

ARAWA CANOE CLUB PRESENTS

rasdex classic RIVER RACE SERIES

MAIN EVENT

Saturday 8th December
Mt White Bridge to Gorge Bridge
67km - Grade 2 - Waimakariri River

PROLOGUE RACES

7th Oct - 4th Nov - 25th Nov
9.30am - Woodstock to Gorge Bridge

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RACE COURSE & SCHEDULE

PROLOGUE RACES

Schedule

7th October, 4th November and 25th November 2018

8.30-9.00am Registration for ALL competitors

9.00am Race Briefing – this is compulsory for all competitors to attend

9.30am Race start time

The Course

Waimakariri River: Woodstock to Gorge Bridge. Grade 2 braided river. The start is located [at the end of Woodstock road](#), in View Hill and the finish is located at the [Waimakariri Gorge Bridge](#). Access to the start may be difficult for small 2WD vehicles.

Prize giving

Prize giving will be held immediately after the race on the riverbed

MAIN EVENT

Schedule

Saturday 8th December

7.00-8.00am Registration for ALL competitors – late arrivals may be refused entry

8.30am Race Briefing – this is compulsory for all competitors to attend

9.00am sharp Race start time. Classes will be sent off in waves

The Course

Following the same course as the iconic Coast to Coast this race gives you the opportunity to race the Waimakariri between Mount White Bridge and Waimakariri Gorge Bridge under race conditions. The Start is located at [Mt White Bridge](#) off SH73, and the finish is located at the [Waimakariri Gorge Bridge](#).

Prize giving

The prize giving will be held at the Sheffield Hall 5min drive from the finish line. Prize giving will commence at 3.30pm with afternoon tea and drinks available from 2.30pm. You must be present to collect any spot prizes.

ENTRY

Entry closing date

Entry for the main event closes **TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2018**. There are no on the day entries. All competitors must be preregistered before the close date. No entries will be accepted after the close date. Entry for the Prologue races is available online before the race, and on the day entries are available.

Registration & payment

Registration and payment are to be online via the link below. If you don't receive a conformation email, contact race organisers.

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<https://www.webscorer.com/registerseries?seriesid=146928>

2018 ENTRY FEES		INDIVIDUAL		DOUBLE	
		CRNZ AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBER	NON- MEMBER*	CRNZ AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBER	NON- MEMBER*
PROLOGUES	BEFORE THE DAY	\$25	\$35	\$45	\$55
	ON THE DAY	\$35	\$45	\$65	\$75
RASDEX CLASSIC MAIN EVENT	EARLY BIRD BEFORE 25/11/2018	\$150	\$180	\$280	\$310
	LATE ENTRY AFTER 25/11/2018	\$180	\$210	\$310	\$340
SERIES DISCOUNT (ENTERING ALL FOUR RACES)		\$20			

* If you are not a member of a CRNZ Affiliated club then an additional River Racing membership fee applies to your entry fee. Your increased entry fee includes a race day membership to Arawa canoe club. CRNZ affiliation will be verified prior to race day.

All series entries received before the first prologue race are eligible for series spot prizes.
Entries are limited to 200

COMPETENCY & GRADE 2 CERT

To compete in the Classic River Race you must be competent to paddle your chosen kayak through the course.

- A Grade 2 certificate is not compulsory for the Prologue race series. However, it is highly recommended. All other rules, conditions, compulsory gear and information on this leaflet will apply to the Prologue Series Races.
- A Grade 2 Certificate is required to be presented to classic@arawa.org.nz for all first-time competitors in the Rasdex Classic main event before entry is confirmed.
- Presentation of a Grade 2 Certificate is not required if you have completed The Classic River Race or the kayak section of the Coast-to-Coast multi-sport race in previous years.
- The race Safety Team reserve the right to refuse entry or withdraw any competitor they deem unfit to safely complete the race. Competitors need to ensure adequate training time on grade 2 rivers and ensure that their chosen kayak is appropriate for their kayaking ability.
- Both Double kayak participants MUST have their Grade 2 Certificate – this will be enforced.

Novices and those from outside of Canterbury are recommended to obtain experience on the Waimakariri River before the race. Race day is not the best time for a first time on the river. Spend time in your race boat, practice self-rescue skills, and know your [river signals](#). The Waimakariri is a serious river and should not be underestimated. If you have any concerns with your competence contact race organisers.

