

BOAT TRAFFIC RULES – LAKE BARRINGTON

SAFETY IS ALL IMPORTANT

NOTE: These Rules should be read in conjunction with the two charts at the end of this document marked “Training Periods Only” and “Racing & Training During Hours of Competition”.

BASIC RULES FOR ALL OCCASSIONS

1.1 Traffic flow generally will be in an anti-clockwise direction.

i.e. Eastern shore while moving North.
Western shore while moving South.

1.2 Lanes are marked 1 to 8 (8 lanes) from the Eastern shore.

1.3 Pontoons are numbered 1 to 4 from North to South.

Crews/scullers going out may only use pontoons 1 and 2 and shall proceed along the eastern shore toward the start.

Crews/scullers returning to shore may use only pontoons 3 and 4 which must be approached from the direction of the finish along the Eastern Shore.

1.4 Boats may only cross the course at one location – that is within the first 100 metres from the start, commonly called “the start zone”.

1.5 Any boat crossing the course within the start zone must do so with the GREATEST OF CARE POSSIBLE. During periods of competition, permission must be obtained from the Starter before proceeding across the course. Crews should wait to the side of the course, stroke and/or coxswain raise their hand and wait for starters permission/instructions.

1.6 Whether Racing or Training, crews and scullers should proceed at least 100 metres beyond the Finish Line before turning to the left, around the white buoy and proceeding back along the Eastern shore (adjacent to the Judges Tower) towards the pontoons. All crews and scullers are only to turn around the white marker buoy beyond the Finish, anti-clockwise, before returning in front of the Finish Tower. At no time is any crew or sculler who has finished a race, or completed a training row, to return in front of the Judges Tower without turning around the white buoy, nor to

cross any portion of the course. Crews are not to cross the line whilst a race is finishing.

- 1.7 It is recommended that crews do not proceed further than 3km past the start installation for safety reasons and in consideration of other Lake Barrington user groups.

TRAFFIC RULES – TRAINING

During periods other than those for competition, training may be undertaken provided all of the foregoing traffic rules are constantly obeyed and with the added provision for training on the buoyed course as follows:

- 2.1 Lanes 1, 2 and 3 may be used only in a Northerly direction (finish to start). Crews/scullers rowing in this reverse direction should STOP at least 250 metres from the Start to avoid collision with crews crossing the course in the Start Zone.
- 2.2 Lanes 4 and 5 will be CLOSED at all times other than for competition.
- 2.3 Lanes 6, 7 and 8 may be used only in a Southerly direction (start to finish). Crews must complete the full 2000 metre course at all times.
- 2.4 When training on the course as described in 2.1 and 2.3, any crew/sculler stopping must immediately look behind for other crews in the same lane. If a crew is coming up behind they must clear the lane or move on quickly.

TRAFFIC RULES – COMPETITION

Traffic Rules for Competition periods shall take effect half an hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race on the programme and shall expire 10 minutes after the conclusion of the 1st race on the programme.

- 3.1 During competition periods crews/scullers should continue to observe the basic rules 1.1 to 1.7 above. However some crews will choose to move behind the Start for a warm-up and others will remain in the area marked “A” to the East of the Start Zone prior to racing. Thus crews/scullers may be approaching their start position from either side of the course and the GREATEST CARE POSSIBLE must be taken.
- 3.2 The areas marked “A” adjacent to the Start Zone should not be used for warming up prior to competition due to the congestion of boats that sometimes arise in this area. Warming up should whenever possible be undertaken while proceeding from the pontoons to the area marked “A” or behind the start line towards Kentish Park.
- 3.3 The area marked “B” similarly should not be used for warming up. It is within the Start Zone and boats should only be in this area awaiting permission from the Starter to enter their lane for the commencement of a race.

- 3.4 Crews/Scullers moving in the area north of the Start Line should always move in an anti-clockwise direction.
- 3.5 Once the previous race has cleared the 100 metre zone the crews for the next race may move with care into their lanes only when instructed and/or offered to do so by the Starter. 1500, 1000 and 500m starts proceed 100m and not more than 250m from their start line.
- 3.6 Crews/Scullers may practice in their own lane before the start of their race between the start and the 500 metres, provided there is adequate time before the start and PROVIDED they obtain the specific approval of the Starter who shall first ascertain that the lane is clear of other boats.
- 3.7 Crews are reminded that “any competitor arriving at the starting position less than two minutes before the starting time may be awarded a false start”. The starting position means having your boat held by the appropriate boat-holder.
- 3.8 During periods of competition, crews/scullers proceeding back to the pontoons from the finish MUST pass between the outer limits of lane 1 and the shoreline in front of the judges Tower. They must not row in a northerly direction onto any lane of the course.

TRAINING DURING HOURS OF COMPETITION

On days of competition further special rules shall apply from half an hour before the scheduled start of the first race on the programme until 10 minutes after the conclusion of the last race on the programme.

- 4.1 **Provided there is the utmost co-operation from crews and scullers, the Boat Race Officials will permit training during hours of competition. IF THERE IS ANY INTERFERENCE WITH CREWS COMPETING, THIS PERMISSION WILL BE WITHDRAWN IMMEDIATELY.**
- 4.2 **The course shall be CLOSED to all power boats, except official craft, from a point 250 metres north of the Start to a point 250 metres south of the Finish.**
- 4.3 Crews/Scullers preparing for a race shall have absolute priority of usage of launching pontoons over crew/scullers proceeding for a training row.
- 4.4 Crews/Scullers participating in training only shall proceed under the normal traffic rules as quickly as possible beyond the Start to avoid any interference with crews warming up for race preparation.
- 4.5 Crews/Scullers may return from the Start area along the Western side of the lake provided they do not move closer to the outer limits of lane 8 than 100 metres, save near the start and finish.
- 4.6 Crews training must not pace any race in progress.

