



16th January 2017

Southern 80 – Entries are now closed

The Southern 80 Ski race is coming to Echuca / Moama on the 10th to 12th February 2017 and the Victoria Park Finish Line the place where all the action takes place.

There are 435 entries received for the event, with 220 boats competing in 41 different classes, based on age, boat capacity or the speed the teams have selected to ski over the weekend of racing.

Teams will start to roll into the twin towns in the week before the event, to know and understand the Murray river before racing on the weekend. Teams are travelling from all over Australia – Far North Queensland to Tasmania and all the states in between.

There is a range of opportunities for the spectator to get up close and personal to see the horsepower and detail put into these well-prepared teams.

Friday, is Breakfast with the Stars at the Kerribee Sound Shell in Moama, this free event is from 7am to 9am, with an array of food available for your breakfast. Around 50 boats and teams will be on display, so the children can get up close and personal on the way to school.

Saturday, Hare Street Echuca comes alive with the Total Tools Static Display between 9am to 1 pm. Here the seven Superclass boats and a range of other teams will be on display. Southern 80 merchandise and some team merchandise will be available for sale.

Whilst this is happening, the Victoria Park finish line opens for business at 8am. Racing starts at 8.30am from the Five Mile Reserve with the social racing. Entry to the Victoria Park site is \$35 for weekend pass or \$25 per day. Children under 15 are free. Bring your chairs, picnic blanket and enjoy the carnival atmosphere and more of the grassed area is opened up for the spectators to watch all the action. The finish line area will again have the big screen with the live timing showing the time splits along the course, so that you can follow your favourite team.

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This year also will see more live crosses to the start line, so that you can see the boats start along with watching them cross the line at Victoria Park. There is a range of food and drink vendors on site to cater for an array of appetites. Children are also catered for with a Free Jumping Castle and Water Slide. Trade displays and drag boats will also be on display. At breaks in the racing, the Drag Boat Club will be on the water to show off their skills in handling their powerful boats on the Murray River. At 2pm the Superclass boats will vie for pole position in the Sunday event as they compete in the Bakers Blitz. Last year's winner The Mistress will lead the see Superclass boats down the river at two-minute intervals.

Sunday the 12th and we do it all again, this time from the Torrumbarry start line, where the boats will travel the 80km to the Victoria Park finish line. Racing starts with the Super Social class on the water for a start at 8.30am. Again the Victoria Park Finish line is the place to be, Live timing, Live crosses to the start line, on water entertainment with Drag boats, plenty of food and drinks. At the conclusion of racing, till the start of presentation there will be live music. As Leo Welch from The Mistress would say "Can't wait to see you at the finish line."

For further information and to get your finish line tickets visit our new look website at www.southern80.com.au

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