

Robinvale Euston Ski Race 2018

General Race Briefing Sheet

(more information may be given out at event)

There will be a special briefing for all Dash competitors on Saturday 11th March 11:30am at the Community Centre. All Drivers, Observers and Skiers must attend.

Online Briefing: Competitors will be able to do online from Monday 6th March.

Briefing Attendance: 6:45am at the Community Centre for any crew members that have not passed or completed online briefing – Drivers, Observers and Skiers.

Rules: *This event is run under the rules of Ski Racing Australia.*

It is every competitor's responsibility to be fully aware of all SRA rules and rules listed below for this event.

Noise restrictions apply on the river. **No boats are to travel on the river after 7.00 pm.**

No bow riding over 4 knots at any time, you will be penalised under Maritime Law if this occurs.

Rules of the Event

- Ramps. No boat is to be launched on the course from 15 minutes prior to start time of either race except from start ramp. The river is closed
- No fuelling on ramp or blocking of ramp.
- There is to be **NO REFUELLING** at the turnaround area, or between events in the Caravan Park or trailer park. Please carry enough fuel in the boat, to complete the race.
- There is to be **NO REFUELLING** in the water at anytime
- Odd numbers far NSW bank even numbers VIC near bank.
- You are able to go under the bridge whilst slowing down. Do not race under the bridge as Maritime NSW penalties may apply.
- Penalties will apply to any boat that does not move to the right hand side of the river to allow another boat clear passage. **Observers this is your responsibility.** This can be viewed via Racesafe and many competitors now have cameras on boats, don't be a Wally move over early and give way.
- No member of the crew will extend any part of their body outside of the perimeter of the vessel whilst underway.
- Prior to moving all team members will be safely seated with the only time skiers are on the deck is for starting purposes or strictly idle under 4km per hour back to shore.

Start Procedure

- **Observers please ensure all skiers all well clear of the boat before instructing driver to run out ropes.**
- 30 seconds between boats for all Saturday morning racing Social Classes.
- Saturday afternoon, 2 minutes between Superclass and Invitational Dash, 1 minute for all other classes.
- Sunday, First Leg: 1 minute between first 40 boats then 30 seconds for remainder of boats

- Saturday and Sunday Second Leg; 30 seconds between all boats which will be re-seeded according to first leg finish time.
- Two flags will be raised at 10 minutes to start of first boat. Green flag to be lowered at 30 sec to go, skiers into water, Australian flag dropped to signal start.
- Thereafter the 2 or 1 minute time will be signalled by the raising of both flags, green flag dropped at 30 sec and Australian flag on go. Thereafter for 30-second starts signal will be given by the Australian flag being raised immediately after dropping at which time skiers may then enter the water boats can then take up the slack in the ski line. The lowering of the Australian flag will signal the start.
- All starts will be tight rope deep water starts. Engines must be at idle, do not power up before dropping of the flag or go command. Skiers must be pulled out in a straight line. No whipping at the start will be permitted.
- Do not cross the start line. (Penalties apply)
- If start aborted, this will be signalled by the crossing of two flags, to be raised from start boat. As soon as Chief Judge gives OK for start to continue 2 flags will be uncrossed and raised signalling **3 minutes** to start, Green flag to be lowered at 30sec to go, skiers into water, Australian flag dropped to signal start.
- If you miss your start. You must turn towards the closest bank, idle back down your rope, **no wide fast turns.** Penalties apply.

Whilst racing

- Race to the conditions at all times, be mindful of wildlife on the river.
- Safety markers are in place to guide you when approaching snags etc, do not cut corners
- Drivers are to obey any flags flown from official boats, i.e. a RED flag shown takes precedence over any instructions on race safe unit
- In a Red flag situation you must stop immediately on sighting Red flag or Race Safe message, pull your skiers into boat, and display orange flag. Wait for further instructions, when told to do so you may proceed to indicated ramp, single file, no passing, max speed of 30mph, no bow riding, all skiers to be seated in boat, Race Safe can be used to track speed, and penalties will apply.
- Orange/Yellow Marker buoys are in the river to identify shallow areas, please keep clear of these and do not travel on such a course that your skiers are forced to ski inside these. These are safety markers with disqualification if any team's boat or skiers are on the inside.
- Invincible bend is marked with lead in buoy on the way down and an orange arrow indicating direction of bend. On the way back a buoy is in place the corner prior which is a left hander before the right hand turn
- Do not proceed along the course unless in full race order, one skier in the boat does not comply.
- Skiers are reminded of SRA rules that all skiers must ski in the wash. Penalties will apply.
- If boat or skier problem occurs do not proceed along course at slow speed causing a hindrance to other teams.
- If you stop for any reason, you must display your orange flag. This means on every occasion, even when idling back to bank at finish. If stopped out on river an orange flag must be up at all times until you are retrieved.
- When stopped follow the prompts on Race Safe so race control know your situation.

