

SOUTH ISLAND MASTERS 2025 ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 25 – Saturday 26 April 2025

Hosted by **CURE Boating Club**

Hans Bay, Lake Kaniere

Kaniere Update No. 1

Welcome to our first Kaniere Update, providing information for this 25th Anniversary of the South Island Masters Championships (SIM). Updates will be issued periodically between now and the regatta and sent to email addresses on hand, flagged on social media, and uploaded to the [SIM 2025 profile on RowIT](#).

Make sure to keep up to date as planning for the weekend continues and don't forget you can contact us through Catherine, our [Regatta Secretary](#), if you have any questions.

NEW RACE CATEGORIES

Two exciting new race classes have been introduced that recognise the breadth of masters rowing engagement. We look forward to seeing these become firm fixtures in future regatta programmes.

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 has limited training opportunity. Note: *Competitive rowers are expected to enter the 1000m events.*

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.*

ROWIT, CONDITIONS & ENTRY DATES

[RowIT](#) is the home of essential weekend information as well as the interface for race entries.

The following documents have already been uploaded:

- [SIM 2025 Conditions \(pdf\)](#). Please download and circulate amongst your crews.
- [SIM 2025 Weekend Registration Form \(Excel\)](#). Downloadable. A designated person from each club must complete and return this form to the [Regatta Secretary](#). Note the closing dates.

- Early Bird closing date – Tues 1 April
- Final closing date Mon 14 April (also the closing date of Race Entries on RowIT)
- [SIM 2025 Draft Events Day Sheet \(Excel\)](#). Downloadable. The programme of events is also listed in RowIT under the Events tab.

Kaniere Updates will also be located there.

REGATTA CENTRAL

Mahinapua Hotel is host to both the after-race socialising on Friday 25th and the Prizegiving and Celebration function on the following night. A short 10 minutes south of Hokitika, and almost equidistant from Hans Bay, the hotel is a West Coast icon.

TRANSPORT TO THE AWARDS & CELEBRATION FUNCTION

Return transport from Hokitika to Mahinapua Hotel will be on hand for the Saturday night function at \$10 per person. There is an option to select for this on the Weekend Registration Form.

ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation queries in the area, contact the [Hokitika iSite](#) or phone (03) 7556166. Staff there are more than happy to assist.

Other accommodation options:

- [DOC camping facilities](#), located at Hans Bay. Ideal for basic tenting or caravans/motor homes. Non-powered.
- Mahinapua Hotel accommodation. There is still some accommodation available at the venue:
 - 1x Family room, with 2 bedrooms - one with Queen bed, one with 2 bunk beds - Ensuite bathroom. \$250/night.
 - 2x 4-bed dorms with bunk beds. Shared Bathroom. \$40 per bed per night or \$160 to secure 1 full room.

Contact the [Regatta Secretary](#) to check on Mahinapua availability and make a booking.