



THE MELBOURNE  
HEAD REGATTA

# 2022 MELBOURNE HEAD REGATTA

HEAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

INFORMATION  
TO COMPETITORS

The 2022 Melbourne Head incorporating the Head Race Championship of Australia features all boat classes including Octo, Eight, Four, Quad Scull, Pair, Double Scull and Single Scull. The 2022 Melbourne Head is open to School, Open, Club and Masters Categories. The time trial format will be run over the spectator friendly 3.5km Yarra River Course from Herring Island to MUBC with four brackets of racing over the morning and early afternoon, providing competitors the opportunity to compete in more than one event.

The following Information to Competitors provides an overview of the key aspects of 2022 Melbourne Head.

### 1.0 IMPORTANT DATES

The 2022 Melbourne Head, incorporating the Australian Head Race Championship, will be held on **Saturday 19 November 2022**

Closing of Entries	1.00pm on Monday 13 <b>November 2022</b>
Pick up Bow Numbers from MUBC	5.00 to 6.00pm on Friday 18 November 2022 After 7.00am on Saturday 19 November 2022

### 2.0 ENTRIES

Melbourne Head entries are via Rowing Manager

#### 2.1 Seat Fees

Fees for the 2022 Melbourne Head are as follows

- General Seat Fee: \$25.00

Payment is not required at the time of entry. Clubs will be billed through Rowing Victoria after the regatta.

### 3.0 EVENTS

4.0 The four brackets of racing have been set up to provide opportunities for participants to compete in multiple events in different boat types. The table below provides a summary of the events available for each category of rower in each bracket. We trust this guide helps with the planning of your entries.

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<b>Bracket</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Masters</b>	<b>Other</b>
Bracket 1	MO1X MO2- WO1X WO2-	MSch8+O1/2/3 MSch8+Y9 WSch8+O1/2/3		MM8+	
Bracket 2	MO2X MO4- WO2X WO4-	MSch2- MSch4X+ MU218+ WSch2- WSch4X+O1/2 WU218+	MClub2X MClub8+ WClub2X WClub8+	MM2- MM4X WM2- WM4X- WM4X+ WM4- WM4+	X8+
Bracket 3	MO4X MO8+ WO4X WO8+	MSch2X MSch4+O1/2 MSch4X+Y91/92 WSch2X WSch4X+Y91/92	MClub4X+ WClub4X+	MM2X WM2X WM8+	X4X- X4X+
Bracket 4		MSch1X MSch8X+ MSch4X+Y81/82 WSch1X WSch4+O1/2 WSch4X+Y81/82 WSch8X+	MClub1X MClub4+ WClub1X WClub4+	MM1X MM4- MM4+ WM1X XM4X- XM4X+	Alumni 8+ X8X+ PC2X Coach 4X+ or 8+ Corporate, Friend, Family 4X+

The Schedule is Draft and Final Times will be issued on Thursday 17 November 2022

