

The Alex Ramsay Rowing Course is a nine-lane retractable buoyed system course with new start and launching pontoons and associated on-water and off-water facilities. In 2010, the \$2.4 million upgrade was completed, putting South Australia at the forefront of water sports facilities offering benefits to both elite and recreation sport and the wider community.

The Alex Ramsay Rowing Course has since held the 2010 Australian Dragon Boat Championships, the 2011 Australian Rowing Championships and the 2011 Australian Canoe Championships with great success.

**Venue Location:** The course is located in West Lakes, approximately 9km from the Adelaide CBD and is Australia's only metropolitan rowing/canoeing/dragon boat facility capable of achieving international accreditation. The location of the Alex Ramsay Rowing Course provides close proximity to accommodation, shops, public transport, tourism facilities, and other sporting complexes.

**Venue Facilities:** The Rowing SA complex is equipped with the Boatshed Café & Function Room, administration offices, meeting and recreational facility, storage sheds and boat stores, toilets and showers.

**West Lakes:** West Lakes was officially opened on March 18, 1977. The boating lake is 4.8km long and stretches north-south from the Bower Rd weir, Ethelton to Trimmer Parade, West Lakes Shore. The 4.8km lake allows for warm up and training including the full Alex Ramsey Rowing Course.

**Regatta Course:** The Alex Ramsey Rowing Course is a fully cabled course with a complete Kevlar rope system 1.5m underwater and is completely independent of any attachment to the adjacent banks and concrete steps. The grid system is secured with marine grade stainless steel shackles and fittings. Wood pylons act as anchorage points with the ability to secure the pontoon at 250m intervals from start to finish.

**Portable Equipment:**

- **Nine buoyed lanes:** There are nine buoyed lanes marking the 2000m regatta course. Buoys are at 10m intervals and red buoys mark the first 100m and the last 200m.
- **Starting pontoon:** The starting pontoon is a 128m x 4m movable pontoon temporarily located at the southern end of the lake. With permanent cross cables every 250m, the starting pontoon can be anchored at 250m intervals.
- **Starting tower and aligners/timing huts:** A temporary starting tower can be erect on its own floating pontoon. Two aligner huts can be erect along western-side of the course at the 250m, 500m, 1000m, and 1500m marks.

**Permanent fixtures:**

- **Launching pontoon:** The launching pontoon is approximately 45m long and 5m wide, with 3 access ramps (incl. wheelchair access).
- **Judges Tower:** The Judges Tower is located at the northern end of the course. The three-level tower provides for regatta control including an electronic camera/timing system, a tiered umpiring level, and a third floor media/commentator balcony.

