rapidly (able to produce 400 juveniles a day and up to 70,000 juveniles a year) and form large populations that can clog water-based infrastructure such as electricity generation plants, irrigation systems, and water treatment plants.

Please keep up to date with all communications from Rowing NZ, Karāpiro Rowing and the Ministry of Primary Industries for the correct boat and equipment cleaning procedures this season. More information can be found [HERE](#).



## NUTRITION SEMINAR

Join the HPSNZ Head of Performance Nutrition, Christel Dunsea-Mooij and Olympic Silver Medallist, Brooke Francis for an online chat about rowing nutrition and touching on plant based nutrition in a sporting environment.

7pm, Wednesday 13 December

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## PARA & ADAPTIVE ROWING

The para rowing marketing is going great with almost 20 rowers now participating in or expressing an interest in para and adaptive rowing. We have almost tripled our numbers in a month so thank you to all of the clubs and coaches who are welcoming these new members into their rowing families.

Due to the nature of the events offered at international regattas, it is imperative that we get a good number of rowers that can be matched up with their classifications and abilities in order to form crews especially in the PR3 classification.

If you know anyone that might be interested in giving rowing a go, please get them to complete the form [HERE](#) and we will match them up with a club.



## 2024 LIVESTREAMING - SCHOOLS

Our three school regattas (NISS, SISS and Aon Maadi Regatta) are sanctioned events by School Sport NZ.

By sanctioning these events, School Sport NZ ensures a wide range of quality sport opportunities are accessible to the school sector and, importantly, that schools can have confidence in sending students.

For 2024 and onward a condition of sanctioning will be that ALL event providers must adhere to the following specific clauses:

- The ability for a school/principal to opt out of broadcasting for their teams at the point of principal sign off; and
- Events for U15 students **will not** be broadcast.

*Please note: This only applies to U15 events not to other events where U15 students might be competing in such as the U18 novice events.*

This information has gone out in the Schools Newsletter also but we would appreciate clubs also mentioning it to their parents. The earlier and more widely this information is relayed and the expectation is set, the less chance there is for disappointment later in the season.

If you have any queries regarding this livestreaming policy, please contact [Nicki Paterson](#) from School Sport NZ.



Thank you to our amazing partners

## NEW ZEALAND ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

2024

## COLLECTION COMING SOON



## RowingHub

RowingHub brought to you by Aon, has replaced Aon OarSport magazine and offers our community a hub where content (interviews, podcasts, highlights reels, galleries, and articles) tell and celebrate the many rowing related stories there are across Aotearoa and beyond.

A hub for all things rowing in Aotearoa - check it out at [rowinghub.co.nz](http://rowinghub.co.nz)



**Save the Date**  
**May 4-5, 2024, Titahi Bay Beach**  
**Swift Racing NZ Coastal Rowing  
Beach Sprint Champs 2024**

## URGENT ASSISTANCE - BOAT HIRE

Penhros Girls College from Perth, Western Australia are coming over with a small squad of Intermediate and Club graded girls to compete at the Karāpiro Christmas Regatta. They are struggling to find any boats that are available to hire for the regatta.

They are looking to hire:

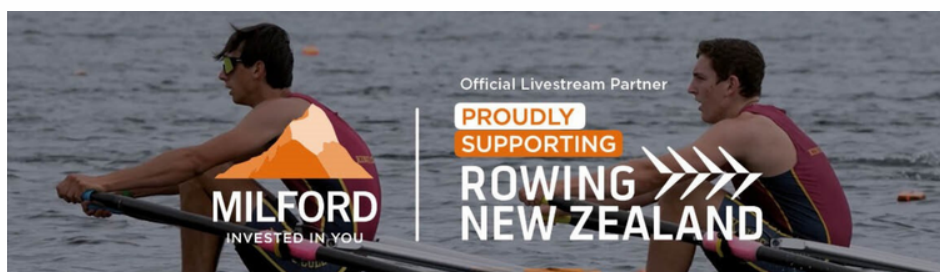
- 2 x Eights
- 2 x Quads
- 1 x Gazebo

Are there any schools or clubs out there that are able to assist them please? I know they would be extremely grateful so please reach out to the Penhros Rowing Coordinator, Keith Reynolds [reynok@penrhos.wa.edu.au](mailto:reynok@penrhos.wa.edu.au). Let's show our Aussie friends the Kiwi Christmas spirit!

