



# Meridian South Island Rowing Inc. Newsletter



**September 2017**

The 2017-2018 season has started with the New Zealand Masters Championships. It is at this time of the year that there is a feeling of optimism that lasts until the requirements of just what is needed to run a regatta is actually realised.

Of course, the weather was likely to be a factor with many forecasters predicting poor weather. The picture on the upper right here shows the weather a week before the regatta. Clearly a source of some concern. However, this was just an interlude as the weather did improve substantially for the first regatta. The lower next picture was taken during the New Zealand Masters Regatta.



The South Island Regatta Calendars for the coming season have been printed and were available for collection at the NZ Masters Regatta. Representatives of some clubs did collect them for subsequent distribution. They will also be available for the R2K regatta and anyone requiring more can collect them from the Secretary's Office at Lake Ruataniwha.

## New Zealand Masters Regatta

As anticipated, the entry numbers were down but the regatta did run well. Feedback so far has been very favourable with many of those present mentioning a high level of satisfaction and enjoyment. Although there was the odd shower, the relatively flat water, little wind and enthusiastic crews made for its success.



The pictures on the right show the men's and women's quads at the regatta (thanks to Steve MacArthur, Rowing Celebrations for these and some of the earlier pictures). The background is indicative of the water and the weather.

As expected there were many medals won and these were collected from the medal room under the Control building.

## From The Board

At the SIR AGM last May, the Stakeholders discussed the size of the regattas and some of the associated Health and Safety issues.

SIR has extended the course to ten lanes in an attempt to provide a greater capacity to accommodate the increasing numbers of entries. However, this is not the whole problem. There was an ongoing discussion about the number of races some rowers and scullers were entering as this poses a much greater Health and Safety risk.

It was resolved that rowers and scullers entries are to be limited to three events per person except this can be extended to four only if the individuals concerned enter as a member of a second eight for their Club/School. This is to be implemented at the larger regattas.



## From "Rowing News for Secondary Schools" Board

The following limits have been approved by the Schools Committee for the 2018 school regattas and the following will be applied at each event:

### 2018 Aon Maadi Cup

- Doubles – 1 crew per event per school
- Singles – 2 crews per event per school
- Lightweight events – zero crews
- All other events – 4 crews per event per school

### 2018 Meridian South Island Secondary School Championships

- Single, Double, Pair, Four and Quad – 2 crews per event per school
- Lightweight events – zero crews
- Eights and Octuples – No Limit

# SI Rowing Team App

Previous Newsletters have mentioned the desire to update the SIR website and while this is under way, the process has found that an associated App is also required to meet the ongoing needs. One particular need is to get an indication of which of our volunteers are available for each of the major regattas. It has also been found that many of the younger generations are fixed on their cell phones and an App may well be the best medium for communication. Certainly the response to the emails and newsletters has been extremely poor.

We have had a response from some Clubs who have used “Team App” successfully and it was decided to try it out. In setting it up I did not realise that I had accidentally sent out information. This was premature and not intended and I apologise for any concerns this may have given.

The App can be accessed through [www.teamapp.com](http://www.teamapp.com) and the App is named SI Rowing. This is a trial for this particular purpose and it could be extended depending on its success. We welcome any feedback in this trial including improvements etc.

Some have found it difficult to follow although there is some on line help available. There is a 21-minute video clip on You Tube going through how to set up and use Team App. It is well worth a look. Never-the-less, it is intended to keep the email medium open as well.

## Containers

The foundation work is complete for this installation. The first picture shows the site for the containers. This is on the lake side of the road that leads through the boat park just before the boundary fence.

The second picture shows the foundations for the containers. The 40’ containers will sit across all three concrete strips with the doors opening to the boat park road.

It is understood the containers are under preparation and are expected in due course.

## Tent Sites

Many of the South Island Clubs/Schools already have permanent footings for their tents and SIR has assumed they will keep the same site allocated last season. The invoices for these sites have been sent and the allocation will be confirmed when the site fee is paid.

The intention is to have this completed by the first weekend in October and sites that have not been paid or are otherwise unallocated will be available for any other Club/School wishing to secure a site.

**Booking and a site allocation is available from C Wilson, email: [manager@ruataniwha.co.nz](mailto:manager@ruataniwha.co.nz)**





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