- In the case of a fallen skier, clear the course of your ropes and protect your skiers. If a team member is injured – use your Race safe unit and phone to advise race control display/wave your “Blue and White Medical flag” to the next boat.
- Place your orange “V Sheet” on the deck of the boat if chopper required.
- If you see a boat waving Blue and White Medical flag, signal to the next Marshall Boat by waving your Blue and White Medical flag as you pass, and give report to the Race Co-ordinator at the finish line or Officials at the turn around point immediately you finish.
- Be aware that if there is an incident a rescue craft or Jet Ski may be on course. If so, slow down and give way.

• **Injuries: If you have an injured crew member - FOLLOW the prompts on Racesafe first.**

- ***IF YOU HAVE A SERIOUS INJURED TEAM MEMBER, CALL THE EMERGENCY NUMBER ON 1800 722 372. This is the same number at all classic events so ensure it is saved in your phones.***
- Safety boats are instructed to report incidents, but are to remain on station unless ordered to attend by Race Control.
SRV recommends that all teams use a Telstra phone as this is the only provider that covers the entire race course.
- Any Team who retrieves themselves after breakdown without immediately notifying Racesafe 1800 722 372 will not be allowed to enter next year’s race.
- If there are any injuries or boat damage, an incident report must be completed, you may also need to complete a Maritime report, please see the Chief Judge for these. **All injuries and boat damage must be reported**
- If you believe you are sinking, please beach your boat and it will be retrieved later.
- If your boat breaks down, pull in close to the bank and remain there until advised by the sweep boat if a rescue boat can pull you out. If you are close to a ramp you will be towed to it after the race, otherwise you will remain there until all boats on the return leg have passed. Orange flag to be in place.
- Observers, you are to have full view of your skiers at all times, not lying on bottom of seat, you must be able to view passing or passed boats to inform Driver.
- Drivers are to drive to the water conditions at all times. Drive in middle of river unless being overtaken.

Turnaround point

- Halfway turn around - proceed to the run-out area before dropping skiers, and idle or walk your boats back to the marshalling area in finish order on Victorian side only.
- Start at the halfway mark will be advised via your Racesafe unit, this will be your start time and new start position based on your finishing time for the first leg. All boats will start 30sec apart at half way. If there are concerns please check with the judges.
- For the restart at the turnaround area, all boats must allow starting boats priority in the start area. Do not crowd.
- The current will push boats forward; hang back until your turn.

Finish Area

- At the finish, slow and proceed to the run out area. Stop in a straight line and pull skiers to boat. Do not drop skiers off in the proximity of the finish line; leave it clear for other competitors. Proceed towards Bridge and when approx. 30m away and safe to do so IDLE across course to Vic bank and then continue to IDLE to boat ramp. Do not put up a wash if so you will be disqualified
- Boats proceeding back onto the course after finishing will be disqualified.
- **Orange flag to be displayed.**
- Drain plugs on boats are not to be removed on ramps and may only be removed when vessel is well away from ramp area.

General Information

- It is all competitors' responsibility to know the rules of the class they are racing in and must adhere to these rules.
- All competitors should be conversant with the use of Race Safe unit. All prompts are to be replied to immediately, do not allow skiers or equipment to cover aerial of unit at any time even when stopped. The team must install the unit correctly in the boat and ensure connections are tight, notify Race Safe prior to the start if any problems arise or are found. Your boat may be impounded if your Race Safe unit is thought to have been tampered with. This is an important emergency location device and **must not be tampered with**.
- The Trailer Area for cars and trailers will be available from 7:00am, park yourselves leaving room for others and proceed to the ramp in an orderly manner ONLY when you are ready to launch ensuring you have a driver who can back a trailer.
- If you choose to practice on Friday remember, normal navigation rules apply. Boats will be travelling in both directions, drive to correct side of river, drive to water conditions. There are no official practice times.
- Noise restrictions apply (85 decibel) do not travel after 7.00 p.m. on the water – you will be penalised.
- Travel in the middle of the river at all times, except where marker buoys guide you otherwise, or you are being passed.
- All protests must be in writing and must comply with SRA procedures in the Rule Book, on an Official Protest form, available from the Chief Judge.
- Remember - NSW Maritime Rules apply.
- The SRA Code of Conduct applies to competitors and support crews. Remember that you act as an ambassador for the sport and your behaviour reflects on all ski racers who will be judged by others accordingly.
- Unofficial fireworks are banned and the Police along with the SRA Code of Conduct will deal with anyone letting off fireworks.
- Random testing for alcohol and drugs may be undertaken at any time.
- Drive at walking pace whilst in the caravan park area.
- Co-operate with Officials.
- **There is to be no persons in the boats, whilst they are moving on land. Police have advised us, that they will be booking offenders**

