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Ms Julie Lister
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Dear Ms Lister,

AQUATIC ACVTIVITY LICENCE 68/25 – DRAGON BOAT RACING - WEST LAKES

I refer to the application for an Aquatic Activity Licence to conduct an event on an area of water at the Aquatic Reserve, AM Ramsay Regatta Course, Scullers Reserve and boat ramp areas of West Lakes around Delfin Island from Sunday 21 September 2025 to Sunday 29 March 2025. ~~2025~~ 2026.

Please ensure the acknowledgement section of the licence conditions is signed and a copy of the whole document is received by this office no later than close of business on 04 February 2026 to accept the conditions of the amended dates for the Round the Island/Delfin Island event. Failure to do so will render the licence invalid.

A Marine Safety Officer may attend on the day of the event subject to availability. Any enquiries regarding this licence should be directed to Marine Safety SA on 1300 183 046.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simon Schwerdt'.

Simon Schwerdt
Unit Manager,
Marine Safety & Compliance

31 December 2025



AQUATIC ACTIVITY LICENCE CONDITIONS – 68/25

Pursuant to Section 26(1) of the *Harbors & Navigation Act 1993*, an Aquatic Activity Licence is granted to Dragon Boat SA to conduct dragon boat racing on an area of water in West Lakes at the following locations on the below dates between times of 6.00 am and 8.00 pm for each event:

Aquatic Reserve
21/09/2025
12/10/2025
07/12/2025
11/01/2026
01/02/2026
01/03/2026

AM Ramsay Regatta Course
28/03/2026
29/03/2026

Round the Island / Delfin Island
22/11/2025 postponed
29/11/2025 postponed
07/02/2026 rescheduled

Scullers Reserve
15/02/2026

Permission is granted for the laying of course-marking buoys.

- Your club must hold adequate Public Liability Insurance to cater for any claim for personal injury or damage to property resulting from activities during the period of the licence. The current policy provided expires prior to the commencement of the event, a copy of Dragon Boat SA's current insurance certificate must be provided to the department prior to the event.
- The organiser of the above event agrees to release, indemnify and discharge the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Crown in the right of the State of South Australia and their employees and agents (those indemnified) from and against any loss (including legal costs and expenses) or liability reasonably incurred or suffered by any of those indemnified as a result of any suit, demand, action, claim or proceeding brought by any person against any of those indemnified arising from the issue of this licence for the above event.

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- All dragon boat participants must adhere to the Notice of Exemption issue to Dragon Boat SA
- An access corridor is to be provided for the passage of non-participating vessels in between events.
- Marker buoys may be placed in the water to indicate the course area and passing corridor but must be removed at the completion of racing each day.
- Sufficient duty boats must be in attendance for the entire the licence period to guide vessels away from the licensed area.
- All duty boats must be registered, the operators licensed and have the required safety equipment on board for semi protected waters.
- Your club must check the water conditions in the licensed area for hazards, suitable depth and any other conditions that may pose a safety risk for participants of the event before the licensed activity is to commence.

A Marine Safety Officer may attend the event subject to availability. Any enquiries regarding this licence should be directed to Marine Safety SA on 1300 183 046.

Issued by:  Date: 31 / 12 / 2025

Simon Schwerdt
Unit Manager,
Marine Safety & Compliance

Signing this document and returning the whole document to Marine Safety SA prior to your event confirms your acknowledgement and understanding of the conditions and activates the licence 68/25

Signed: 
Dragon Boat SA


(print name) 5/1/2026
(date)

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DRAGON BOAT SA AUTHORISATION OF DUTY BOAT PERSONNEL

The bearer of this letter is authorised to prevent nonparticipating vessels and swimmers from entering the licensed area at West Lakes areas between the hours of 6.00 am and 8.00 pm and to assist other watercraft to navigate past the area between events from Sunday 21 September 2025 to Sunday 29 March 2026.

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Simon Schwerdt
Unit Manager,
Marine Safety & Compliance

31 December 2025

WATER TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

DRAGON BOAT SA

Notice is given that pursuant to Section 26 of the *Harbors and Navigation Act 1993*, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport has granted an Aquatic Activity Licence to Dragon Boat Club SA to conduct dragon boat racing on an area of water within West Lakes at the following locations and dates as follows:

Aquatic Reserve
21/09/2025
12/10/2025
07/12/2025
11/01/2026
01/02/2026
01/03/2026

AM Ramsay Regatta Course
28/03/2026
29/03/2026

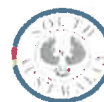
Round the Island / Delfin Island
22/11/2025
29/11/2025
07/02/2026

Scullers Reserve
15/02/2026

For safety reasons, vessels, and persons other than those participating in the events are prohibited from entering the above area of water from 8.00 am until 7.00 pm from Sunday 22 September 2025 to Sunday 29 March ~~2025~~ ²⁰²⁶ unless directed to do so by one of the duty vessels in attendance. ²⁰²⁶.

