



## **Saltwater Challenge**

### **A 4.5 Km Time Trial Rowed in Quad Sculls**

**Maribyrnong River Melbourne**  
**Saturday 13th September 2008**

### **BULLETIN 1**

**Essendon Rowing Club extends a warm invitation to all quad scullers to participate in the 2008 Saltwater Challenge to be held on the Maribyrnong River Melbourne.**

- **Trophies for all race winners**
- **Special prize for the crew with the greatest winning margin**
- **Perpetual shield presentation for the male and female crews with the fastest time**

**The event will commence at 11.00 am and conclude at 4 pm on Saturday 13th September 2008.**

### **Entries**

Entries for the regatta will **CLOSE on Sunday 7th September 2008.**

**Entry fee: \$10.00 per seat** (incl. GST) [excludes coxswains]. Interstate crews chosen to represent their state are free.

**All entries should be made on-line via the Rowing Australia ROMS system.**

Each club has a designated 'super-user' who is authorised to access the ROMS entry system. If you are unsure as to whom in your club has this authority, contact your club or school co-ordinator. All competitors intending to enter the 2008 Saltwater Challenge **MUST** be listed in the ROMS database prior to the entry being made.

Clubs will be invoiced by Rowing Victoria for entry fees once entries have closed. To assist in processing invoices and servicing enquiries please make sure your club's contact details are up to date at RV. Please e-mail Jenny Schouten ([finance@rowingvictoria.asn.au](mailto:finance@rowingvictoria.asn.au)) with the name and address of your club, and name, e-mail and phone number of the appropriate contact person prior to the close of entries.

### **The Hosts**

Essendon Rowing Club Inc is the host of the 2008 Saltwater Challenge. The Club is located at 48 The Boulevard, Moonee Ponds Vic 3039. Telephone: 03 9370 1973. Fax: 03 9370 1979. Website: <http://www.essrc.com/>

ERC has been established since 1880 and has consistently been judged by Rowing Victoria as one of the best regatta hosts in Victoria.

### **Enquiries**

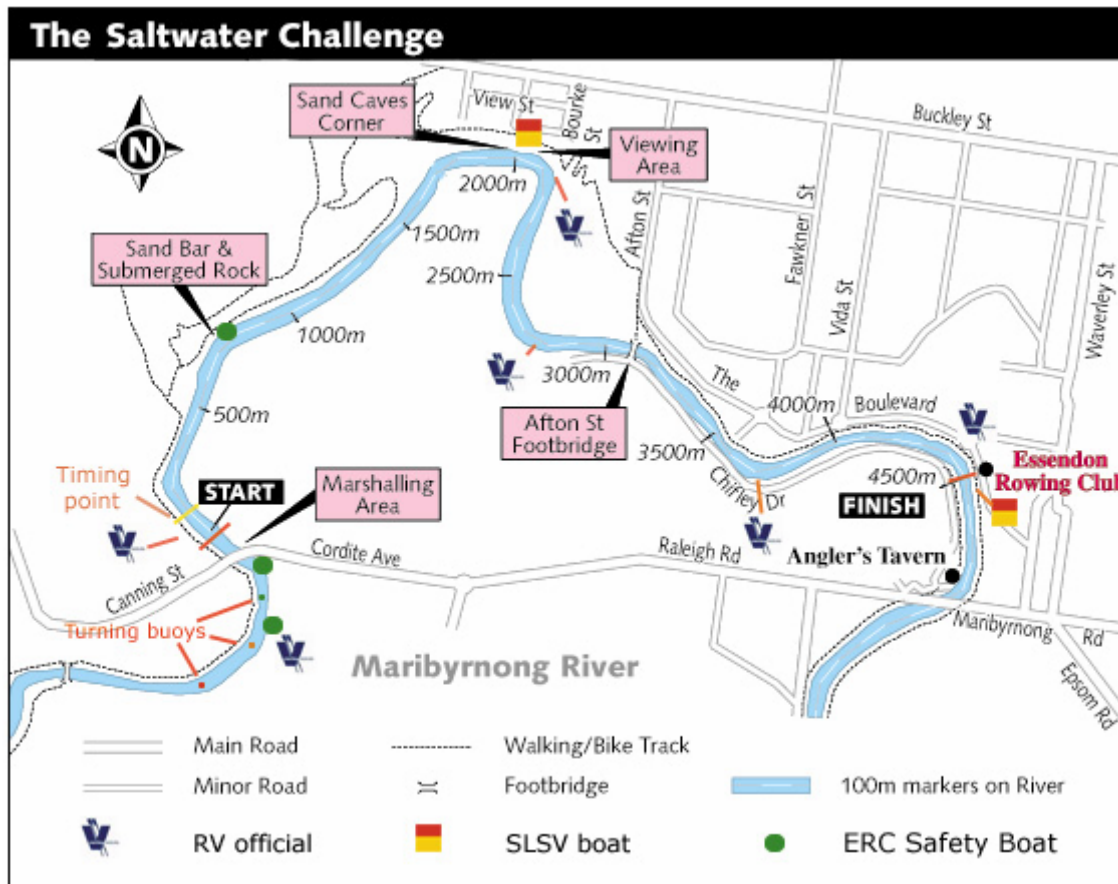
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Mobile: 0418 365 813. E-mail: [markdwyer1@hotmail.com](mailto:markdwyer1@hotmail.com) or club, schools & interstate crews liaison officer Frank Camiller (03) 9379-7799.  
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**Essendon Rowing Club from the river**

