

### **Welcome to the Barwon River, Geelong.**

The Geelong Rowing Association (GRA) endeavours to provide a top class racing and training venue for the overall benefit of the sport of rowing and its participants.

As we all are well aware, repairs to rowing equipment can be a very expensive exercise and together with physical injuries caused by boat accidents, such mishaps can be extremely disappointing and disruptive to the aspirations of rowers and crews from clubs and schools.

To this, traffic rules for any rowing/regatta venue are essential but more importantly, these rules need to be adhered to by ALL river users.

Please find below, general river rules for the Barwon River for both regatta and non regatta days.

Regatta days are defined as days on which racing will be held. Many clubs and schools arrive on the eve of or stay on after regattas held on the Barwon River. The GRA encourages such practice, however, it should be remembered that different traffic rules apply for normal training times than those applying for a regatta.

NOTE: For the Head of the Schoolgirls, the regatta organisers may elect to declare some days prior to the regatta as “regatta days” – please consult the organising committee if unsure.

Each boat shed on the Barwon has a copy of the traffic rules for the river. In addition, copies of the traffic flow rules are displayed in the boat shed area during regattas.

### **Training Camps**

The GRA strongly encourages and fully supports training camps on the Barwon River. As the clear majority of training camps are held outside of regattas, Clubs and schools are reminded that Standard River rules will apply for their crews during the training camp. In the past, some clubs and schools have applied Regatta Day Traffic rules during a training camp whereas Standard River Rules should have been applied. If coming to Geelong for a training camp, please ensure you and your crews are fully aware of both the Standard River Rules and the Regatta Day Traffic Rules

### **Declared Regatta Days – Season 2006-2007**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2007 – Barwon Regatta.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2007 – Morongo Regatta.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2007 – Firbank Regatta.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2007 - Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2007 – GRA Masters Regatta.

### **2006-2007 River Bookings for Non Rowing Events**

Please be advised that the Barwon River may be booked for non rowing events such as a canoe regatta, water ski event or similar. Known dates are listed below, however, please contact the GRA representatives listed below in regards possible other non rowing river bookings.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2006 – Noon till dusk – Ski Boats. Rowing permitted up to 11.45am

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2006 – Noon till dusk – Ski Boats. Rowing permitted up to 11.45am

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2006 – Noon till dusk – Ski Boats. Rowing permitted up to 11.45am

Between & inclusive of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2006 to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007, rowing permitted only before 10am.

From 10.00am onwards on each day till dusk between these dates, ski boats have use of the river.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2007 – Noon till dusk – Ski boats. Rowing permitted up to 11.45am

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2007 – Noon till dusk – Ski boats. Rowing permitted up to 11.45am

NOTE: River is open for rowing AT ALL times upstream of the Princes (Shannon Ave) Bridge – Melways 451 E9. It is recommended that clubs/schools wishing to row upstream of the Princes Bridge during a river closure, use the Newtown/Fyans park area to launch boats – refer Melways 451 C6.

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## STANDARD River Rules Barwon River, Geelong (NON REGATTA DAYS)

1. Boats will be launched and landed facing upstream.
2. Boats will travel upstream as close as practicable to the NORTH bank. (Rowing sheds side)
3. Boats will travel downstream as close as practicable to the SOUTH bank.
4. No crews are to travel more than three (3) abreast downstream and two (2) abreast upstream.
5. Crews working downstream shall have right of way.
6. Slow moving or stationary crews must keep close to the bank.
7. Crews turning shall give way to all other crews and turn only when it is safe to do so.
8. Crews must not proceed beyond marker buoys downstream of the rowing reserve near Landy Field.
9. Crews must be off the river by midday on Sundays.
10. All crews must have a bow and stern light between sunset and sunrise. Appropriate Lights:  
A constant white light located on the bow of the boat and a flashing white light located on the stern of the boat.  
Both lights are to be visible from 360 degrees.
11. Crews are not to race/row at full pressure, downstream of the Moorabool St bridge.

12. At all times, crews are responsible for their own safety and that of those around them, even when doing set pieces of work in the correct lane.

### 13 Coaching Boats.

13.1 One coaching boat per “clubhouse” is to be on the water at any given time unless between the hours on 10.00am to 3.00pm on weekdays only, when more than one coaching boat is allowed. Public holidays are classed as Saturdays.

13.2 In regards to schools/clubs on rowing camps in Geelong, the same rule shall apply, that is one coaching boat per club/school on the water at any given time, unless between the hours on 10.00am to 3.00pm on weekdays only, when more than one coaching boat is allowed.

13.3 Coaching boat/s are to be used for Senior crews only.

13.4 No coaching boats are to be used during regattas. Coaching boats are not permitted to “idle” through a regatta, unless specific on the day permission is granted by the regatta secretary or official.

The GRA encourages the use of coaching boats in a manner that such use creates minimal disturbance to other river users. Common courtesy should be shown to other river users by the operators/drivers of coaching boats.

