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7-9 NOVEMBER 2025

RACE PACK

Introduction

Welcome to the Race Pack for the 2025 Yamaha Rollo's Marine Bridge to Bridge Water Ski Classic.

You will receive a Competitors Pack at registration on Friday 7th of November. This will have more details to help you and everyone else through the weekend. You need to make sure you are familiar with all of these documents.

Circumstances may eventuate which require the information contained in this document, or the Competitors Pack to be changed. Any such changes will be notified at briefing.

Please also note that the Organisers reserve the right to make changes if considered necessary for the proper and efficient running of the event. If necessary, any such changes will be notified at briefing.

Check List:

Below is a list of items you should have completed before the event.

Please use this list to check off all your required items.

- Your entries are completed and paid
- All members of your team have completed and signed an indemnity form.(Online)
- All members of your team have the correct licences and if in the Long Race (Online)
- Either your Driver or Observer has done CPR Training.
- One member of your team needs to go to registration and make sure all your entries are complete.
- Your boat is ready for Scrutineering.
- You know the rules of the river- closure is only for race days.
- You know when and where you are required to launch your boat and make sure you allow plenty of time- have a guess how many people think they can launch with minutes to go?
- Familiarise yourself with the start procedures

~Happy Training~

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Event Schedule at a Glance:

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>What:</u>
Friday 7th of November			
2-5pm	Scrutineering & Registration	Jukebox Diner, 11 Railside Place, Dinsdale, Hamilton	All competitors (except Anything But a Ski race) to have boats scrutineered
4-7pm	Show & Shine	Jukebox Diner, 11 Railside Place, Dinsdale, Hamilton	Static display of boats
Saturday 8th of November			
7.45am	Briefing	Grantham Street, Hamilton	Briefing for all competitors in any race on Saturday
9am	Masters/Novice/80MPH/ 70MPH/F5 1 UP/ Invincibles/Sub Juniors /	Grantham Street, Hamilton	All boats should be launched by 8:30am
11:30am	Tadpoles/ Anything But a Ski Start	Days Park	All boats should be launched by 11am
12pm	Social, Family Class, Parents & Partners & 60MPH start	Ngaruawahia	All boats should be in Ngaruawahia by 11:30am
2pm	Long Race Time Trial starts	Grantham Street, Hamilton	All boats should be launched by 1:30pm
7pm	Prizegiving	The Cook, Hamilton East	Get there early! Prize Giving for All Saturdays Classes
Sunday 9th of November			
7.45am	Briefing	Grantham Street, Hamilton	Briefing for all competitors in any race on Sunday
9.00am	Powerboat Sprint start	Grantham Street, Hamilton	All boats should be launched by 9:15am
12.30pm	Long Race Start	Cambridge	All boats should be launched between 11-11:30am
7pm	Prizegiving	TBC	Prize Giving for Powerboats and Long Race

The 2025 Bridge to Bridge Committee:

Please feel free to contact any of the race committee if you need more information.

Brad Dutton- B2B Chairman	brad@dmwtrailers.co.nz	027 4102383
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Brett Flexman- Race Controller	Ski.flexi@hotmail.com	027 289 7707
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Jordan Smith- Safety Boats	jordan@jorsay.co.nz	027 855 4651
Alice Mellow- Event entries & Membership	Alice.mellow1@gmail.com	021 529 960

All aspects of race day running will be organised by the Race Committee above. They will also appoint the following people to ensure race day runs appropriately (these may be the same people as the Race Committee above if appropriate)

Safety Officer- responsible for the safe running of the races

Ramp Marshall- control all ramp and parking areas

Starter- Control all starts, at the discretion of the Race Controller

Time Keeping Coordinator- All time keeping and results

Chief Scrutineer- Control of scrutineering

The bridge committee may appoint other positions where appropriate.

Bridge to Bridge Rules:

The Bridge to Bridge Rules are available on the NZWSRA website www.skirace.co.nz

Please make sure you are familiar with all these rules.