## The course

The Saltwater Challenge is a series of time trial races on the Maribyrnong River, Melbourne. The course is 4.5 Km long; commencing upstream at the Tea Gardens reserve near Canning Street bridge Avondale Heights and finishing close to the Essendon Rowing Club, located corner Holmes Road and The Boulevard Moonee Ponds. Refer to the map and picture below.



## Event History

Back in 2002 long time ERC member Frank Camiller proposed and sponsored the first Saltwater Challenge as a 4.5 Km time trial for quad sculls on the picturesque Maribyrnong River. He envisaged that the event could grow to favourably compare with the famous Head of the Yarra sweep oar race for eights.

The first SWC was run in 2002 with 21 entries and every year since then the event has increased in popularity and has been conducted with increased professionalism. Recent SWC events have attracted elite State representative crews, former Olympians and a steady increase in the number of competitors.

Last year 70 quads competed.



The view from Lily Street Park. Five quads approaching Sand Caves 120° corner

## The Race Program

The organisers have incorporated a morning and afternoon split race program that will facilitate boat sharing and attract a greater number of competitors. Also many scullers will be able to row the course a second time. E.g., male and female masters and club crews racing in the morning can row in mixed masters and mixed club crews in the afternoon. Refer to the race and time-line tables on the next page.

Composite crews are acceptable and will be welcomed in all masters and A club grades. Rowers 27 years and over competing club B, C, and D grades in the morning should consider entering the afternoon bracket as mixed masters or mixed club races.

Race	Bracket A	Boat Class
1	Women's D Quad Scull	Coxed
2	Women's C Quad Scull	Coxed
3	Men's D Quad Scull	Coxed
4	Women's B Quad Scull	Coxed
5	Men's B Quad Scull	Coxed
6	Women's Masters Quad Scull	Coxed or coxless
7	Men's Masters Quad Scull	Coxed or coxless
Race	Corporate Event	
8	Men's, Women's, & Mixed Corporate Crews	Coxed
Race	Bracket B	Boat Class
9	School Girls Quad Scull	Coxed
10	School Boys Quad Scull	Coxed
11	Men's C Quad Scull	Coxed
12	Mixed Masters Quad Scull	Coxed & coxless (2-men, 2-women)
13	Mixed Club Quad	Coxed (2-men, 2-women)
14	Women's A Quad Scull	Coxed or coxless
15	Men's A Quad Scull	Coxed or coxless
16	Women's State Representative Quad Scull	Coxed or coxless
17	Men's State Representative Quad Scull	Coxed or coxless

