

SOUTH ISLAND MASTERS 2025 ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Celebrating 25 Yrs of South Island Rowing

Friday 25 – Saturday 26 April 2025

Hans Bay, Lake Kaniere

Hosted by **CURE Boating Club**

Conditions

1. HISTORY

In 1998, Port Chalmers Rowing Club held their 125-year celebration with a regatta for masters. Following its success, it was decided to establish an annual South Island masters rowing regatta—now known as **The South Island Masters Rowing Championships (SIM)**. The first official regatta was held at Kerrs Reach in 1999 and has since rotated around each South Island province. This year marks the **25th anniversary** of this special event.

2. VENUE & GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Location:** Hans Bay, Lake Kaniere
- **Regatta Headquarters:** The Jetty at Hans Bay
- **1000 m Finish Line:** The Jetty at Hans Bay, Lake Kaniere
- **Long Distance Start & Finish line:** The Jetty at Hans Bay
- **Shore Access:** The lakeside area near the finish line is pedestrian-only. No motorized vehicles are permitted along the waterfront.
- **Trailer Parking and Club Setup:** From **7:30 am on Friday 25th**, crews can park trailers and set up club tents. (Please do not arrive earlier, as site access is not available before that time.)
- **Food at the lake.** We'll have a coffee cart and a food vendor on site.

There is ample space for trailers, rigging, boat dumps, and club tents. **Please follow the instructions of our parking volunteers on arrival.**

3. RACE PROGRAMME & SCHEDULE

For event details see the separate, downloadable, race programme or the event schedule at the SIM website pages on [RowIT](#).

Day One: Friday 25 April 2025 (ANZAC Day)

Long-Distance Race followed by 1000m Races

1. **11:30 am – Race Safety Briefing**
 - All crews must attend for important safety and course information.
2. **12:00 pm – Boats on the Water**
 - Crews proceed to the long-distance race start area.
3. **12:30 pm - 8km Long-Distance Race**
 - The traditional long-distance event kicks off the championships.
 - Head Race format, crews will be released in categories at ten-second intervals with a gap between categories.
4. **2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – 1000m Races**
 - Includes mixed crew, single sex, novice, new rower/novice, and recreational events. See [General Conditions, items 14-16](#) in these conditions for further information.
5. **4:15 pm Friday Programme Prize Giving:** Lake Kaniere Power Boat Club, Hans Bay
 - Power Boat Club Bar open

Day Two: Saturday 26 April 2025

1000m Races

1. **8:00 am – 4:00 pm – 1,000m Races**
 - Racing in masters age categories over 1,000m.
 - Detailed draw and start times will be available from Regatta Control at The Jetty.
2. **6:00 pm – Midnight – Awards & Celebration Evening**
 - Venue: **Mahinapua Hotel**
 - Presentation of medals for Saturday racing, and award presentations for all events.
 - Finger food and DJ to celebrate the regatta's 25th anniversary.
 - Transport from Hokitika to Mahinapua Hotel function offered - \$10 pp return

4. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUBS AND CREWS

3. Arrival & Parking

- Access for trailers begins at **7:30 am on Friday 25 April**.
- On-site volunteers will direct you to your allocated trailer parking spot.
- Please follow all signs and instructions to ensure efficient traffic flow.

4. Rigging & Boat Storage

- Plenty of open space is available for rigging boats and setting up club tents.
- Keep walkways clear and be mindful of pedestrian areas.

5. Safety Requirements

- A safety briefing will be held at **11:30 am on Friday** prior to commencement of the regatta; attendance is compulsory.
- Crews must adhere to all on-water marshalling instructions.
- Life jackets/PFDs must be on board safety boats and support craft.

6. Regatta Control

- Located at **The Jetty** (Hans Bay, Lake Kaniere).
- All queries regarding the schedule, results, or any regatta-related concerns should be directed the Regatta Control.

7. Prizegiving and Celebration

- Commences at **6:00 pm on Saturday 27th April** at the Mahinapua Hotel.
- Please join us for an evening of celebration, food, and camaraderie.

5. GENERAL CONDITONS

- 1. Regatta Status and Structure:** This regatta is a **Local Regatta** as defined by clause 1.3.c of the [New Zealand Rowing Association \(NZRA\) Rules of Racing 2023](#).
- 2. Generally:** The Regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules (as provided for in Rule 6.1 of the Rules) except as now modified in these conditions and shall be governed by applicable Articles of the NZRA Constitution. Further, this regatta shall be conducted in accordance with the RNZ Water Safety Code and the RNZ Competition Safety Code (Rule 6.2), together with the 2025 SIM Rowing Safety Plan, of which the contents and intent take precedent over all other documents.
- 3. Minimum Number of Entries:** If, at the close of entries, there are three entries or fewer in any event, the event may be combined with another event, if possible, in the opinion of the Regatta Controller.
- 4. All Races will be classed as finals:** If there are more entrants than lanes available, the event shall be run in divisions and on Handi- Cap, with each race down the course run as a final.