Entries / Late Entries / Changes:

Should changes of, or further completion of entry forms be required, please do this prior to the event through Alice (021 529960), or at registration between 2:00 and 5:00pm Friday. Limited changes may be made before briefing on Saturday and Sunday mornings at Race Control Grantham Street. **You must phone Alice immediately to arrange changes.**

All membership including international memberships should be done prior to the event online at

[Join | NZ Water Ski Association www.nzwaterski.co.nz/join](http://www.nzwaterski.co.nz/join)

Licence Requirements:

Long Race Competitors require one of the 3 options

Full Individual Membership, Individual International 2 Event Membership or a a River Race membership

And purchase the membership at www.nzwaterski.co.nz/join

Masters / 80MPH/70 MPH/60MPH / F5 1UP/Novice / Sub Juniors/Invincibles Competitors

Are required to have a “River Race Support Race Membership” (If you don’t hold a Full membership, a River Race membership or an Individual International 2 Event Membership)

Fill out this Form - Bridge Support Race <https://form.jotform.com/242661602091046>

And purchase the membership at www.nzwaterski.co.nz/join

Family / Social / Anything But a Ski- If you don’t have a NZWSRA licence, you must fill out this form Bridge Support Race <https://form.jotform.com/242661602091046> but there is no membership requirement.

Powerboat, Jetski, Clubmans & ThunderCat Sprints- There are two options for this event

- You can hold a NZWSRA drivers licence
- You can get a day licence to participate in this event by filling out this form -
Bridge Powerboat, Jetski, Thundercats & Clubmans <https://form.jotform.com/242661672768064>

You will need to fill out the day licence test for this class, regardless of whether you have a licence for another code. Co-drivers must also complete the day licence as above.

International Licences- Ideally these would be done prior to the event online.

Go to www.nzwaterski.co.nz/join

Note this is available to people who have a full licence and membership from an international ski racing federation. If you are not a current member of an international federation you will need to join up as a NZWSRA member. We have 2 Categories of International License – if you are doing the Long Race you

require an **Individual International 2 Event Membership**. This is \$220 and can be used for up to 2 events in the 2025/2026 season.

If you are just doing one of the support classes (all other races apart from the long race) you just require a **River Race Individual Support Race membership**. These are \$55 per event weekend (you can use them for 2 races eg. Masters and then Social) For International license questions please only contact Alice Mellow.

If you do require a full NZWSRA licence, then you need to arrange this ASAP. The membership form is on the website www.nzwaterski.co.nz, and you can contact Alice Mellow for help- Alice.mellow1@gmail.com

No full NZWSRA licences will be issued at registration or on race day unless prior arrangements have been confirmed – you must contact Alice Mellow well before this.

Indemnity:

ALL competitors in all classes must sign an indemnity form. This form is online at www.skirace.co.nz
Indemnity Form <https://form.jotform.com/242517275063859>

THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES TO SIGN THE INDEMNITY, OR FILL OUT A DAY LICENCE, ON RACE DAY.

YOU MUST ARRANGE YOUR ENTIRE TEAM TO COMPLETE THE FORMS BEFOREHAND, OR AT
REGISTRATION.

NO INDEMNITY = NO RACE

NO LICENCE = NO RACE

Starts:

- Start procedures for each class is on the website.
- Please be aware of your start procedure.
- *Important: If the river is not clear, then it may be necessary to hold the start.* Refer to start procedures document.

Safety:

ANY TEAM OR TEAM MEMBER ACTING IN AN UNSAFE MANNER
WILL BE DISQUALIFIED !!!

ALL boats must be carrying a cellphone during the races.

ALL boats taking part in the ski races on either day must have a red or flame orange flag as per the scrutineering requirements.

Boats taking part in the powerboat sprints must have a paddle painted yellow or a red/flame orange flag. The purpose of these two items is the same: If you are stationary in some portion of the course which may be hazardous to other competing craft you are to hold your flag/paddle above your craft to warn others.

