

Murray Darling 110 (Ted Hurley) Classic 2019

2nd & 3rd November

Briefing Sheet for Competitors

Thank you to our major sponsor Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club and also to Wentworth Shire Council for their continued support of Ski Racing. We also acknowledge NSW Roads and Maritime and especially BSO Troy O'Hara for the continued support.

→ There is NO CAMPING allowed in Boat Parking Area at Wentworth Rowing Club.

Our officials for the weekend

Chief Judge is	Fran Hynes
Assistant Chief Judge's are	Graeme Stegmeyer, Vicki Duggan
Timers are	Chelsea Stevens, Jan Henderson & Wigga Lloyd
Our Starters are	Ray Lochhead & Phil Lydiatt
Safety Officer is	Samantha Hunter
Chief Scrutineer is	Andrew Donehue
Race Controller is	Paul Rodgers
Administration is	Betty McCoomb
Timing/Results is	Julie Golledge

It is every competitor's responsibility to have read these Briefing sheets before competing in this event.

Extreme care should be taken when competing in this event. Please drive to the conditions and to the ability of your skiers, safety of the crew is your priority. The river here is one of the widest sections of the Murray so there is no need to hug the corners. Please leave a safe distance between the skier and the bank, at 25 metres there is still ample room for multiple boats at one time. The Murray/Darling Junction will be the slowest section of the course, take extreme care when navigating this section. There will be a large orange inflatable world buoy installed at the turn point of the junction, you **MUST** turn around this buoy and not before. The remainder of the course is well marked with yellow and red buoys and if anyone is not familiar with the course is encouraged to talk to some of the local competitors. Course Map is available in the event program. There are three well marked sand bars, one at Tuckers Creek at the 854 kilometre mark, one at the sand dredge at the 860 kilometre mark and one at the 874 kilometre marker. Apart from these three corners, the river is wide and mainly straight.

Briefing is compulsory all Drivers, Observers and Skiers, you must sign in at briefing to be able to compete.

Driver, Observer & Skier Briefing is at the Coomealla Club on Friday 1st November at 6.00 pm. *Dress Code applies-No Singlets or hats. No thongs after 8.00pm.

Entry Confirmation and RaceSafe collection from here from 4.00pm-7.00pm.

If there is any skier or non competing member that is likely to be a late sub as driver or observer they also must be briefed.

Drivers and Observers not able to attend Friday briefing must contact entries@milduraskiclub.org to arrange late briefing.

Breathalysing

On Saturday all Competitors in the Saturday Expert event will be breath tested at the Judges tent between 6.30am and 7.30am.

Competitors please note that if you have breath tested in the morning you do not have to re-test. All competitor's breath testing for Social, Veterans and Disabled Classes will be breath tested at the Wentworth Rowing Club 6.30am – 7.30am or 10am -11 am.

There is NO breath testing at Apex turn around or Coomealla ramp.
Sunday all competitors will be breath tested at the Judges Tent before the start of the days racing.
This will be done between 7am and 8am

SRA membership card and skiers' helmets are required at Breath Testing.

***Please note: Under SRA Rule 8.2 (i)(i) NO FOOD OR DRINK is to be consumed in the Breathalysing line.**

No competitor – Driver, Observer or Skier may consume alcohol prior to the vessel being removed from the water. Disqualification will apply.

All competitors must obey all instructions from any officials, whether SRA, SRV, MDSC or volunteers. Volunteers and Officials will be easily recognisable as they will be wearing fluoro vests (Section 82). Remember that we as a sport rely on volunteers to ensure that our sport runs smoothly, please treat them with respect. The SRA code of conduct is very clear and there will be instant disqualification of any abuse of an official.

Trailer Car park

Boats Launching at the Wentworth Rowing Club will need to come into the ramp from car park marked road at rowing club. From here they will be instructed by the Ramp Marshall. When the boat has been launched, they will then make their way back to the trailer park via wharf road. Remember this is a **PUBLIC ROADWAY. ► All competitors must be out of the boat and off the trailer in this area. There is no road closures-this is open to all public-be aware!**
☞ **There is NO Camping allowed in the rowing club parking area!**

Competitors doing double runs on Saturday morning and afternoon will be take priority. The Ramp Marshall will have a full up to date list of those needing priority.

There is no refuelling in the water or in the trailer park. Those of you needing to refuel will need to go to a service station as there is no refuelling area set up. This is the same at the Apex Park. You will be allowed to retrieve your boat however there **is no refuelling in the car park**. You will need to allow yourself enough time to go into Mildura and refuel at a service station.

☞ **Please note: all trailer parking areas are NON-SMOKING AREAS!**

When you finish, at the Apex Park end you will need to continue upstream around the beach to the river closed buoy. Here you will drop your skiers in a straight line. Pull your skiers to the boat and idle towards the shore. They must be instructed to hold the handles and be pulled to the boat! No idling along shore line-Paddle or walk your boat to your parking position. Starting of boats whilst on trailers will NOT be permitted

When finishing at the Wentworth End in the Darling River you will be required to go under the bridge through the two "Green" marked spans. From here you will need to continue up the river until just before the river closed buoy. Once again here you will drop your skiers in a straight line. Pull your skiers to the boat and idle towards the shore.