14 Megaphones. Please use common sense when using megaphones in the early mornings as the Barwon River passes through residential areas, especially upstream of the Princes Bridge. It is recommended that megaphones are not used prior to 9.00am on weekdays and 10.00am on weekends.

- 15 Standard river rules apply for all days other than Declared Regatta Days. For all regattas, the course buoys are installed prior to the day. When buoys are installed and the day is not a Declared Regatta Day, then Standard River Rules shall apply and crews are to use the buoyed lanes as follows:
- Lane 1 - (closest to north Bank/rowing clubs side) Slow moving/stopping crews upstream.
  - Lane 2 - continuous rowing upstream.
  - Lane 3 - continuous rowing downstream.
  - Lane 4 - continuous rowing downstream,
  - Access Lane - slow moving/stopping crews downstream.
- NOTE: At the Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta, the Friday immediately prior to this regatta is a Declared Regatta Day.
- 16 Crews/Scullers are not to row in the ski boat transit lane on the south side of the river opposite Corio Bay Clubhouse. The transit lane is defined by the line of buoys commencing from the west side of the ski boat ramp and extending east to Landy Field

# Finish Line/Boat Shed Areas – Regatta Day Traffic Flow

Moorabool St

North Bank

Bridge

Barwon RC

Geel. College

Geel Gramm

GRA

Corio Bay RC

Judges Box



Lane 1

Lane 2

Lane 3

Lane 4

Raced Crews

To Start

Crews to launch with bows pointing downstream

Incoming crews to give way to ALL crews launching

Line of red buoys

To start

Crews from warmdown.

Eastern Turning Buoy

South Bank

NOT TO SCALE

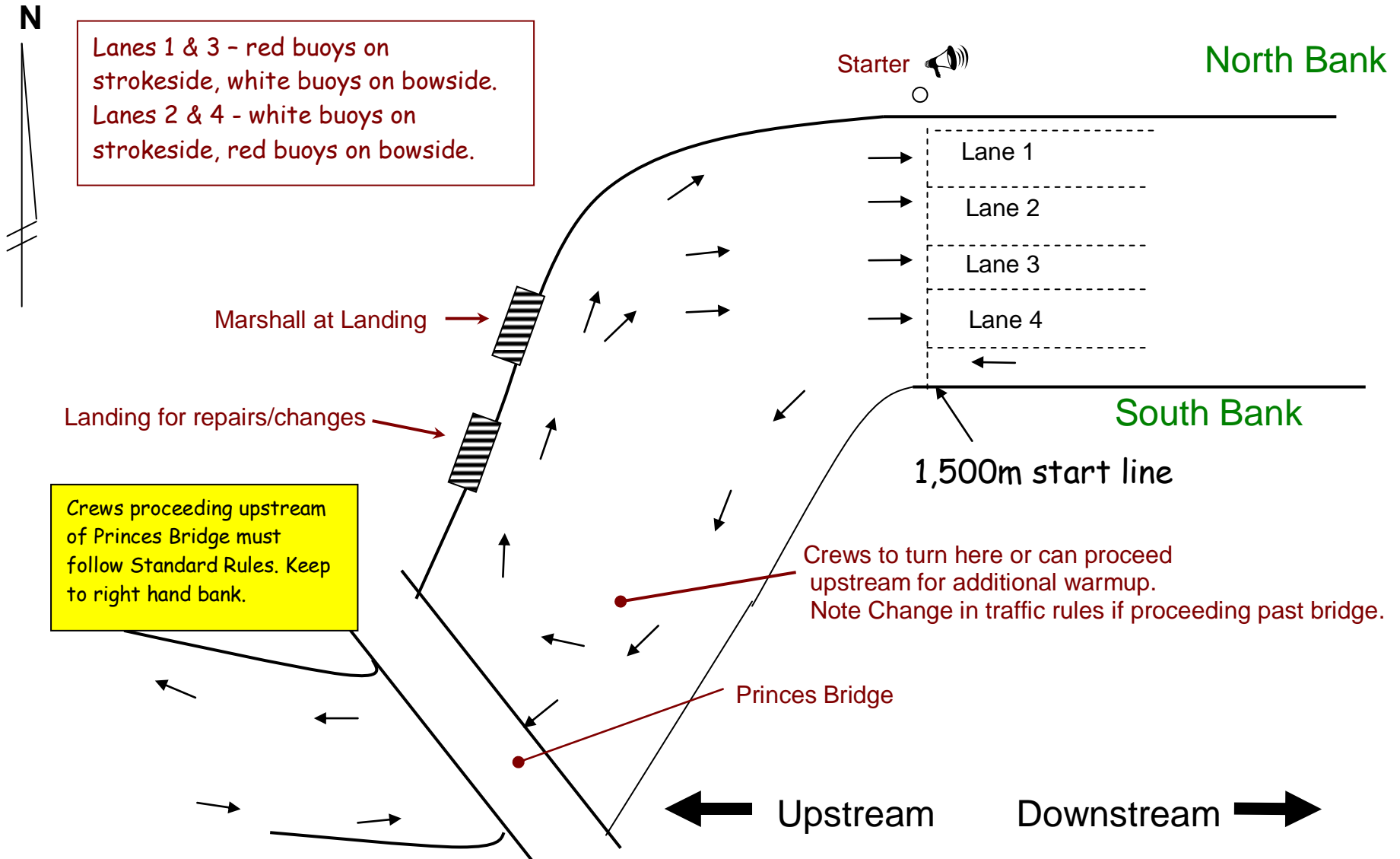
← Upstream

Downstream →

Crews proceeding to the start must do so in single file and MUST NOT STOP in the access lane. Crews MUST NOT OVERTAKE other crews in the access lane.