If you require urgent assistance (not a tow) then you must wave your flag/paddle in a deliberate movement from the waterline on one side of your craft to the waterline on the other.

CALL RACE CONTROL IMMEDIATELY

In the interest of safety of all competitors the organisers wish to stress that this is a fun event and should you see a paddle or flag being waved then you must stop and give assistance. Competitors are usually first on the scene- **YOU MUST STOP AND HELP!!** If you fail to assist then you will be disqualified.

At various points along the course there will be safety craft, each of these craft will be in radio contact with Race Control at Grantham Street ramp if urgent assistance is required.

At the conclusion of each event these craft MAY be available to tow disabled boats downstream to the nearest ramp and advise your trailer crew where to pick you up. This will not be permitted without the prior consent from Race Control. Being towed is a matter of negotiation between you and the course boat. Please make sure your crew is going to the same ramp that you are.

- All boat crew must wear life jackets and all skiers must wear either a lifejacket or a buoyancy wetsuit.
- Helmets must be worn by all competitors except those in the family class race travelling at less than 40 MPH.
- Breath Testing **WILL** be carried out both Saturday and Sunday.

Passing & Race Etiquette:

- DO NOT follow directly behind another skier, you must be at least 100m behind to follow either a skier or a boat.
- If passing another competitor, leave plenty of room spare, this must be a minimum of 5 lateral metres.
- Observers should be aware of boats behind them and inform their driver should a boat need to pass them.
- The driver should then make a decision as to which side of the river they will stick to- and then stay on this side!
- If someone is faster than you, please leave them plenty of room to pass you.
- The safety of their skiers and yours should be your first concern.
- Please travel down past the timekeeping / finish boat, KEEPING THE FINISH BOAT TO YOUR RIGHT.
- Continue on before dropping your skiers off.
- Turn on your ropes and travel back up your rope to retrieve your skiers.
- Remember that when you stop at Hamilton the current will bring you back toward to finish line. This can be extremely dangerous for your skiers.

- You must carry on well past Grantham Street far enough that you have time to retrieve your skier(s) without drifting back past the boat ramp.

**Please check behind you for other boats first, turn tightly, and travel down
your rope to collect your skier.**

DO NOT make wide sweeping turns at any time !!

Safety Issues Concerning the Start:

Please stay well back from the start boat until it is your turn to go.

Crowding will only cause confusion and your start time being incorrectly recorded.

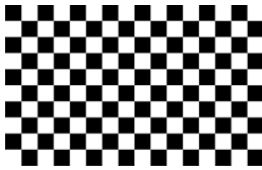
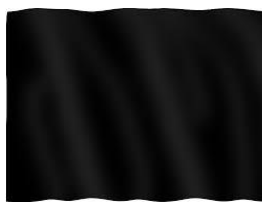
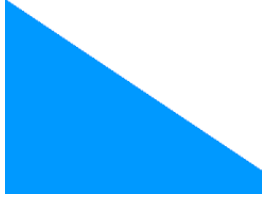
In the interests of the safety of all skiers it is suggested that each team allocate time to practice their starts prior to the race. There have been some safety issues in previous years with the start and it is up to you to practice to decrease the risks to your skiers.

In an attempt to increase the safety of the start, officials will ensure the way is clear to start. Please be patient if the start is held for safety reasons. Your start time will commence from when the new start occurs. Starts will be held in Cambridge until a clear path is easily available.

