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## Overview

Members are advised that dredging works will be undertaken within West Lakes during early June 2026 to early July 2026, subject to weather and operational requirements. These works are being carried out to maintain water quality, improve water circulation and support the long-term management of the lake system. To ensure the safety of all water users, temporary exclusion zones and work areas will be established around the dredging operation.

The dredging operation will involve:

- A dredge operating within the designated dredging area near the West Lakes Inlet.
- Material being transported via a pipeline to the disposal area.
- Support vessels and associated marine equipment operating within the work zone.
- Temporary exclusion zones around the dredging activities.

## What Does This Mean for Rowing SA Members?

### Rowing Activities

Normal rowing activities on the A.M. Ramsay Regatta Course are expected to continue. However members should:

- Remain outside all designated exclusion zones.
- Avoid entering any marked dredging or disposal areas.
- Follow any temporary navigation instructions issued by contractors or authorities.
- Avoid the West Lakes Inlet and remain clear of all marked dredging infrastructure.

**Pedestrian and cyclist access along the lake footpath will remain open.** Please take care whilst in the area and follow all safety signs and traffic control measures in place at the worksite.



## Work Area Map

Please refer to the below West Lakes Dredging Work Area Map.

### Map Legend

Symbol	Description
Red Boundary	No Fishing and Water Activities Zone
Orange Hatched Area	Dredging Area
Blue Hatched Area	Disposal Area
Green Dashed Line	Pipeline Path



## Port Adelaide River Dredging Works

Members are advised that dredging works will be undertaken within the Port Adelaide River system from June to October 2026 (subject to operational requirements and weather conditions).

The Harbour Master has requested that water users be informed of the works and associated navigation risks.

While the river will remain open to vessel traffic, temporary hazards associated with dredging operations will be present and members should exercise caution when operating in the area.

### Location of Works

Dredging activities will occur in the vicinity of:

- ASC Wharf
- ASC Shiplift Facility
- OSB4 Wharf
- Former Penrice Site (pond area)

The works will involve dredge barges, support vessels, anchors, moorings and associated marine equipment.

### Pipeline Operations

A submerged pipeline will extend south from the dredging area to the former Penrice site.

Members should be aware that:

- The pipeline will generally remain submerged.
- The pipeline may periodically be floated to the surface for inspection or maintenance.
- Vessels may be required to alter course or temporarily relocate when these activities occur.
- The position of the pipeline may vary as works progress and should not be relied upon remaining in a fixed location.

### Navigation Advice - Members should avoid:

- Travelling along the western side of the river between ASC and OSB4.
- Approaching dredges, barges, support vessels, pipelines or mooring equipment.

### Preferred Navigation Route - For the duration of the works:

**Members are encouraged to use the eastern side of the Port River wherever practical.**

The eastern side of the river is expected to remain clear of dredging activity and is the preferred navigation route during the works.

### Impact on Rowing Activities

These works are not expected to prevent normal rowing or coaching activities within approved training areas.

However, members operating support vessels or undertaking activities within the Port River should:

- Plan routes before departure.
- Remain aware of changing work locations.
- Brief crews regarding temporary navigation restrictions.
- Monitor conditions and work activity throughout the session.

**Port River Works Period: June – October 2026 (subject to change)**

**Safety Requirements for both West Lakes and Port River Works**

All members are reminded to:

- Maintain a proper lookout at all times.
- Observe all safety signage and exclusion zones.
- Follow directions provided by authorised personnel.
- Keep clear of floating or submerged equipment.
- Report any hazards, incidents or near misses through the Rowing SA Incident Reporting Process.

**Further Information**

If additional information becomes available regarding changes to navigation arrangements or access restrictions, Rowing SA will communicate these updates to clubs, schools and members.

If you have any questions regarding these works or their impact on rowing activities, please contact the Rowing SA office on (08) 8242 3288 or email [cnewberry@rowingsa.asn.au](mailto:cnewberry@rowingsa.asn.au).

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