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Dear Mr Finn,

***AQUATIC ACTIVITY LICENCE 54/25 – RIVERLAND PADDLING MARATHON
AT MOOROOK, WAIKERIE, AND MORGAN.***

I refer to your application for an Aquatic Activity Licence to conduct the Riverland Paddling Marathon on the River Murray with stages ending at Moorook, Waikerie, and Morgan on 07, 08 and 09 June 2025.

Please ensure the acknowledgment section of the licence conditions is signed and a copy of the whole document is received by this office no later than close of business on Friday 23 May 2025 to indicate your acknowledgment and understanding of the conditions. Failure to do so will render the licence invalid.

A Marine Safety Officer (MSO) may attend on the day of the event - subject to availability. Any enquiries regarding this licence should be directed to Marine Safety SA on 1300 183 046.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Simon Schwerdt".

Simon Schwerdt
Unit Manager
Marine Safety & Compliance
10 April 2025



AQUATIC ACTIVITY LICENCE CONDITIONS 54/25

Pursuant to Section 26(1) of the *Harbors and Navigation Act 1993* a licence for exclusive use of the water is granted to the Marathon Canoe Club of South Australia Inc to conduct the Riverland Paddling Marathon on three areas of the River Murray with stages ending at Moorook, Waikerie and Morgan from 07, 08 and 09 June 2025 with a progressive river closure from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm.

Sections of the River Murray commencing at Loxton, Waikerie and Morgan in sequence as follows:

SATURDAY 07 JUNE 2025

- Sections of the River Murray commencing at Loxton foreshore 489 km mark, and continuing downstream to Moorook in sequence as follows:

489 km to 482 km	11.00 am to 12.30 pm
482 km to 475 km	12.00 pm to 1.00 pm
475 km to 468 km	1.00 pm to 2.00 pm
468 km to 461 km	1.30 pm to 3.00 pm
461 km to 454 km	2.30 pm to 4.30 pm
454 km to 452 km	2.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Also, an area of water at Moorook foreshore, commencing at the boat ramp and extending downstream for 200 metres and also extending for 20 metres out from shore, between the hours of 1.30 pm and 4.30 pm.

- An access corridor must be provided on the starboard side of the river for the passage of normal river traffic at a speed of 4 knots.

SUNDAY 08 JUNE 2025

- Sections of the River Murray commencing at the 409 km mark near Devlins Pound and continuing downstream to Waikerie in sequence as follows:

409 km to 402 km	11.00 am to 1.00 pm
402 km to 395 km	12.00 pm to 2.00 pm
395 km to 388 km	1.00 pm to 3.00 pm
388 km to 382 km	2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Also, an area of water at the Waikerie foreshore, commencing at the ferry crossing and extending for approximately 200 metres downstream to the boat ramp, and also extending for 20 metres out from shore between the hours of 12.00 noon and 4.30 pm.

- An access corridor must be provided on the starboard side of the river for the passage of normal river traffic at a speed of 4 knots, with the exception of the finish area at Waikerie where the corridor must be provided on the Port or Northern side.

MONDAY 09 JUNE 2025

- Sections of the River Murray commencing at the 349 km mark near Caudo Vineyard and continuing downstream to Morgan in sequence as follows:

349 km to 343 km	10.00 am to 11.30 pm
343 km to 336 km	11.00 am to 12.30 pm
336 km to 329 km	12.00 pm to 1.30 pm
329 km to 322 km	1.00 pm to 2.30 pm
322 km to 319 km	2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Also, an area of water at the Morgan foreshore, commencing at the town wharf and extending for approximately 300 metres downstream to the ferry crossing, and extending for 20 metres out from shore between the hours of 12.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

- An access corridor must be provided on the starboard side of the river for the passage of normal river traffic at a speed of 4 knots.

Permission is granted for the laying of course-marking buoys.

The following conditions apply to the licence:

- Marathon Canoe Club of South Australia Inc must hold adequate public liability insurance to cater for any claim for personal injury or damage to property resulting from activities during the period of the licence.
- Marathon Canoe Club of South Australia Inc agrees to release, indemnify and discharge the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Crown in the right of the State of South Australia and their employees and agents (those indemnified) from and against any loss (including legal costs and expenses) or liability reasonably incurred or suffered by any of those indemnified as a result of any suit, demand, action, claim or proceeding brought by any person against any of those indemnified arising from the issue of this licence for the above event.
- The licensed areas must be buoyed, and duty boats must be tasked to facilitate the sequential areas of the licence, with at least one being ahead of the participating fleet and one following to warn any non-participating vessels of the event, and to guide them safely past the area.
- All duty boats must be registered, the operators licensed, and have the required safety equipment on board as required for Protected Waters.