5. **Pre-Regatta Safety Briefing:** There will be one Safety Briefing for the regatta, held at the Hans Bay jetty on **Friday 25 April at 11:30am**
- The briefing must be attended by a member from each competing club. Coxswains in the Friday LD race must also be in attendance.
6. **Disclaimer:** No responsibility or liability of any kind for loss or damage arising out of the conduct of the regatta shall attach to any of the regatta organisers or any of the regatta officials.
7. **Order of Events:** As per the separate events list published on [RowIT](#).
8. **Regatta Entry Fees:** The fee covers all racing across both days. Costs are Inclusive GST. Rowing NZ Competition Licences are not required for this regatta.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (closes 1 April):

- **Rower - regatta entry and Saturday Awards & Celebration Function at Mahinapua Hotel: \$170**
- **Rower -regatta entry only: \$110**
- **Supporter - incl Function at Mahinapua Hotel: \$60**
- **Supporter - regatta only: Free**
- **Coxswain - incl Function at Mahinapua Hotel: \$60**
- **Coxswain - regatta only: Free**

LATE ENTRY REGISTRATION (after 1 April):

- **Rower - regatta entry and Saturday Awards & Celebration Function at Mahinapua Hotel: \$200**
- **Rower -regatta entry only: \$120**
- **Supporter - incl Function at Mahinapua Hotel: \$80**
- **Supporter - regatta only: Free**
- **Coxswain - incl Function at Mahinapua Hotel: \$80**
- **Coxswain - regatta only: Free**
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Note: \$25 of this fee is a per person concession fee for DOC and Maritime NZ.

9. **Weekend Registration and Regatta Entry:**

- 1) Each club must download and complete the **WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM**, downloadable from [RowIT](#). Instructions for return to the Regatta Secretary are on the form.
DEADLINE for Early-Bird Registrations, Tues 1 April 2025
- 2) **Each club must submit separate race entries electronically** through [RowIT](#)

ENTRIES OPEN 10:00am, **Tue 25 Mar 2025**

ENTRIES CLOSE 10:00pm, **Mon 14 Apr 2025**

The Cure Boating Club will invoice clubs.

- 10. Times between Races:** All short course races will be started at 5-minute intervals. Make sure to consider turn-around times when planning race crews.

The times on the **Draft Events Day Sheet**, downloadable from [RowIT](#), are preliminary until the final day sheet is available. The recommendation is not to enter successive races that are closer together than 35 minutes.

11. Masters' Classifications:

- The age of a rower in a Masters rowing event shall be their age in years (rounded down to a whole number) as of 31st December 2025. Note: *Age categories do not apply to coxswains of masters' crews.*
- The regatta will provide racing in the following Age-Group and New Masters classifications or grades, for mixed crews and male and female events:

A	Minimum age: 27 years
B	Average age: 36 years or more
C	Average age: 43 years or more
D	Average age: 50 years or more
E	Average age: 55 years or more
F	Average age: 60 years or more
G	Average age: 65 years or more
H	Average age: 70 years or more
I	Average age: 75 years or more
J	Average age: 80 years or more
K	Average age: 83 years or more
L	Average age: 86 years or more
M	Average age: 89 years or more

- **Every rower** must be able to prove his/her age with the presentation of an official document (Driver's Licence, etc.), if required.
- **The Age Category** of a Masters' crew is calculated as the average age of the rowers. An individual's age is their age at end of 31 December 2025.

- 12. Every Race is a Medal Race:** A Gold medal will be awarded to the winner of every race. This will not impact candidacy for awards, which are based on fastest times, and which include times on handicap.

- 13. Handicapping System:** Where a race contains crews of mixed divisions, the Australian Masters Handicap system will apply.

- 14. Novice Masters Events:** These events are raced over 1000m for Masters who are Novices.

15. Masters Recreational Social Events: These events are a social grade of racing over 500m. You may be returning to rowing after a lengthy break, or you might be an existing master rower who can only train once (maybe twice) a week. Note: *Competitive rowers are expected to enter the 1000m events.*

16. New Masters Events: These events are for people that started racing after January 2021 i.e. rowers in their first five years of racing.

Note: *This Racing Grade excludes competitors that have had Age-Group podium finishes at NI, SI or National Masters Events or raced Club Grade Events in the last 2 years.*

17. Composite Crews: Members from different Clubs are permitted to submit a composite crew entry in any event. The crew members must compete in their registered Club colours.

18. Mixed Crews: In events for mixed crews, there will be an equal number of each gender. The coxswain, if applicable, can be of either gender.

19. Previous International Competitor: An International rower (who may be eligible to compete as a Masters rower due to his or her current age) shall be ineligible to race at this regatta for a period of two consecutive years after their last international competition.