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Dear Ms Lister

**EXEMPTION FROM REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND WEARING OF
LIFEJACKETS – WEST LAKES**

I refer to your application to allow an exemption from carrying the required safety equipment and the wearing of lifejackets at West Lakes.

The exemption sought has been granted and the Notice of Exemption is attached.

The exemption commences on Sunday 21 September 2025 until Sunday 29 March 2026, and should a further exemption be required in subsequent events an application will be required.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this exemption please contact Marine Safety SA on 1300 183 046.

Yours sincerely,

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Simon Schwerdt
Unit Manager,
Marine Safety & Compliance

31 December 2025



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Harbors and Navigation Act 1993

Exemption issued to: Dragon Boat SA
President: Julie Lister
email: Julie-lister@dodo.com.au

I, Simon Schwerdt, Unit Manager, Marine Safety and Compliance, Department for Infrastructure and Transport, in accordance with the delegation granted to me by the Chief Executive Officer, Department for Infrastructure and Transport and pursuant to section 83 of the *Harbors and Navigation Act 1993*, do hereby exempt financial members of Dragon Boat SA, financial members of the Australian Dragon Boat Federation and Sports Teams participating in events from regulation 117 (o) (ii) occupants of Dragon Boats to wear a lifejacket level 50 or 50S whilst in protected waters, subject to the conditions and exclusions set out below.

Conditions

1. This exemption is only valid for Dragon Boat SA race days between Sunday 21 September 2025 until Sunday 29 March 2026 held on West Lakes, defined as the lakes system contained in Allotment 80 in DP 13555 and Allotment 210 in DP 14674.
2. This exemption only applies between sunrise and sunset.
3. In order for a paddler to operate under this exemption, they must:
 - a. be at least 16 years of age
 - b. be able to swim at least 100 metres while clothed
 - c. be covered by an appropriate public liability insurance policy
 - d. be a financial member of Dragon Boat SA, a financial member of the Australian Dragon Boat Federation or a Sports Team that is member of the Association; and
 - e. have participated in a capsized drill during the previous twelve months.

If a person does not meet all the criteria of 3 above, then that person(s) is to wear an approved lifejacket level 50 or 50S at all times while on the vessel.

4. Dragon boats must stay within 50 metres of the shore unless taking necessary action to avoid the potential collision with another vessel (and in keeping with the rules of navigation).
5. A mobile phone must be carried in a watertight container in the Dragon Boat.
6. Effective rescue capability must be available during any activities covered by this exemption, to ensure the safety of crews should the circumstance arise where self-rescue is not possible.
7. Dragon Boat SA provides a written acknowledgement that it releases, indemnifies and discharges the Minister for Transport and the Crown in the right of the State of

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South Australia and their employees and agents (those indemnified) from and against any loss (including legal costs and expenses) or liability incurred or suffered by any of those indemnified as a result of any suit, demand, action, claim or proceeding brought by any person against those indemnified arising from the issue of this exemption or the above event.

- 8. Dragon Boat SA complies with all other requirements under the *Harbors and Navigation Act 1993* and the *Harbors and Navigation Regulations 2023*.
- 9. Dragon Boat SA displays this exemption on its website and advises members of affiliated Dragon Boat clubs of the contents of this exemption.

A breach of any of the conditions will result in the exemption being revoked and safety equipment carriage requirements applied.

Exclusions

- 1. This exemption does not apply between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 2. During periods where turbidity or other factors reduces the visibility of people/objects below the water, all paddlers and other occupants must wear an approved lifejacket.
- 3. Persons unable to swim at least 100 metres fully clothed (including those permanently or temporarily impaired by a medical condition) must wear an approved lifejacket.
- 4. This exemption applies only to paddlers and does not include coaches, drummers or sweeps or any persons not paddling the craft.
- 5. School teams, social teams and corporate teams must wear approved lifejackets.
- 6. Persons under the age of 16 must wear an approved lifejacket.

This Notice of Exemption is valid from Sunday 21 September 2025 to Sunday 29 March 2026.

This exemption may be revoked or amended at any time prior to the expiry date.

Issued by:  Date: 31 / 12 / 2025
 Simon Schwerdt
 Unit Manager, Marine Safety & Compliance
 CEO Delegate of the *Harbors and Navigation Act 1993*

Signing this document and returning the whole document to Marine Safety SA prior to commencement of operations confirms your acknowledgement and understanding of the conditions and activates the exemption.

Signed:   
 Dragon Boat SA (print name) (date)