- **Be early.** No preference will be given to teams that are late.
- There will be post race scrutineering please listen to the PA for information, as to the time and the location of scrutineering. You are required to attend within 30 minutes from when provisional results are posted. It is up to you to find out whether you need to attend.
- **Abuse of any Official will mean instant disqualification.**
- Ski race handles may be inspected. A reminder that handles that lock together, or clinch type gloves are not permitted. Boat drivers and observers will be responsible for breaches of this infringement as they are outside our insurance guidelines.
- For all 60mph and 70mph boats, launching and retrieval will be only from Euston Boat Ramp, **no other teams are to use this ramp for launching**
- For all Smoc and Moc boats, launching and retrieval only from the Bridge boat ramp with your tow car and trailer parked well away from the area. **No other teams are to use this ramp for launching**

At the end of racing

- At the end of each day's racing and before 6pm all teams are to have completed their Race Day reports and hand in at Official house boat
- Failure to complete the Race Day report books for each day of racing will result in a penalty and no times will be issued.
- An Incident report will need to be completed if an incident does occur. A Maritime report also must be completed.
- An incident is defined as any occurrence that results in a competitor needing to seek medical attention whether at the scene or following any competition, or major damage to a boat or property.

NSW MARITIME AUTHORITY RULES:

- All vessels including competitor's boats and Official boats are prohibited from carrying intoxicating liquor whilst on course.
- All Official vessels including start and finish vessels are only to carry officials from Ski Racing Victoria or persons authorized by the Chairperson of Ski Racing Victoria.
- No competing vessels are to be tied to the start and finish vessels at any time.
- Competing vessel crews, including driver, observer and skiers are prohibited from having in their possession or consuming any intoxicating liquor until their vessel is removed from the water following completion of their race.
- All damaged or sunken vessels to be removed from the water prior to the end of the day. It is the boat owner's responsibility to pay for all costs when retrieving vessels from the river.

SCRUTINEERING:

There will only be scrutineering for all inboard boats to check that steel traces are in place as per SRA rules. These will be checked as you enter the water at main ramp or Euston ramp. **NO inboards are to be launched at any other ramp.**

This year we will be running Racesafe timing and using Racesafe to distribute turn around times and start order. Ensure your unit is correctly fitted, if your fitting point for Racesafe is somewhere else for cosmetic reasons or not continuous power because you are worried a little unit will flatten your battery, change it so correct before you arrive in Robinvale.

All boats must present their SRA log book at sign in to obtain information sheets and passes. **NO LOG BOOK NO START.**

BREATH TESTING

As per SRA Rules compulsory breath testing will be conducted daily for all crew members and officials.

You must produce SRA membership card at breath testing and Briefings.

Skiers must bring their helmets to Breath Testing for Scrutineer check.

Anyone doing a late sub is required to arrange a breath test.

Zero tolerance will be enforced. Anyone who does not undertake a breath test will NOT be permitted to race.

Saturday morning from 6.30am to 8.00am at Robinvale Community Centre

Saturday from 11.00am to 12.00 noon at Robinvale Community Centre for afternoon racing if you have not tested in the morning session.

Sunday from 7.00am to 8.30am at Robinvale Community Centre.

Compound

Strictly no alcohol can be brought in this means vans etc on lawn. Any persons found with glass containers will be asked to leave.

Lawn will be 5 Superclass boats plus top 5 starting invitational Dash boats on Saturday. On Sunday, 5 Superclass and top 5 finishing boats from invitational dash.

- Any team / team member DISQUALIFIED may not be permitted to race in the Robinvale Euston Ski Race in that year or following year.
- The Chief Judge and the Committee have the right to give summary judgments on any happening unforeseen in these rules.
- Any deliberate breach of the above rules may incur DISQUALIFICATION.

Results

Results will be published on the Ski Racing Victoria web page www.waterskiracing.com

Safe racing to you all and have a great weekend.