

## 19..Noosa River Race - Race Director's Checklist

**Very early in preparation, make contact with MSQ or Council to determine owners' of boats in the way of our regatta so we can get them moved.**

- **Determine Race Programme**

(Race distances, estimate times, decide on types of races)- River Race 2019 programme is a very good start as this programme ran ahead on time. SQZ may try and change - resist.

- **Determine courses and locations of buoys e.g.**

- 1 off Boat house (1km) (turning buoy)
- 1 off Munna Point (2km) turning buoy)
- 1 500m up river from start line (final turn)
- 2 lane buoys needed on bend opposite Tewantin boat ramp,
- 2 lane buoys at Makepeace bend
- 1 turning buoy around the second green marker off Makepeace

- **Start/Finish Line**

- 2 Orange buoys to be placed directly off and inline with the Jetty at Chaplin Park. One located about 10m off the end (so all canoes use this gate as the finish line) and another just over half way across the river so all canoes are the jetty side of the buoy.

- **Equipment**

- 4 Flags (green, red, yellow and black)
- 2 air horns (eco friendly)
- 1 Bull horn or loud hailer
- Desk
- Pen and Paper
- Result sheet provided by SQZ
- Binoculars (if available)
- Video, camera or phone to record difficult finishes
- iPads provided by SQZ

- **Personnel**

Min of four, one as starter (horn) and timer, two on flags, one or two recording on paper( can be same as flag bearers) and another on the iPad provided by SQZ.

Recording finishing iPad operator, paper recording, camera operator, and binocular operator. Min of four again.

Best to have two teams with each team clear of racing duties if possible.

- **Waves**

- Steerers will be given coloured caps which will indicate the wave in which they will start (colours and order to be decided)
- Waves to be included in briefing notes
- Wave charts prepared and given to support boats ( need bigger than A4 as drivers indicated A4 too small) This may not be necessary this year as we will endeavour to start each race with the same wave colour scheme
- Radio and seek assistance each race start to confirm all canoes are in the correct wave.

- **Briefing**

- a. Possibly 3 days before the race, briefing to take place, live on facebook (SQZ) and then for this to be broadcast by email to all presidents.
- b. If possible it should also be posted on Noosa Facebook and Noosa Website platforms
- c. Boat drivers briefing on Friday after 7ers training by boat coordinator, Peter Whittington with input from race director to explain wave starts and race courses.
- d. Where possible to do a race briefing for all competitors after or before training (last sat before the race?)