20. Life jackets:

- Coxswains must comply with Rule 22.7 of the Rules or must wear a non-inflatable buoyancy aid which is compliant with New Zealand Standards (NZS 5823:2005), suitable for their size and age and/or weight, and this must be worn outside all other clothing.
- Life jackets must be in good condition and have in a legible state, the manufacturer's label, and certification intact.
- **Under no circumstances are inflatable (either manual or automatic) life jackets allowed to be worn by coxswains during the regatta.**

21. Bow Numbers: All boats must carry a bow number indicating the LANE number as shown in the official day sheet. Numbers will be provided by the regatta organizers.

- Crews without a number will not be allowed onto the water. If a crew loses their number on the way to the start, they should inform a Race Official immediately.
- Numbers not returned within 30 minutes of the event/race may be charged at \$25 + GST per instance.
- A crew that crosses the finish line with an incorrect bow number may be excluded.

22. Substitution of Competitors:

- Substitution of crew members can only be done ONLINE on [RowIT](#) up until 11am on Friday 25 April 2025.
- The substituted rower must be the same gender as the original rower, and the average age of the crew in events that are not Open events, CANNOT be a younger age category than the original crew.
- A crew substitution for medical reasons can be made less than 60 minutes before the event. A medical certificate from the on-site first aid team or a qualified medical professional should be supplied in this case.

23. Scratchings / Non-Starters: Scratchings should be made ONLINE on [RowIT](#) or at the Regatta Secretary's Office at the Control (Judges') in writing.

24. Responsibility for Safety and Fitness:

- Competitors shall take responsibility for their own health and fitness pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules.
- Club officials are responsible for every crew from their club, and specifically should ensure:
 - that each crew's boat complies with Rule 25 of the Rules; and
 - that the competitors are also fit to race.
- Any continuing concerns as to safety and fitness are to be brought to the attention of the Chief of Control Commission or Boat Marshall or Safety Officer prior to the crew taking to the water.

25. Notification to Regatta Control of Medical Assessments (either On-site or Off-site):

- Each competitor by entering this regatta agrees to the first aid team notifying Regatta Control when the competitor uses the medical services.
- Clubs will ensure that each competitor that is assessed by either the on-site first aid team or assessed externally from the regatta and who receives an assessment as being unfit to compete is removed from racing by substituting them out of all crews in which they are entered or scratching all crews in which they are entered or through a combination of scratching and substitution.

26. Responsibility and Failure to Disclose Medical Information:

- Each competitor shall be primarily responsible for ensuring that the entity that submits entries to the regatta shall have up to date information on any medical conditions that the competitor has prior to the close of entries.
- Each person who submits entries on behalf of an entity entering the regatta shall:
 - ensure that specified medical information about competitors is submitted to KRI by the closing date and time for the entries.
 - where a competitor is diagnosed with a medical condition after the close of entries, the person responsible for the crew shall submit that information to Regatta Control as soon as possible.
- **Water Traffic Rules:**
 - During racing, all crews must always proceed to the start as directed and remain outside the course until called in for the start of that crew's race.
 - No crew may cross the course except at the start when called in to race or as specifically directed by an official.

27. Boat Safety Standards: It is of prime importance that all boats are in a safe condition for rowing. Crews are responsible for this pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules. Race Officials (or other persons so appointed by the Organising Committee) will conduct boat safety compliance checks.

28. Postponement or Cancellation: The Organising Committee shall be under no obligation to refund any fees whatsoever because of the postponement or cancellation of the regatta for

whatever reason. Rowing is an outdoor sport and as such is subject to the weather being suitable on any given day to conduct the regatta in a safe and responsible manner.

29. Exclusion of all Tort Liability of Whatsoever Nature: The regatta organisers and officials will take all due care to ensure the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently. However, it remains the prime and principal responsibility of individuals participating in the regatta (either as rowers, coxswains, coaches, or other club officials) to always conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner. This includes making sure prior to racing that their boats are safe for racing and in compliance with these conditions. Also, that the rowers in each crew are fit for the ordeal of racing. They must also ensure that these conditions are complied with and that the directions of the regatta officials are followed.

Further, it is a condition of participation in this regatta that all participants accept and note that no liability either in tort or any other nature whatsoever, is accepted by or will attach to the New Zealand Rowing Association, Canterbury Rowing Association and Cure Boating Club, for any harm, damage, loss, costs, expenses, inconvenience, interference, of whatever nature and whatever kind, including any damage to equipment or injury to persons of whatever nature incurred in the course of, or in connection with, or in any way related to the regatta, regardless of whether any omission, wrongdoing, oversight, negligence, or other tort whatsoever on the part of any regatta official, or other person may be established.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AT LAKE KANIERE

Join us for two days of exciting masters rowing, celebrate the 25th anniversary of the South Island Masters Rowing Championships, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow rowers from around the country! Safe travels and see you on the water.