## IMPORTANT DATES

27-29 January 2024  
27-28 January 2024  
13-17 February 2024  
4-5 May 2024

North Island Club Championships, Lake Karāpiro  
South Island Club Championships, Lake Ruataniwha  
New Zealand Rowing Championships, Lake Karāpiro  
New Zealand Coastal Beach Sprint Championships, Porirua



# Update from South Island Rowing



South Island Rowing are looking forward to welcoming schools to Twizel for the 2024 NZ Secondary School Championships. Maadi is the largest regatta that South Island Rowing host and considerable work has been undertaken to ready the course for the 2024 event.



A view of the boat park after the tree removal

Taking the trees out was a big decision and the loss of shade they provided was a concern but thanks to the generosity of clubs, schools and individuals, a total of 35 Upright Oaks and Chinese Elms will be planted along the road and on the lake side of the racks.

A decision was made last year to increase the capacity of the boat park by providing additional racks to accommodate another 200 skiffs. In order achieve this more space was needed and at the end of the 2023 season, the wilding pines were cleared from the area. Some existing racks have been refurbished and the process of lifting and resitting racks to take up the space created by the tree removal has begun.

It is hoped that the majority of the new racks will be installed before the regatta but it will be a 2 year project.



Racks realigned at the west end of the boat park



Trees on the road side of the boat park

Other projects include levelling of the trailer park just inside the gate. There was a considerable depression which sometimes flooded.

The bund behind this area has also been removed to provide more trailer parking.





View of the trailer park showing the area that has been levelled



Volunteers installing the raised floor and stairs inside the hut

Finally the hut at the 1000m mark has provided service for 40 years but exposure to the elements have taken its toll.

Thanks to one of our volunteers we were able to secure a damaged truck body which has been repaired and shortened.

Another group of volunteers have converted the structure so our starter can shelter from the elements rather than sitting on ladder in front of the old hut.

There is still work to do before the trailers roll up in mid-March 2024 but rest assured that everything will be in place to cater for what we know is always a great regatta.

Until then, we trust you have a great 2023-24 season.

*From the team at  
South Island Rowing*



Karāpiro Rowing (KRI) have released **“All you need to know”** for attending KRI Regattas for the the upcoming season.

Please use this [LINK](#) to access the document.

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

KRI have a number of fundraising opportunities during regattas.

This includes boat holding, ceremonial medal bearers, waste warriors and litter pickers.

Should you be interested in fundraising for your club or school, please email [operations@karapirorowing.com](mailto:operations@karapirorowing.com).



## VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE AND HEROES OF KARĀPIRO ROWING

Our family of volunteers donate their time in many different areas at our regattas. They have huge satisfaction working in a sport that they love in the positive and healthy environment that KRI offers. Whether you want to give something back to rowing, learn a new skill, or do something valuable with your time whilst waiting for a race – there is always a place for you in the KRI volunteer family.

There are many volunteer areas to suit individual needs and enable you to gain valuable experience in a wide range of areas. It's also a great way to meet new people who share your interests.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Umpire and safety boat drivers (training provided)
- Assigning boat race numbers
- KRI front office – be the face of KRI for customers and the public
- Commentators
- Race timing – enjoy the best views (training will be provided)
- Catering prep for our KRI volunteers
- Safety compliance
- Or, fancy becoming a Rowing NZ Race Official with ongoing opportunities?

### FACT:

IT TAKES 64 VOLUNTEERS TO GET A SINGLE BOAT DOWN THE COURSE IRRESPECTIVE OF REGATTA SIZE.



**ENQUIRE NOW**

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