**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE WHEN YOU DROP YOUR SKIERS INTO THE WATER AND ENSURE
THEY ARE CLEAR BEFORE STARTING!**

Course Control:

The course will be controlled in the following manner:

Start: National Flag		As in Bridge to Bridge Start Procedures.
Finish:		Will be displayed at the finish line.
Yellow Flag:		If displayed from a course boat indicates caution and a possible hazard ahead. It is also used as our hold flag in our ski races at the start if the starter deems there to be not enough room to start the next boat.
Red Flag:		If displayed from a course boat indicates race has stopped. You are to pull to the side of the river, go to the nearest course boat and await instructions.
Black Flag:		Will only be displayed from race control at Grantham Street and indicates that the course is closed and a race is in progress. You are not to travel against traffic under any circumstances.
Green Flag:		If displayed from Race Control at Grantham Street indicates that the course is open and you may travel downstream to the start. If displayed from the course boats it indicates that to the best of their knowledge the course is clear.
Medical Flag: Blue & White Separated diagonally		To be displayed from your boat only in the event of immediate medical assistance being required. Your orange flag should also be displayed. Note-This flag is only in use during Time Trial/Long Race and Novice Masters/Subbies.

Parking:

- Grantham Street from the top of Victoria Street down to the roundabout at the boat ramp entrance will be closed to all traffic except cars with boats.
- We will allocate each team a particular parking space which will either be at the Boat Ramp or somewhere along Grantham Street.
- Parking on Grantham Street will be allocated in a manner which allows for the easiest launching of boats having regard to the races entered.
- As in previous years parking in the Grantham Street boat ramp area will be restricted and under the control of our designated ramp controller.
- Entry to the ramp will be down Grantham Street and this is the way you must enter if you are towing a boat.
- Also note that priority will be given on the ramp to those coming out of one race and into the next. Please be patient if the ramp marshals move someone in front of you in the line.

Penalties for breaking starts:

- Anytime a boat breaks the start (any part of the boat is in front of the start line at the time their allocated start flag drops) that boat shall receive a 10% penalty.
- That boat shall also receive an additional penalty equal to the amount they broke the start by (the 10% penalty above will be applied before this penalty is added on).

Refuelling:

- During the long race, taking boats out of the water at the boat ramp and refuelling is allowed. However, there will be no extra time added for this.
- The starter will start when all other aspects of the race are ready, but will not wait for refuelling boats (all boats who chose to take their boats out of the water are doing so at risk of missing the start of the 2nd leg of the race).
- If fuel or other contaminants are spilled into the river due to your refuelling, you may be disqualified.

Practice on the River:

- The river is not considered closed outside of race times and therefore all normal rules must be adhered to.
- During the practice session on the Friday, race boats may only travel downriver from the boat ramp at Cambridge.
- They must remove their boats at any of the boat ramps past this point.
- At no time during this practice must a boat travel up river, at any speed.
- If this rule is broken there will be an instant \$200 fine (payable prior to commencement of the race) and possible disqualification, at the discretion of the Race Controller.
- All rules that apply to racing apply to practice (e.g. full race gear must be worn etc).
- Please be very weary of other boats that could be on the river at any part.
- River closed from 9am until 4.00pm Friday.
- Please be aware that on Friday the Rescue Boat will be on course marking hazards etc on the course. Please look out for them.

Event Programmes:

- The Official Event Programme will be on sale from Rollo's Marine & DMW Trailers.
- We will post the availability date on the Bridge to Bridge Water Ski Classic's Facebook page.
- The programme will also be available at Registration and throughout the weekend.
- The programme is \$10 and will look awesome this year with everything you ever wanted to know about the Bridge to Bridge.
- This programme contains entries information but is not the starting order for any of the races – this will be handed out from race control on the day of the event.

Bridge to Bridge Event Schedule:

Friday 7th November:

Scrutineering & Registration:

Location: Jukebox Diner & Classics Car Museum – 11 Railside Place, Dinsdale, Hamilton

Time: 2.00pm- 5:00pm

All* scrutineering will take place at this time. The scrutineering form can be found at the end of this Race Pack- this will let you know the requirements.

It will be necessary for at least one team member to visit the registration desk to confirm their entries. You will also receive your stick-on race numbers for family and social class. You will also be given a Competitors Pack.

**Jetski, Clubman and Thundercat scrutineering is being arranged separately.*

This will take place at Grantham St from 7am Sunday morning.