## Draft Event Schedule

Event #		Time	Event Code	Event	Distance	Comment
		TBC		Coxswain's meeting		
1	Bracket 1	8.15 AM	MO2-	Male Open Pair	3.5km	
2			MO1X	Male Open Single Scull	3.5km	
3			FO2-	Female Open Pair	3.5km	
4			FO1X	Female Open Single Scull	3.5km	
5			MSch8+O1	Male School Coxed Eight Open Div. 1	3.5km	
6			MSch8+O2	Male School Coxed Eight Open Div. 2	3.5km	
7			MSch8+O3	Male School Coxed Eight Open Div. 3	3.5km	
8			MSch8+Y9	Male School Coxed Eight Year 9	3.5km	
9			MM8+	Male Masters Coxed Eight	3.5km	
10			FSch8+O1	Female School Coxed Eight Open Div. 1	3.5km	
11			FSch8+O2	Female School Coxed Eight Open Div. 2	3.5km	
12			FSch8+O3	Female School Coxed Eight Open Div. 3	3.5km	
Break		10:10 AM		Break		
13	Bracket 2	10:40 AM	MO4-	Male Open Four	3.5km	
14			MO2X	Male Open Double Scull	3.5km	
15			FO4-	Female Open Four	3.5km	
16			FO2X	Female Open Double Scull	3.5km	
17			MU218+	Male Under 21 Coxed Eight	3.5km	
18			MClub8+	Male Club Coxed Eight	3.5km	
19			FU218+	Female Under 21 Coxed Eight	3.5km	
20			FClub8+	Female Club Coxed Eight	3.5km	
21			X8+	Mixed Coxed Eight	3.5km	
22			MM4X-	Male Masters Coxless Quad Scull	3.5km	
23			MM4X+	Male Masters Coxed Quad Scull	3.5km	
24			MSch4X+	Male School Coxed Quad Scull	3.5km	
25			FSch4X+O1	Female School Coxed Quad Scull Open Div. 1	3.5km	
26			FSch4X+O2	Female School Coxed Quad Scull Open Div. 2	3.5km	
27			FM4X	Female Masters Coxless Quad	3.5km	
28			FM4X+	Female Masters Coxed Quad	3.5km	
29			MClub2X	Male Club Double Scull	3.5km	
30			FClub2X	Female Club Double Scull	3.5km	
31			FM4-	Female Masters Coxless Four	3.5km	
32			FM4+	Female Masters Coxed Four	3.5km	
33			MSch2-	Male School Pair	3.5km	
34			FSch2-	Female School Pair	3.5km	
35			MM2-	Male Masters Pair	3.5km	
36			FM2-	Female Masters Pair	3.5km	
Break		11:30 AM		Break		
37	Bracket 3	12:30 PM	MO8+	Male Open Coxed Eight	3.5km	
38			MO4X	Male Open Coxless Quad Scull	3.5km	
39			FO8+	Female Open Coxed Eight	3.5km	
40			FO4X	Female Open Coxless Quad Scull	3.5km	
41			FM8+	Female Masters Coxed Eight	3.5km	
42			MClub4X+	Male Club Coxed Quad Scull	3.5km	
43			FClub4X+	Female Club Coxed Quad Scull	3.5km	
44			X4X	Mixed Coxless Quad Scull	3.5km	
45			X4X+	Mixed Coxed Quad Scull	3.5km	
46			MSch4+O1	Male School Coxed Four Open Div. 1	3.5km	
47			MSch4+O2	Male School Coxed Four Open Div. 2	3.5km	
48			MSch2X	Male School Double Scull	3.5km	
49			FSch2X	Female School Double Scull	3.5km	
50			MM2X	Male Masters Double Scull	3.5km	
51			FM2X	Female Masters Double Scull	3.5km	
52			MSch4X+Y91	Male School Coxed Quad Scull Year 9 Div 1	3.5km	

53			MSch4X+Y92	Male School Coxed Quad Scull Year 9 Div 2	3.5km	
54			FSch4X+Y91	Female School Coxed Quad Scull Year 9 Div 1	3.5km	
55			FSch4X+Y91	Female School Coxed Quad Scull Year 9 Div 2	3.5km	
Break		1:30 PM		Break		
56	Bracket 4	2.00 PM	Alumni8+	Alumni Coxed Eight	3.5km	
57			X8X+	Mixed Coxed Octo Scull	3.5km	
58			MSch8X+	Male School Octo Scull	3.5km	
59			FSch8X+	Female School Octo Scull	3.5km	
60			MClub4+	Male Club Coxed Four	1.8km	
61			FClub4+	Female Club Coxed Four	3.5km	
62			MM4-	Male Masters Coxless Four	3.5km	
63			MM4+	Male Masters Coxed Four	3.5km	
64			XM4X-	Mixed Masters Coxless Quad Scull	3.5km	
65			XM4X+	Mixed Masters Coxed Quad Scull	3.5km	
66			FSch4+O1	Female School Coxed Four Open Div. 1	3.5km	
67			FSch4+O2	Female School Coxed Four Open Div. 2	3.5km	
68			MSch4X+Y81	Male School Coxed Quad Scull Year 8 Div 1	3.5km	
69			MSch4X+Y82	Male School Coxed Quad Scull Year 8 Div 2	3.5km	
70			FSch4X+Y81	Female School Coxed Quad Scull Year 8 Div 1	3.5km	
71			FSch4X+Y82	Female School Coxed Quad Scull Year 8 Div 2	3.5km	
72			MSch1X	Male School Single Scull	3.5km	
73			MClub1X	Male Club Single Scull	3.5km	
74			MM1X	Male Masters Single Scull	3.5km	
75			FSch1X	Female School Single Scull	3.5km	
76			FClub1X	Female Club Single Scull	3.5km	
77			FM1X	Female Masters Single Scull	3.5km	
78			PC2X	Parent Child Double Scull	3.5km	
79			Coach8+	Coaches Coxed Eight	3.5km	
80			Coach4X+	Coaches Coxed Quad Scull	3.5km	
81			FF&C4X+	Family Friends and Corporate Event	3.5km	