COMPULSORY GEAR

Kayak Suitable for the paddler skill level. For first time entrants, this must be the same level of boat as assessed in gaining Grade 2 certificate. Kayak be in good condition, river worthy and water tight. Rudder attached securely and cables/lines are in good condition Remove old race numbers from the boat (Leave 2018 Prologue series numbers on).	
Buoyancy Air bags, minimum 20 Litres securely tied in to kayak, or sealed bulkheads, sea kayaks only This requirement is over and above the manufacturers foam pillars. Wine bladders are not acceptable!	
PFD – Lifejacket/ Buoyancy Vest - 50N, type 406 specialist, NZS compliant	
Helmet - Kayaking Specific	
Spray Skirt	
Paddle	
Drybag , containing:	Thermal Hat and Gloves
	Waterproof long sleeve paddle specific jacket - seam sealed, minimum of neoprene cuffs
	Waterproof pants - seam sealed
	Thermal (polypropylene/ merino) long sleeve top and long johns
	Long sleeved mid layer thermal top, 220+ gsm (fleece)
	Thermal socks (polypropylene/ merino)
	Spare Food
	duct tape - minimum 10 metres
	First Aid Kit
	1.5m long un-stretched roll of 5cm wide crepe bandage
	5m long roll of 2cm wide strapping tape
	10 plaster strips (band aids)
Survival bag - (not a blanket) carried either in PFD or in a pocket	
Whistle - attached to PFD	
<i>Notes: This is a minimum requirement - feel free to include additional gear. Synthetic, natural or composite thermal products are acceptable. Cotton is unacceptable. A compression garment is not a thermal garment.</i>	

COMPULSORY GEAR CHECKS

It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that they are carrying all of the compulsory gear, wearing their PFD, spray deck and helmet and that their boat is grade 2+ river worthy. Any competitor seen on the river not wearing their PFD, spray deck or helmet will be immediately withdrawn from the race.

Checks of compulsory gear and airbags will be made before the race. Further checks will be made at the end of the race. Any competitor found to not be carrying all of the compulsory gear (including airbags) will be disqualified.

Remember to support [our sponsors](#) when sourcing your gear, sustenance and training.

No Gear, No Race, No Refund!

OTHER INFORMATION

Alternate Course

In case of extreme weather or river conditions, the organising committee reserves the right to change or deviate the course. Should the Gorge be unsuitable for racing on the Saturday organisers may move the race to our reserve day on Sunday. Please ensure your travel arrangements allow for this eventuality. Any change of course will be posted at the facebook page: www.facebook.com/rasdexclassicriverrace

Support Crew & Drivers

Please arrange your own transport. There will not be drivers available on race day. 67kms on the river = around 100km on the road! When accessing Woodstock and Mt White start lines please slow down and drive considerably. Note the last part of both roads is rough with tight turns and is more suitable for 4WD's. No campervans or trailers please.

Starting Order

Starting order will be advised at the race briefing. Competitors will be started in waves. Classes will be started in order of expected finishing time. Slowest classes will be started first. In the event of limited entries, some classes may be combined.

Timed Start

Each wave will have a recorded start time. Any competitor that crosses the start line PRIOR to their class starting will have their individual start time recorded plus one minute added to their overall time.

Withdrawing from the Race

Competitors who withdraw from the Rasdex Classic River Race must not leave the riverbank. Wait for the tail end Charlie kayakers to arrive, stay with your kayak on the side of the river. Let an official know if you withdraw from the race.

The last place to pull out of the Race once you have started is Gooseberry Stream (after the Rock Gardens). If you are not feeling confident, please pull out here. After this point you will be carried out by jet boat. It is your responsibility to have your kayak removed from the river at your own cost.

Race Number

Race numbers will be available to be collected at Mt White Bridge on race day (Woodstock for Prologues). Your number needs to be seen from both sides of the river at different checkpoints.

Nutrition

All competitors are responsible for their own race food and drink. The duration of this race is between four to seven hours. Please ensure you have sufficient food and drink for the race duration AND spare food as required in your compulsory kit.

Cut Off Time

Any competitor not past Gooseberry Stream by 11.00am or Woodstock by 2.30pm shall be withdrawn from the race.

Jet Boat Operations

Jet boats are used on the Waimakariri River as part of our safety management system. They are extremely important for the transportation of officials, rescuing competitors, radio communications and evacuations of injured competitors. Please remember that; they require less water going fast, and they are there for safety.

Environment & Didymo

We are privileged to be able to run The Classic in an awesome environment. Please ensure that you leave it as you found it. ECAN has requested that there is no smoking on the river and please remove all rubbish from the river banks. Use the toilets provided.

The Rasdex Classic River Race supports [Biosecurity New Zealand](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz) in their attempt to stop the spread of [Didymo](http://www.didymo.org.nz) throughout New Zealand's streams, rivers, canals and lakes. All kayak equipment must be cleaned, before and after the Classic River Race. Check out Biosecurity New Zealand for procedures. It is essential that all precautions are taken to prevent further spread of the Didymo in the Waimakariri River.