- 4.7 Crews training must stop at least 250 metres from the finish (in either direction) if any race is within 500 metres of the finish.
- 4.8 Crews training are asked to display full consideration for the crews engaged in actual competition and must stop rowing well before a race overtakes them.

CREWS RACING OR ABOUT TO RACE MUST BE SHOWN THE ULTIMATE CONSIDERATION BY CREW/SCULLERS WHO ARE TRAINING ONLY.

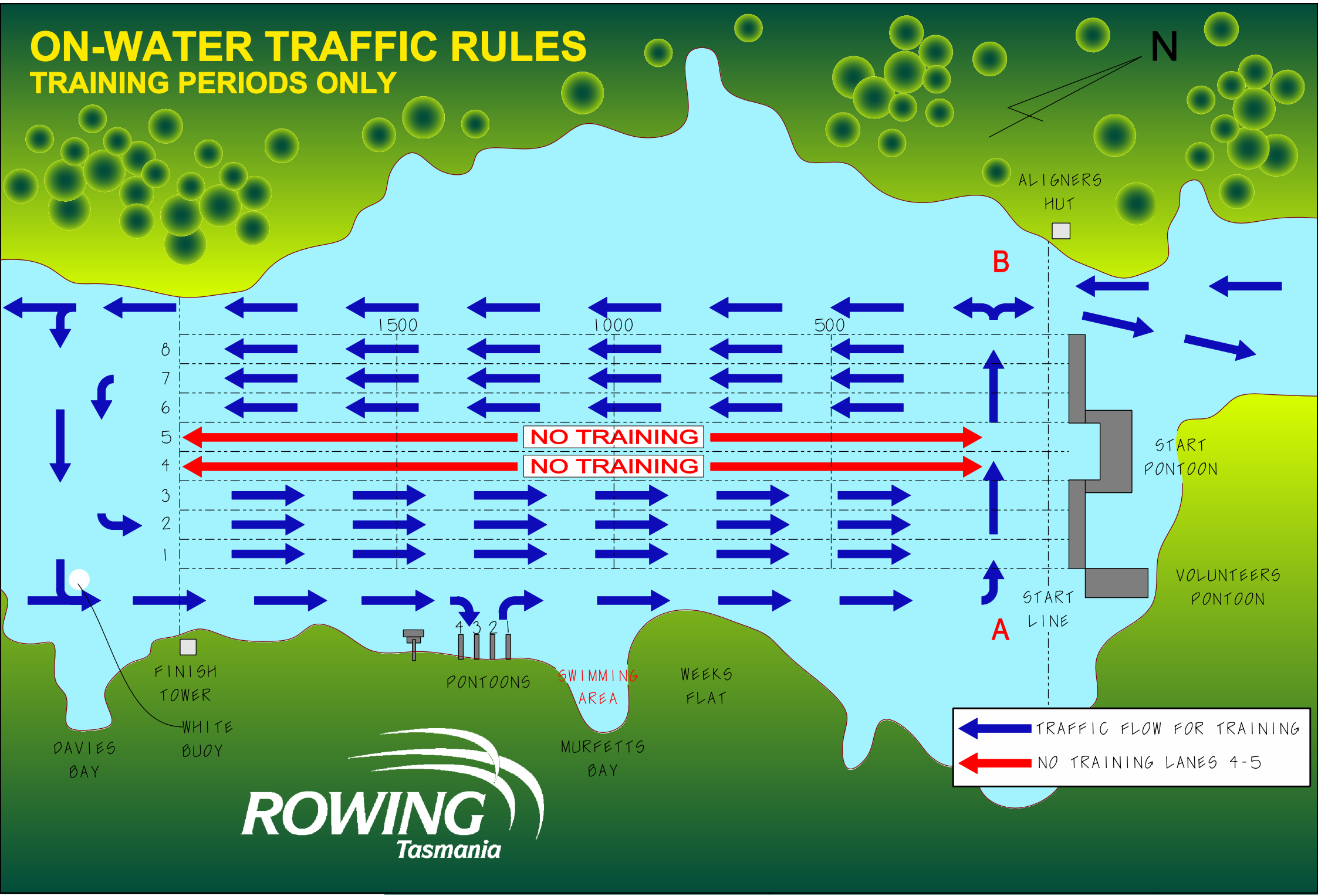
PENALTIES FOR BOAT TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENTS

- 5.1 All licensed Boat Race officials are authorised to award appropriate penalties against any crew or sculler who infringes these traffic rules whether they occur during a competition period or during training periods.
- 5.2 Such penalties may include exclusion from a regatta, or awarding a false start in the next event contested and/or a monetary fine.

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ON-WATER TRAFFIC RULES

TRAINING PERIODS ONLY



← TRAFFIC FLOW FOR TRAINING
← NO TRAINING LANES 4-5

ON-WATER TRAFFIC RULES DURING HOURS OF RACING

(NOTE: Training during competition at discretion of Boat Race Officials)

