



SOUTHERN 80 - ALL SET TO GO

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All is on track for the 2023 Southern 80 Ski Race. Racing is set to make the Murray come alive on the 24th to the 26th of March in Echuca / Moama, with over 145 boats entered creating 350 entries for an exciting two days of racing.

There are three days of activities for water ski racing fans and competitors.

Friday 24th March will see the boats and their amazing tow vehicles on display at the Kerribee Sound Shell in Moama for the Breakfast with the Stars. Here along with the boats, many Ski Racing Stars will be available to sign posters and the young and up-and-coming stars of the sport will have breakfast with their heroes.

Friday night will see some of those who have contributed to the Southern 80, acknowledged in the Southern 80 Hall of Fame. The night recognises that it takes a range of people to make the Southern 80 what is today, ranging from the committee, competitors, volunteers, and sponsors. The night starts at 6 pm at the Victoria Park Finish line, entry is \$10.

Saturday has racing start at 8 am at the Five Mile boat ramp in Moama. The Under 10 skiers are first on the water. The social classes are next followed by the Veterans and Senior Social classes. Whilst this is occurring on the water, at the American Hotel in Hare st Echuca there will be around 30 boats on display in the Harry O's boat display, which is from 9 am to 12 noon. Unfortunately, with the damage from the floods, there will be no spectator viewing at the Five Mile boat ramp.

Around 11.30 am all the Sunday afternoon competitors not in the Top 40 will run down the river to the finish line to determine their starting positions for the Sunday event. The Top 40 boats will all place their boats in the water at the Victoria Park finish line and head by river to the Five Mile boat ramp in NSW. Our official Southern 80 boat parade on water. Then starting off at boat 40, heading towards the fastest boat – last year's winner Sapphire F1, the boats will then race to put down their best time and determine their starting order for Sunday's racing.

Sunday morning and the start line moves to Torrumbarry and the teams race over the whole 80 km of river. The first boat on the water will be ORSM racing leading the Super Social class, followed by many of the age classes and the popular 70 mph and 60 mph classes. At 12.30 pm the Super class boats will be on the water, with the winner from Saturday's Baker Blitz leading the way.

Come along to the Victoria Park Finish line to be part of all the action. Entry to Victoria Park is \$25 per day or \$35 for the weekend. Children under 16 are free. The finish line area is no BYO or dogs. Bring the family, there is a free children's area, and a range of food trucks and drinks to cover all your tastes.

The American Hotel Beer Garden is a new inception this year – tickets for this must be purchased online via www.southern80.com.au . All tickets can be purchased online now and general admission tickets will be available at the gate on the weekend.

Southern 80 is proudly supported by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

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For further information regarding this event please contact Moama Water Sports Club Office on 03 54806754 or for further communications Julie Gollidge 0418147227

Attached:

Moama Grammar Drum line band performing at the 2022 Breakfast with the stars - 0D8A8107.jpg

Pure Enemy team vehicle with the boat - 0D8A9131.jpg

Showbiz team after finishing their run in 2022 DSC_7953 – photo from Riverine Herald

List of the top 40 boats