### Event Timeline

Time	Activity
8 am	Signage and course set-up
9.am	Breakfast BBQ open for business
10:30 am	RV officials & ERC race volunteer briefing
11 am	Bracket A and corporate competitors' briefing
11:15 am	Dispatch bracket A session crews to start line marshalling area
12 noon	Commence rolling starts of crews in bracket A session races
12.30 pm	BBQ and buffet luncheon open for business
12:30 pm	Photos & video footage from bracket A session of racing projected upstairs
12:35 pm	Last bracket A session crew across finish line
12.45 pm	Dispatch corporate crews to start line marshalling area
1 pm	Bracket B competitors' briefing
1 30 pm	Commence rolling starts of corporate crews
2.15 pm	Last corporate crew across finish line
2.30 pm	Dispatch bracket B session crews to start line marshalling area
3.15 pm	Commence rolling starts of bracket B session crews
3.45 pm	Last bracket B session crew across finish line
4 pm	Boat loading & regatta pack-up
4:15 pm	Photos & video footage from all sessions of racing projected upstairs
4:45-5.30 pm	Trophy presentations upstairs

### Accommodation

As a special incentive for all Interstate clubs and crews, Essendon Rowing Club members have volunteered to provide billeted accommodation in their homes. But if you prefer to be independent, we can advise you on local motel/hotel establishments. We're working on some concessional rates. Please direct your enquiries to Frank Camiller phone 03) 9379 7799 or [camillerfm@bigpond.com](mailto:camillerfm@bigpond.com) and check subsequent Bulletins

### Rules

The regatta will be conducted according to the rules and laws of boat racing of Rowing Australia Inc. so far as they apply to the Saltwater Challenge event. The Rules may be downloaded from [http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/about\\_ra\\_rules.shtm](http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/about_ra_rules.shtm) Also the Rules as promulgated by Rowing Victoria apply so far as they are applicable. Refer

### Pre-event training

Competitors will be able to access the course for training at any time up to 15 minutes prior to competitors' briefing for Bracket A. Boats on the water before sunrise and after sunset are required to be equipped with lights.

## Car parking

Access to the club premises and car parking will be free to competitors, spectators, members, and event officials.

## Trailers and boat racking

Visiting crews are advised to bring their own boat slings and be prepared to use their trailers for boat racking.

Parking for trailers is on a first come first served basis.

Trailer drivers should accept the direction of venue staff and organising committee volunteers.

Secure accommodation of boats left overnight is available provided prior arrangements are made with the Event Co-ordinator Mark Dwyer. Mobile: 0418 365 813. E-mail: [markdwyer1@hotmail.com](mailto:markdwyer1@hotmail.com)

## Competitor facilities

Essendon Rowing Club provides toilets, showers, and change room facilities, good food, and a wide variety of alcoholic and health drinks for all competitors.

## Spectator facilities

Spectators may view the racing from:

- The excellent facilities of the Club's bar and function area overlooking the river at the end of the course. We'll also be screening photos and video of the event;
- Tea Gardens Reserve to view the start. Ample provision exists for car parking. Ref. Viewing area 1 on course map page 2 or (Melway ref. Map 27 G8)
- Lily Street Park, ref. viewing area 2 on course map page 2 or (Melway ref. Map 27 J4). Car parking is available;
- Riverside Park, ref. viewing area 3 on course map page 2 or Melway ref. Map 28 B7;
- Afton Street bridge ref. viewing area 4 on course map page 2 or Melway ref. Map 28 A6;
- Any of the other parks and pathways on either side of the river.

## Catering

Your hosts will be providing a breakfast BBQ downstairs and a buffet luncheon in the lounge upstairs with full bar service for competitors and spectators alike. Don't miss the film show and presentation of trophies, awards, and prizes from 3.30 pm onwards. Meet and interact with fellow competitors while you enjoy the top class relaxed hospitality of Essendon Rowing Club.

## Need a boat, a crew member, a row???

### Enquiries

Refer to the Saltwater Challenge link on <http://www.essrc.com> or event co-ordinator: Mark Dwyer mobile: 0418 365 813. E-mail: [markdwyer1@hotmail.com](mailto:markdwyer1@hotmail.com)



Post race pack-up. The last 10 to finish



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