



SOUTHERN 80 - KING OF THE MURRAY

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At Easter, the Mildura 100 Ski Race was held and won by the team of Superman running the black boat, what a great lead up to the Southern 80. Ski Race teams from all over Australia are heading to Echuca Moama from May 13th to 15th for their chance to compete in this prestigious event.

The King of the Murray is a culmination of events along the iconic Murray River, bordering the states of Victoria and New South Wales. These events include the Murray Darling 110, Robinvale / Euston 80, Mildura 100 and this year the Southern 80 is the last event of the series. Teams must amass 65 points over all four events to win the title of King of the Murray.

Each year the clubs involved put in money to award the team with the same boat, that obtains the most points overall in a season. This year the prize money is \$4000.00. The last time the King of the Murray was won, was in 2018, by the team of Superman.

Superman is currently in the lead to win the Dennis Rowbottom, King of Murray trophy if they win at the Southern 80. They started the series with a broken rope at the Murray Darling 110. They went on to win the Robinvale/ Euston race in a record time, and now with a win in the Mildura, they are on track. Can they win the Southern 80 on May 15th and win the King of the Murray?

Moama Water Sports Club President Steve Shipp said "We cannot wait to get back on the water and cannot do it without the support of our Strategic Sponsor, Destination New South Wales."

Minister for Tourism and Sport Stuart Ayres said the NSW Government was proud to support the iconic event.

"The Southern 80 is an internationally recognised water-skiing event and plays out like a high-octane race on water. The event plays an integral role in bringing visitors to experience this wonderful part of NSW," Mr Ayres said.

"I am delighted we are again supporting this event and congratulate the organisers for getting it back on the water. I encourage all event attendees to also take the time to explore this historic region," Mr Ayres said.

Plan your trip to visit Echuca/Moama for the ski racing and the range of wonderful opportunities available in the Murray River region.

Southern 80 action starts on Friday morning with the Breakfast with the Stars, held at the Kerribee Sound Shell in Moama, NSW. Here the teams will have their boats on display, so that race fans can admire the magnificent paint jobs and neat engines, get posters signed by the stars of Ski Racing and watch interviews with some of the young and up and coming ski racers.

Saturday morning, and those young stars, the Under ten skiers, are the first on the water. They are starting from the Five Mile reserve in Moama and travelling the Victoria Park Boat Ramp under the new Dhungala bridge over the Murray River. Mid morning it is the expert class boats racing for their starting positions on Sunday afternoon.

The big boys hit the water at 2 pm, where the Top 40 boats will vie for the pole position in Sunday afternoon's racing. They will race from slowest to fastest with Superman the last boat away leaving at 3:18 pm. If they beat the record time of 6:39 – we will know the winner of the Bakers Blitz by 3:27 and who will lead the expert boats down the 80 kilometre course on Sunday.

We look forward to welcoming you to Echuca/Moama from May 13th to 15th. Further information www.southern80.com.au or follow us on Facebook @southern80 or Instagram @southern80skirace

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