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- Where the duty boats are not more than 4.8 metres in length or operated by a sole occupant, lifejackets must be worn at all times in accordance with *Regulation 117* of the *Harbours & Navigation Regulations 2023*.
- Upon completion of the event please provide a summary of the event via email to Marine Safety including adherence to the current regulations from other water users.
- The duty boats must not be charged with rescue or other tasks.
- The duty boats (both ahead and behind the fleet) must show a red flag of minimum of 300mm x 300mm on a suitable staff to be recognisable by the public
- There must be a sufficient number of rescue vessels on the water each day, for the entire length of the course, to effectively carry out a rescue, if required.
- All participants are to paddle on the right hand side of the waterway in the direction of travel and in particular on left hand bends of the river.
- All participants must wear a lifejacket which is compliant with AS 4758.
- Organisers must install a marker buoy midstream on left hand bends to keep competitors to the right hand side of the river as they travel downstream.
- All course and marker buoys must be removed from the water at the conclusion of the event each day.
- Your organisation must ensure that all vessels and paddle craft comply effectively with all requirements of the *Harbours and Navigation Act 1993*.
- Your organisation must check the water conditions in the licensed area for hazards and that adequate water is available before the licensed activity is to commence each day.
- The applicant should also ensure that all relevant approvals have been sought, including those under the *Crown Land Management Act 2009* relating to the use of unalienated Crown land or the riverbed. For further information telephone (08) 85952105 or visit: <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/land-management/crown-lands>.

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DIT Ferry Operations have provided the following requirements, which form a condition of the licence.

- The lead duty boat must make contact with the ferry operator to indicate the approach of the fleet, and the tail end duty boat must similarly contact the ferry operator to confirm the passage of the last paddler. Contact may be facilitated by approaching the ferry and attracting the attention of the driver, or by telephone as below.

Waikerie ferry	0439 415 849
Cadell ferry	0447 678 159

- Paddlers must only transit the vehicular ferry crossings when the green flashing lights indicate that the ferry will not proceed. Additionally, the ferry operator will confirm that they are aware of the paddlers by sounding a single short blast on the ferry horn.
- The organiser must advise all participants of this requirement.
- All directions from a Marine Safety Officer (MSO) in regard to the operation of the licence must be strictly observed.

An MSO will attend on the days of the event, subject to availability. Any enquires regarding this licence should be directed to the Marine Safety SA on 1300 83 046.

Issued by: 

Date: 10 / 04 / 2025

Simon Schwerdt
Unit Manager
Marine Safety & Compliance

Signing this document and returning the whole document to Marine Safety SA prior to your event confirms your acknowledgement and understanding of the conditions and activates the licence 54/25.

Signed:
Marathon Canoe Club

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(print name)

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(date)



MARATHON CANOE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AUTHORISATION OF DUTY BOAT PERSONNEL

The bearer of this letter is authorised to prevent non-participating vessels and swimmers from entering the licensed areas on the River Murray and to assist non-participating vessels to pass the areas at the following locations and times:

Saturday 07 June 2025	Loxton to Moorook between 10.30 am and 5.00 pm
Sunday 08 June 2025	Devilins Pound to Waikerie between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm
Monday 09 June 2025	Caudo Vineyard to Morgan between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm

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Unit Manager
Marine Safety and Compliance

10 April 2025

WATER TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

LOXTON TO MORGAN

07 - 09 JUNE 2025

Notice is given that pursuant to Section 26 of the *Harbors and Navigation Act 1993*, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport has granted an Aquatic Activity Licence to the Marathon Canoe Club of South Australia Inc to conduct the Riverland Paddling Marathon from Saturday 07 June 2025 to Monday 09 June 2025 on an area of the River Murray as follows:

Sat 07 - Loxton to Moorook 10.30 am to 5.00 pm.

Sun 08 - Devlins Pound to Waikerie 10.30 am to 4.30 pm.

Mon 09 - Caudo Vineyard to Morgan 10.30 am to 4.30 pm.

The licensed area will be indicated by motor vessels displaying a red flag, one ahead and one behind the race fleet.

For safety reasons, vessels and persons other than those participating in the events are prohibited from entering the above areas of water ***whilst the fleet progresses past the area*** between the hours specified on each day.

Further details of traffic restrictions can be found on the website at www.riverlandpaddlingmarathon.com

Marathon Canoe Club of South Australia Inc