



Media Release

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The Southern 80 is back on the water for 2022. Moama Water Sports Club President (MWSC), President Steve Shipp, announced Wednesday, December 8th at the Media launch, held at the Five Mile Reserve in Moama.

The Southern 80 ski race occurs over the three days of the 11th to February 13th, 2022. The sport and the event have been in limbo due to COVID restrictions over the past 18 months. The MWSC has been using that time to refresh the popular ski racing event, to include more action on the water.

Destination NSW has continued their support of the Southern 80, and President Steve Shipp said, “Our event brings many people from all over Australia to our twin towns of Echuca/Moama. The support of Destination NSW and the NSW government to run the event allows us to highlight the many opportunities for visitors to the region to experience whilst they are on their way to the event, at the event or when they travel for practice at our event. There are many beautiful spots to camp along the NSW part of the river, along with many interesting trails like the Backroads Trail, North of the Murray and many other features that NSW offers.”

Minister for Tourism Stuart Ayres said the NSW Government was proud to continue its support of the event.

“The Southern 80 is an internationally recognised water-skiing event and plays a substantial role in bringing visitors to this wonderful part of NSW.

“With the race attracting more than 700 competitors, 180 boats and tens of thousands of spectators, the event is a major boost for the local tourism sector. I am delighted we are again supporting this iconic event and congratulate the organisers for getting it back on the water.”

This year the event will be live-streamed with Multicast technology. MWSC has partnered with MVSN, a Melbourne technology company, to provide cameras on multiple boats and in numerous locations along the river. Viewers swipe to select the cameras they want to watch, and they can follow their favourite crew from anywhere in the world as they race down the Murray River to the finish line at Victoria Park boat Ramp in Echuca. There will be the opportunity to view live and pre-recorded footage via the MVSN app at any time from now to the race weekend.

There will also be changes to the action on the water, with more racing available for competitors and spectators alike on Saturday. Competitors competing in the Sunday afternoon events will have the opportunity to race on Saturday afternoon in the Expert Classes Shootout to determine their teams start time for Sunday. This will see a countdown of over 100 teams entered in 2022 Southern 80 from around 11. The Presidents Dash and Bakers Blitz will be on the water around 2 pm, this forms the top 40 boats of the Southern 80, and they will be counted down from number 40 to 1 to determine the start order for the Sunday afternoon racing. With the extra racing on the water, many teams will be unavailable for the Static Display in Hare st, and this will not be taking place this year.

The finish line area will be like no other, with the new Echuca Moama bridge nearing completion and spanning the river, shading the Victoria Park finish line area. We will have our usual line up of trade sites, boats, information about the new bridge, activities for the kids, and plenty of food and drinks for all. Entry to the area will be \$35 for the weekend or \$25 per day. Tickets will be available via www.southern80.com.au in mid-December.

We look forward to seeing spectators, competitors, and locals when the Southern 80 is back on the water February 11th to 13th 2022. Further information www.southern80.com.au or follow us on Facebook @southern80 or Instagram @southern80skirace

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