## 6.0 REGATTA COURSE

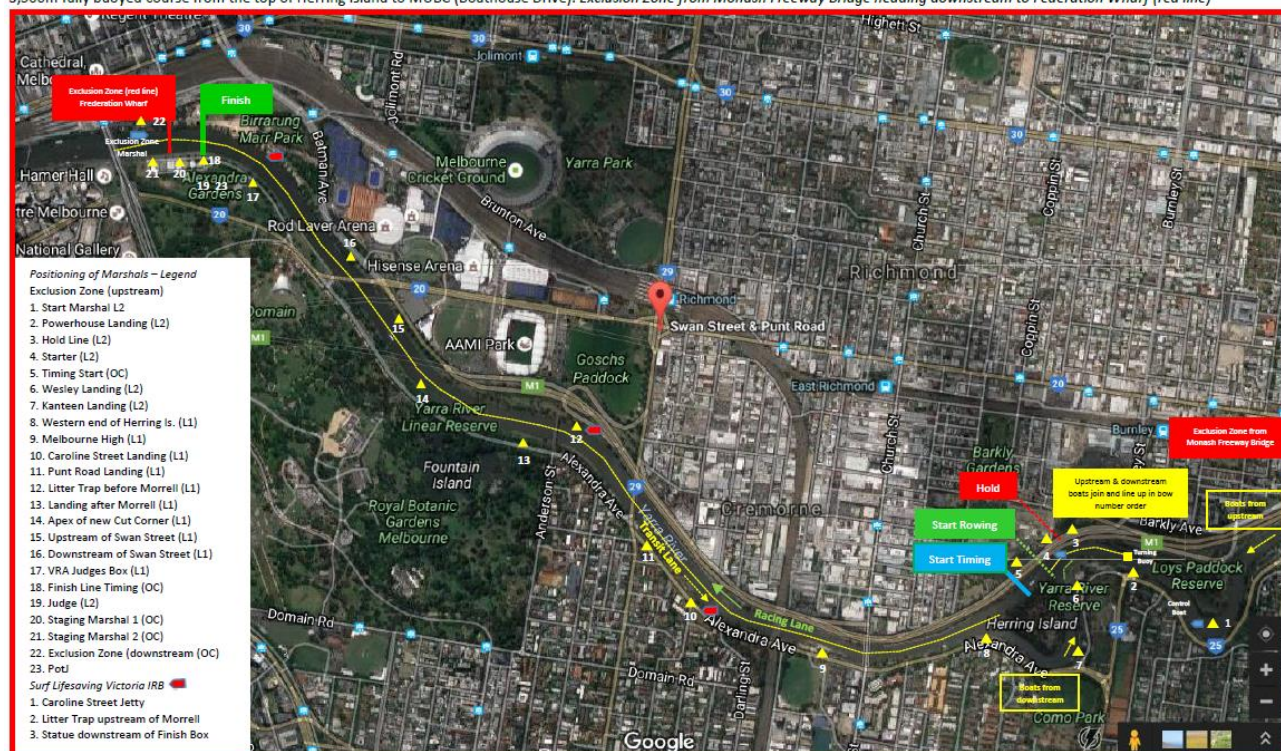
The Melbourne Head course is 3,500m in length and fully buoyed from the start at the top end of Herring Island through to the finish line at the City Boatshed Precinct in front of MUBC (Boathouse Drive).