***WARNING NO WASH. Do not turn around to pick up your skiers. They must be instructed to hold the handles and be pulled to the boat!**

At the Wentworth finish line if you cannot idle at a slow enough pace to not cause a wash for boats finishing please get someone to tow you in. If you put up a wash you will be **DISQUALIFIED, as it is about safety of other competitors finishing. Going under the Bridge in Wentworth is permissible at a safe speed. After you have retrieved your boat and are exiting the ramp - above the top of the ramp is a **PUBLIC ROADWAY**. ► All competitors must be out of the boat and off the trailer in this area. There is no road closures-this is open to all public-be aware!**

Bow riding is not permitted, unless you are moving towards the start line. When skiers are on the bow of the boat you are strictly prohibited to exceed 4 knots or walking pace (Conditions of Exemption). *No Bow riding permitted during practise-skiers must be in the boat.

→When in boats all competitors must wear life jackets at all times!

Racing

Start Procedure

At all three Start areas odd numbers will start to the left hand side of the river while Even Numbers will be to the right hand side of the river.

All boats will start at 1-minute intervals on both legs both days.

The procedure at the start will be as follows. There will be a hooter sounded to announce 10mins to the start of the first boat.

- At 5 minutes to start the National flag and the Green Flag will be raised.
- At 30 seconds to start the Green Flag will be lowered and skiers can enter the water.
- The National Flag will be lowered to start the race and the first boat will be away.
- Both Flags will be raised again
- At 30 seconds to start the Green Flag will be raised allowing skiers to enter the water.
- The National flag will then be lowered to start that boat.

The start line at Wentworth will be between the starter's tower on the right and the Orange Buoy on the Left.

We will be timing all races off RaceSafe. It is the competitor's responsibility to make sure their RaceSafe is on and working. There will be an information sheet on how to operate your RaceSafe in your competitor pack, please make sure you have read this and are familiar on how to operate your Racesafe.

Results will be posted at Wentworth Start Line and on Facebook. Team Captains will receive an SMS message when their class results are posted. Please check results for penalties so appropriate queries can be sorted early!

Saturdays Racing

Expert

Approx start time 8.30 am your start position for Saturday's Expert racing will be based on the number you have been given in your race pack.

This will be your number at both the start of Leg 1 and Leg 2. There will be no reseeding of boats for the return leg.

This should make the turnaround at Apex Park hassle free. So please have your crews ready to go.

Times will be posted at the Rowing Club during the afternoon and competitors will be emailed their boat number for their start position on Sunday.

SUNDAY Race Numbers are supplied MDSC and will be available to collect from breath testing at Wentworth Rowing Club on Sunday morning.

Social

Your start position for Social will be based on the number you have been given in your race pack.

This will be your number at both the start of Leg 1 and Leg 2. There will be no reseeding of boats for the return leg.

This will be started from Wentworth Rowing Club at approximately 2.00pm.

The start procedure will be as outlined earlier in the briefing with one boat every minute.

At Coomealla you will not be reseeded.

The start line will be off the concrete Mooring next to the boat ramp and will require boats to Marshall upstream from here.

There will be a start boat located on the Coomealla ramp side of the river with two orange world buoys on either side.

Veterans, Senior Social, Disabled and Tadpoles

Will be starting at Coomealla boat ramp at approximately 3.30pm.

Crews please note there will be no Ramp Marshal at the Coomealla Boat ramp, it is up to you to get your boat into the water.

There will be a 5-minute gap between the last social boat and the first Veterans boat.

The start line will be off the concrete Mooring next to the boat ramp and will require boats to Marshall upstream from here. There will be a start boat located on the Coomealla ramp side of the river.

Sunday Racing

Sunday's racing will begin at 9am with boats away in the order they qualified.

All boats will leave the start area at 1 minute intervals.

The return leg will be seeded based on fastest to slowest times.

If you have a slow first leg please be mindful of safety on the way home and race to conditions.

Please note random scrutineering, both Safety and Technical, may be requested by the Chief Judge/Chief Scrutineer. Boats will be required to stay at the Wentworth Rowing Club car park.

The race numbers you were issued are correct and the start time will vary depending on how quickly everyone can be ready for a turn around.

Any boats breaking down **must** advise Race Control. Mobile coverage on the river is quite good so there should be no excuse for not phoning in.

The Racesafe number is on the sticker given to you in your race packs.

If you are retrieving yourselves, you **must** still advise Race Control via the Racesafe number.

Your failure to do this will result in disqualification of the whole team for next year's Murray Darling 110 Classic. It will also delay the start of the race for the remainder of other competitors.

We cannot restart the turn around until all boats are accounted for.

Race day reports are required on both days and must left at the Judges tent in the marked box.

Any boat which breaks down on course is to stay on the side of the river, the sweep boat will check in with you on the way through, then you will be instructed to wait until after the return leg and we will then retrieve you.

If you Break down or have a fall remember you are not to move along the river except in "Race Trim" Race Trim means the nominal amount of skiers skiing in the upright position.

If there is a medical emergency, press the "SOS" button on your RaceSafe as well as waving your medical flag to the next oncoming boat, if you are the next boat and you see a medical flag being waved, wave your medical flag as you go past the next course boat checkpoint.

If you see a boat with an emergency, please push your "SOS" button and follow the prompts, as well as waving your medical flag at the next course boat.

Presentations

Presentations will be held at Coomealla Club after all racing has finished on Sunday.

Commencing from 4.00pm.

Have a fantastic weekend, and safe racing!