



Media Release

NOT LONG NOW TO THE 2016 SOUTHERN 80

8TH FEBRUARY 2016

The 2016 Southern 80 hits the water on Saturday 13th February with the social classes first on the water at 9am, with Reactor leading the boats from Five Mile Boat ramp to the Victoria Park Finish Line area. Reactor, a Racecraft hull with a Twin Turbo 482 has Lance Heathcote and local Echuca competitor, Neil Donald in the boat with skiers Mick Kelly & Darren Purdom.

Whilst the 11 Social classes are on the water, in the main shopping district of Hare Street, will come alive with the Total Tools Static Display. Here the Superclass boats and other boats not competing on the Saturday morning racing have the opportunity to show off their superbly maintained craft, before they hit the water. Come and get up close with the magnificent craft.

At 10.14am the largest class for the weekend – 60 mph social take to the water, with 'Broken Arrow' leading the way. This class has 34 entries in it and the teams are not allowed to break the 60mph speed limit. This class is aimed at the new comers in the sport, and is a very popular class. Barry James the driver of 'The Croc' in the 60mh class is the oldest competitor in the field.

The oldest skier in the event is Steve Cotton from NSW skiing behind Showdown in the Unlimited Inboard Expert and Presidents Dash classes.

The youngest skier is Camden Cooper is skiing behind Tuff N Ruff leaving at 11:20am in the Under 10's class, Danny Knappick is doing the driving and Matthew Cooper is doing the observing.

225 boats and 816 competitors are travelling to Echuca / Moama from 360 towns around Australia for the event. Along with a contingent of skiers from New Zealand and a large support crew of 30-40 people, it makes this race, a truly international race, Skiers are also travelling from Spain and the UK in their first attempt in the 'World's Biggest Ski Race'.

The Victoria Park Finish Line is the place to be. During the break in racing each day there will be a Drag Boat display on the water to keep the crowd entertained. There is a range of food & drinks available for purchase along with other trade displays.

The kids are taken care of, with a play area, including face painting, bucking bull, water slide, and colouring in activities.

A big screen will be displaying all the action as it happens. Entry is \$35 for a weekend and \$25 per day. Tickets can be purchased at the gate on the day. Bring along your chairs, picnic rug for a great family day.

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