Please get there at 7am or earlier and we need to have you all scrutineered and registered by 8am. Please help us out by not all turning up at 7:45am!!!

For assistance with scrutineering requirements please contact:

All Boats	Ross Vincent	021 545 915
Jetski	Jon Kelly	021 538 759
Thundercats	Michael Graves	021 533 911

Show & Shine:

Static Display: Commencing 4:00pm

Location: Jukebox Diner & Classics Car Museum – 11 Railside Place, Dinsdale, Hamilton

Time: The Show & Shine will run from 4.00pm- 7.00pm.

Classics was a great NEW VENUE for 2024 and a real highlight of last years event – come park up and check out all the boats that will be racing for the weekend.

Saturday 9th November 2024:

Briefing: All Saturday Competitors

All competitors in Saturday's racing, including skiers, must attend this briefing. A roll call will be taken. Not attending the briefing is an instant disqualification from racing on that day.

Time: 7:45am

Location: Grantham Street Boat Ramp

Compulsory breath testing and sign in will be required from 7am – 8:00am out the front of race HQ – Yamaha pop up tent. There will be approx. 250 people to breath test, so don't leave it until the last minute.

Please contact Race Controller if for any reason you cannot make the briefing.

RACE ONE: *Masters, Novice, 80MPH, 70 MPH Class & F5 1 Up, Invincibles & Sub Juniors*

Hamilton to Taupiri and return (*Invincibles & Sub Juniors – Taupiri to Hamilton only*)

Race start: 9:00am (for Masters and Novice)

Starts: Hamilton 1 at a time, 1 minute apart

Taupiri 1 at a time, 30s apart

Boats are to be launched at Grantham Street boat ramp. Boats will be retrieved from here at the end of the race.

Invincibles & Sub Juniors teams will follow after the last 70MPH team has made their start in Hamilton and follow behind them to get to Taupiri.

Launching will begin as soon as the briefing is completed. You therefore need to be prepared to launch before briefing and have your boat lined up ready to access the boat ramp.

You will receive your start order at registration.

RACE TWO: *Anything But a Ski & Tadpoles Race*

Days Park to Grantham Street

Race Start: Three minutes after the Start Boat arrives at Days Park

Start: Mass Start – Depending on Numbers there may be 2 grids – Tadpoles first grid and Anything but a ski on the 2nd grid. These will be 1 min apart. All these classes are tight rope start. Riders on the biscuit and when the flag drops everyone goes.

Maximum Speed: 35mph for Anything But a Ski Race- this is a nominated speed race which you need to nominate at race control prior to the race. If you don't nominate your speed it will automatically be 25mph

RACE THREE: *Yamaha Social, Family, Parents & Partners and 60MPH Race*

Ngaruawahia to Hamilton

Race start: 12:00pm

Starts: 2 at a time, 1 minute apart

You must launch at Ngaruawahia, and be launched by 11:30am.

In special circumstances boats may be launched at Grantham Street boat ramp, permission for this will only be granted if you are in the race before this one (Novice, Masters and Sub Juniors).

You must gain permission BEFORE BRIEFING from the Race Controller. You must be launched by 11:15am in this case, and wait for the Race Controller to let you proceed to Ngaruawahia.

All boats will all be retrieved from Grantham Street at the end of the race.

The race start order is your grid number starting from 1.

Odd numbers should line up on the left side of the river and Even numbers on the Right side.

A number which must be placed on the right hand side of your boat will be provided at registration.

You will receive your start order at registration.

RACE FOUR: *Long Race Time Trial*

Hamilton to Ngaruawahia and return

Race start: 2:00pm

Starts: 1 at a time, 2 minutes apart for Open class, 1 minute apart for all other classes. (Same both legs)

The purpose of the time trial is to establish the grid positions for those teams taking part in the Long Race on Sunday. You must run the same team (including the boat) in the trial as you intend to run in the Sunday race unless you have permission from the Race Controller to do otherwise.