The river will be closed for the regatta to all but competing crews and rescue boats, with an exclusion zone in place from Monash Freeway Bridge heading downstream to Federation Wharf (just upstream of Princes Bridge). This closure will start at 4:00am and finish at 3:00pm on Saturday 19 November 2022, so there will be no training on the course on Saturday morning.

The normal river traffic pattern will apply, with the racing lane being on the northern side of the river, and a single file access lane from the finish, past the sheds to the start on the southern side of the river. These two lanes will be divided by a line of orange buoys. This line must not be crossed at any time.

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3,500m fully buoyed course from the top of Herring Island to MUBC (Boathouse Drive). Exclusion Zone from Monash Freeway Bridge heading downstream to Federation Wharf (red line)



### 7.0 CAR PARKING AND TRAILER PARKING

**BOAT HOUSE DRIVE WILL BE CLOSED from 4.30am on Saturday morning**, so competitors and spectators should make alternate arrangements for parking. The car parks at Southbank are probably the best option. Access will be provided for boat trailers.

Clubs and Schools requiring boat trailer access to the City Boatshed Precinct will need to nominate this requirement via the registrations page on the website <https://www.themelbournehead.org/registrations>. The day and time the trailer is being brought in together with the number of boats on the trailer are also to be nominated.

It is highly recommended that those Clubs and Schools wishing to bring their boat trailers into the regatta do this by 4pm on Friday 18 November. Due to precinct set up, trailers arriving after 6am on Saturday morning cannot be guaranteed access near the staging area.

A trailer parking plan will be issued Thursday 17 November 2022.

### 8.0 COMPETITION INFORMATION

#### 8.1 Regatta Rules

The regatta is a time trial. There will be a running start with boats called up from the top of Herring Island at 10 second intervals and the timing starting at the line located mid-point (approx.) of Herring Island. Once on the course, boats being overtaken (following boat within one length) must yield the racing line. The buoys must not be crossed at any point. A time penalty will be applied to any crew that does not yield to an over-taking crew or if a crew crosses the buoy line. The river closure ends at Federation Wharf just before Princes Bridge and there may be ferry traffic in that area. Normal navigation rules apply immediately you cross the finish line.

Full details will be provided in the *Information to Coxswains* which will be issued on Thursday 17 November 2022.

## **8.2 Competitor's Briefing**

Competitor's Briefing will be via an on line video <https://www.themelbournehead.org/competitor-information>. All competitors are expected to view the video.

## **8.3 Entries**

Entries for the Melbourne Head are via Rowing Manager.

## **8.4 Composite Crews**

Composite crews may be represented in Masters, Mixed and Open categories.

## **8.5 Bow Numbers**

Bow numbers will be assembled in Club and School packs. These packs will include both bow numbers and 2 x bow back numbers. The bow back numbers are to be pinned to the back of the bow seat rower and the coxswain (where there is a stern coxed boat). The bow number packs can be collected from MUBC by a representative of each Club and School at two times, either:

- Friday 18 November between 5.00 and 6.00pm; or
- Saturday 19 November after 7.00am.

Each club and school will need to nominate the time that they will be collecting their bow number packs on the Registration Page when they complete their entries on Regatta Central.

There is no requirement for a bow number deposit, however it is the responsibility of the Club or School to distribute the bow numbers and ensure their return. Bow numbers can be returned to a bow number box at MUBC after the event. Any club or school that does not return a bow number will be charged \$20.00 for each missing bow number.

