

CONVICT CHASE 2022

A RACE IN EIGHTS

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER

INCARCERATION STARTS: Oxley Sailing Club

& ENDS: SOMERVILLE HOUSE

APPLICATION ON [ROWING MANAGER](#)

BAIL: \$40 PER OFFENDER

INCLUDES T-SHIRT

TRAILER ACCESS AT SOMERVILLE REQUIRES PERMISSION

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CONVICT CHASE COURSE MAP



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THE COURSE

The Race starts at OXLEY Sailing Club Chelmer and runs downstream for approximately 7kms to the University Reach and finishes at Somerville. It will be conducted by Rowing Queensland Boat Race Officials who will be positioned on the pontoon and will call each boat up in numerical order.

You must be in the marshalling area and in numerical order 10 minutes before your start time.

NB. If you are a high number don't crowd the start line – give heaps of room for competitors preceding you.

The finish line is in line with Somerville House

THE START PROCESS

- Crews are to be at the start area a minimum of 10 minutes before their race
- Crews are to self-marshall in race order when they are near or in the start zone i.e. if your boat is Bow Number 17, then you must have boat 16 lined up in front of you, and boat 18 lined up behind you.
- When in the start zone, you must move when you are called to the start by the Race Official.

NB: It is up to every Cox and stroke to ensure this happens in an orderly fashion.

- All competitors must obey all instructions from BROs and official boat drivers at all times.
- No racing or pressure work is permitted in the starting area.
- The Starter will call each boat by their Club, School or Bow Number and then they will simply say 'Go' when it is time for that crew to begin the race. It is up to each individual crew to be 'at their race pace' by the time their bow ball goes past the start line
- Crews in each category will be sent off at 15 second intervals and there will be a few minutes break between categories.



WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE CHASE

- Five yellow Rowing Queensland temporary buoys will be moored along the course and all crews must pass these buoys on their stroke side
- Failure to do so WILL result in disqualification
- DO NOT CUT CORNERS – RIVER RULES APPLY
- **Marshalls will be present on the course and as you would expect, all usual Brisbane River rules must be strictly adhered to at all times.**
- Failure to do so MAY result in disqualification – any final decision in this situation would be made by the Race Officials.

PASSING OTHER CREWS

All Brisbane River rules apply and so stick to the customary side of the river. If there is a crew bearing down on you, you must move out of the way. All crews MUST yield to the faster crew.

We all know that the 'race'n'chase' format of our traditional Head Races is exciting, but let's all ensure that it's safe and fair as well.

BOAT MISHAPS/COLLISIONS/ACCIDENTS

Safety Marshalls will provide available assistance in the event of a boating mishap, collision, sinking, grounding or other accidents during the event where it is safe to do so.

THE FINISH LINE

- The finish line is in line with the SOMERVILLE HOUSE pontoon. There will be a Rowing Queensland yellow buoy in the water, along with 2 Rowing Queensland Officials on the pontoon who will sound a hooter to indicate when each boat crosses the finish line.
- All crews are asked NOT to stop on the line but instead to row light through the finish area so as not to congest those crews who are still crossing the finish line. All coxswains are to be mindful of the nearby rowing clubs and are not to pull into those pontoons without prior permission from the respective Clubs
- If you are boating from Somerville you will need to navigate the traffic to return to the pontoon carefully
- We look forward to seeing all competitors off the water at the Presentation at 12.30pm at The Monty (see note below regarding Presentation of winners and prizes).

LOGISTICS

DATE: Saturday 12th November 2022

DRAW: provided by RQ before the race

START: From 7:00am

TIDES: [TIDES](#) - check this link

BRIEFING: An 'in person' event briefing will be conducted at Rowing Queensland offices, 150 Jane Street, West End, on Friday 11 November from 4:00pm until 5:30pm.. A representative from all crews needs to attend to collect their crew t-shirts and bow numbers, and to be briefed on the navigation and safety aspects of the race.

WET WEATHER: In the event of wet weather, the race will still go ahead. In the unlikely event of a storm or inclement weather, the event may be cancelled to ensure the safety of all participants. If that's the case, then all crews will be advised either through their Clubs, or via a Race Official on the water.

PRESENTATION OF WINNERS AND PRIZES: Presentation of prizes will be held at The Montague Hotel, 363 Montague Rd, West End, on race day at 2.00pm.