Boats are to be launched at Grantham Street boat ramp. Boats will be retrieved from here at the end of the race. Launching will begin as soon as Social & Family is finished. You must be launched by 1:45pm.

This year we will have 40+ boats to launch, so please be ready as soon as practicable. We plan to make it easy for you to know how long you have until the race starts and will advise you on these details at briefing.

Please keep upstream of the boat ramp until your grid position is shown on the number board- you will have plenty of time to circulate in the start area once your number is shown.

END OF DAY: ***Saturday's Classes Prize Giving***

Start Time: 7:00pm (but arrive as early as you like)

Location: The Cook, Cook Street, Hamilton East.

All Saturday's Races prizes will be presented here, as well as Time Trial prizes.

Sunday 9th November

Briefing: All competitors in Sunday's racing, including skiers, must attend this briefing. A roll call will be taken. Not attending the briefing is an instant disqualification from racing on that day.

Start Time: 7:45am

Location: Grantham Street Boat Ramp

Compulsory breath testing and sign in will be required from 7 – 8:00am out the front of race HQ – Yamaha pop up tent. There will be approx. 250 people to breath test, so don't leave it until the last minute.

Please contact Race Controller if for any reason you cannot make the briefing.

RACE ONE: *DMW Trailers Trojan Powerboat Sprints*

Hamilton to Ngaruawahia and return

Race start: 9:00am

Starts: 2 at a time, 30s apart

Boats are to be launched at Grantham Street boat ramp. Boats will be retrieved from here at the end of the race. Launching will begin as soon as the briefing is completed.

You will receive your start order at briefing on Sunday morning (note these will not be available at registration).

RACE TWO: *Kennards Hire Jetski, Thundercats & Clubman Sprint*

Hamilton to Ngaruawahia and return

Race start: 9:00am

Starts: Mass Jetski start after Powerboats, followed by mass Thundercat start, then Clubmans.

Boats should be launched at Grantham Street boat ramp. Boats will be retrieved from here at the end of the race. Launching will begin as soon as the briefing is completed.

RACE THREE: *Rollo's Marine Long Race*

Cambridge to Taupiri- then return to Hamilton

Race start: 12:30pm

Starts: Cambridge 1 at a time, 1 minute apart, Taupiri 1 at a time, 30s apart

Note: A new rule for Long Race Competitors from 2018- Either Driver and/or Observer of competing Long Race Teams must have completed CPR Course or First Aid Course including CPR Training.

This needs to be proven to the safety Committee- Please contact Safety Officer Graeme Harvey 021 242 8557.

Boats are to be launched and retrieved at Grantham Street boat ramp unless you have obtained permission from the Race Controller to launch or retrieve from another boat ramp.

You should launch between 11:00am and 11:30. If your start grid is #35 onwards we need you to launch in Cambridge as we won't have enough room for all the boats in Cambridge. Once the first 10 boats have started in Cambridge then the boats at the back of the grid will be able to launch.

Boats will NOT be allowed to sit on the ramp at either Cambridge or Taupiri, no matter what their order is in the race.

Teams take all responsibility for making their starting slot, race starters have been informed NOT to wait if someone is not ready.

You take your boat out of the water at Taupiri to refuel at your own risk of missing your starting slot. Please note the quality of the ramp at Taupiri is not great.

Your start position will be as listed outside Race Control on Sunday morning. Copies of this start list will be available from Race Control also. Please know your starting position.

Start Procedure is the same as for Saturday's Time Trials. But the intervals are as above.

Helpful hints:

- PLEASE PRACTICE YOUR START AT CAMBRIDGE PRIOR TO THE EVENT.
- Please take warm clothing and food with you for the wait at the Taupiri end of the course.

END OF THE DAY: Main Prizegiving, and After Party

Start Time: Prize Giving: 7:00pm (feel free to arrive as early as you like)

Location: TBC

You do not need to book for the prize giving

This is a great opportunity for competitors to reflect on the weekend's events and swap tales.

AFTER FUNCTION -After we finish up the prize giving the after party will begin.