## **8.6 School Entries**

The new program provides increased opportunities for school participation over the 3.5km course. A Junior Seat Fee of \$9.00 applies to Quad Scull events for Year 8 and Year 9.

## **8.7 The Draw**

The Final Event Draw with all event race times will be posted on Rowing Manager on Friday 18 November 2022.

## **8.8 Level BRO's**

Note that clubs and schools will be required to provide a Level 1 BRO for the event and a schedule from Rowing Victoria will be issued Wednesday 16 November 2022.

## **8.9 Handicapping**

Handicapping will be applied to

- All Masters Events;
- The Alumni 8+;
- The Mixed Coxed Octo;
- The Directors' Events including the Parent and Child Double Scull, The Coaches Event and The Family, Friends Corporate Event.

Handicapping for these events will be published on Friday 18 November 2022.

## **8.10 Launching and Boat Movement to the Start**

There will be significant boat traffic over the morning of the Melbourne Head. The staging in the City Boatshed Precinct will be divided into four zones during these times of heavy traffic:

- Opposite Richmond Rowing Club and Melbourne Rowing Club- crews coming in
- Opposite Mercantile Rowing Club and Melbourne Grammar - crews going out

- Opposite Banks Rowing Club and Yarra Yarra Rowing Club – crews coming in
- Opposite MUBC – crews going out

Melbourne Head crews must be in the marshalling area just upstream of Herring Island 10 minutes before the start time for their class, so they will need to leave the city boatsheds 40 minutes before their start time.

The access lane from the City to the start will mostly be single file, so crews should avoid stopping, rowing part crew or otherwise holding up other crews unless necessary for safety reasons. Crews rowing up the transit lane should use the southern arches of all the bridges INCLUDING THE CREMORNE RAILWAY BRIDGE. No boat is to cross the buoy line.

Crews boating from the City will leave the staging in bow number order and will be expected to sort themselves into start (numerical) order before reaching Herring Island, with crews taking a normal anti clockwise course around the island. Once in order, crews will be instructed to continue upstream to the Powerhouse Landing where they will turn around the designated turning buoy. Crews boating from Wesley and Powerhouse will need to join into the upstream line of traffic in correct starting order. Crews boating from upstream of Grange Road will need to join the procession to the start just upstream of the Powerhouse Landing, in numerical order, and wait for the instruction to proceed into the start beside Herring Island. **Boats are to assemble into and remain in numerical order as they move toward the start.**

*Refer to the Melbourne Head Start Line Set up, below which illustrates the traffic flow around the start line*



### 8.11 Results and Presentations

Preliminary results from each event will be available within 10 to 15 minutes of the completion of the event.

Final results are generally published and announced at MUBC within an hour of completion of each event.

Winning crews for each event will be presented with a medal and “Winners T-shirt” as the regatta proceeds, with the presentations taking place in the Presentation Tent next to MUBC after the final result for their event is published. Winning crews should make themselves known to the Regatta Secretary once their results are final for their presentation

## **9.0 SPECTATOR SERVICES**

### **9.1 Catering and Merchandise**

Catering and merchandising will be available in the City Boatshed Precinct:

- There will be BBQ and Muffin Stall selling egg and bacon rolls, hamburgers, veggie burgers, sausages, as well as muffins, cakes, slices and an assortment of drinks
- A coffee cart selling coffee, hot chocolate and drinks
- The Regatta Shop selling their range of rowing merchandise as well as a range of 2022 Melbourne Head merchandise

### **9.2 Spectator Viewing**

The Melbourne Head has many viewing opportunities for spectators:

- View the finish of the race at the City Boatshed Precinct which provides full amenities, merchandise and catering
- View the race from the bridges that the race passes through – Morrell Bridge provides the best viewing
- View the last stages of the race from the embankment between Swan Street Bridge and the Finish Box
- View anywhere along the bike track (north side or south side) – walking or riding a bike.

*Thanks for your support of the 2022 Melbourne Head. We are looking forward to a great day of racing*