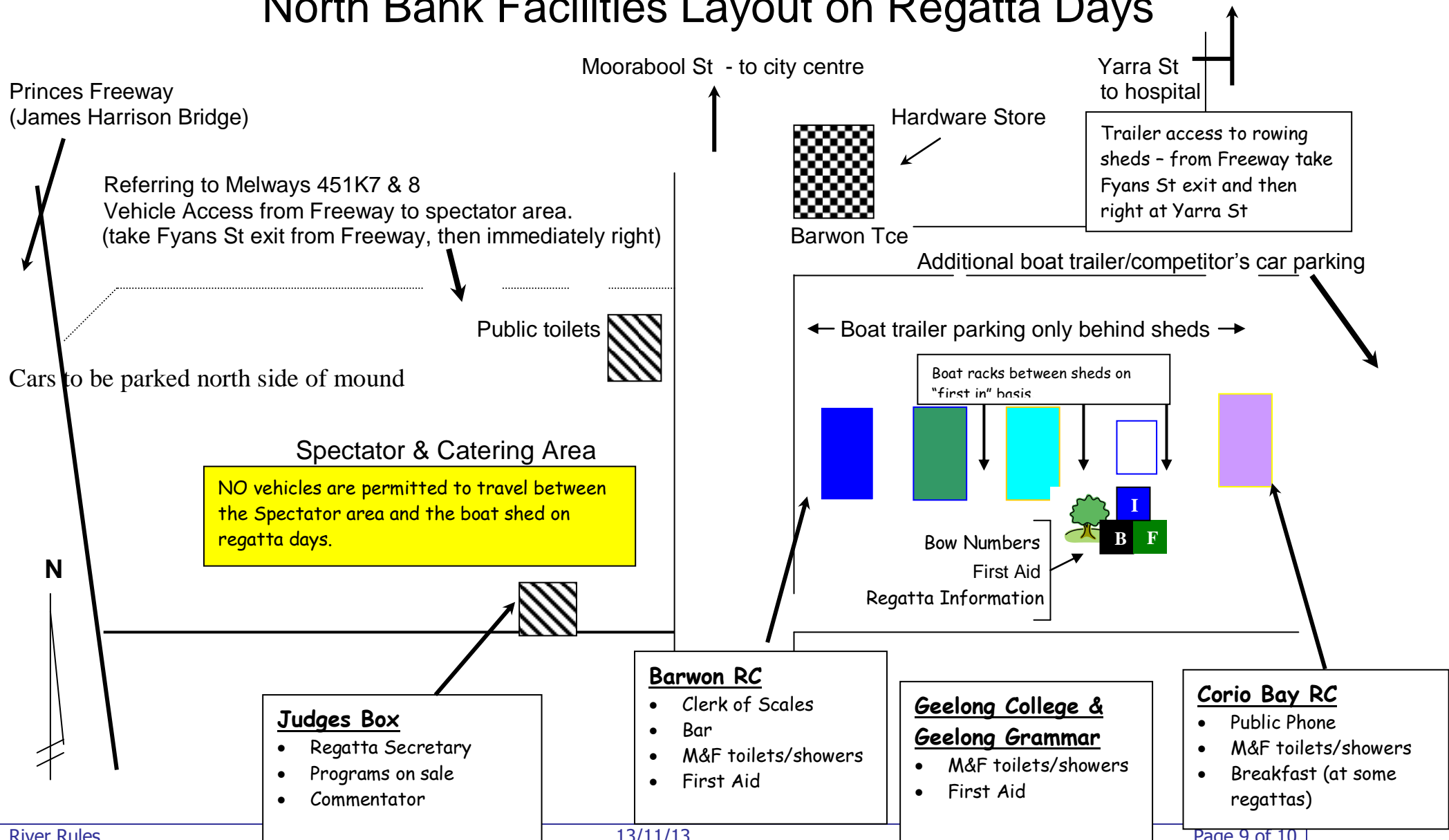
Crews proceeding to start must proceed around Eastern turning buoy. Crews boating and also "raced" crews may proceed downstream of Corio Bay RC for warm up/warm down. Crews who have warmed down are to proceed along south bank to last buoy and turn between bridge and buoy and return to landing as per "raced" crews

# 1500m Start/Princes Bridge Area – Regatta Day Traffic Flow





# North Bank Facilities Layout on Regatta Days



# Barwon River Non Regatta Day Traffic Rules

North Bank

