

river  
pride  
**parade**

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welcome to melt festival's  
**2024 river pride parade!**

Make sure your boat meets all the water craft  
safety requirements and be part of the fun!

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## what to expect

- The River Pride Parade will take place on **Saturday 9 November** from 3pm to 5pm, starting at West End reach and finishing at Brisbane Powerhouse.
- The parade will be led by Melt Ambassador Courtney Act and Melt artists, with music, fun and daytime pyrotechnic effects.
- You will be sent Melt Festival flag/s to display on your watercraft. We would love you to go to town decorating your vessel to contribute to the celebrations. These flags identify River Pride Parade vessels and assist our MSQ marshals in the smooth operation of the parade. If your flag doesn't arrive in time, you can pick it up on the day at the pink sign in tents at Riverside Drive Boat Ramp or communicate with Maritime Safety on-water marshals to receive one.



- Stay tuned for more information on how to access the River Pride Parade playlist on the day.



# **important** water craft requirements for the event

- Vessel draft (depth under water) must not exceed 3m
- Vessel height must not exceed 11.4m (For more information please click [here](#))
- There is a maximum speed of 4 knots to ensure minimal wash and allow for passenger engagement with shoreline spectators.
- Once you have signed up, we will need to know where you intend to enter and exit the river, or if your watercraft is already on the river. This will assist us in managing congestion at boat ramps and on-water. If you have not already, please let us know at [production@meltopen.org](mailto:production@meltopen.org)

## the day: arrival



On the day you will be required to check-in **no later than 14:45**

ON LAND: Please sign in at River Pride Pink Marquee at the Riverside Drive Boat Ramp, Riverside drive, West End.

ON WATER: Please contact R.P.P. event control by sending a text message with the name of your vessel, contact number and persons aboard to **0410 221 509.**

Vessels will be grouped in 4 clearly defined clusters to travel down river and led by our on-water Maritime Safety Queensland marshals.

An MSQ boat or PWC will meet and direct you to the marshalling area for your designated group. Each registered vessel will receive a MELT Icon flag with your registration pack. Ensure you bring this with you on the day and attach to your vessel! two MSQ MELT Jetskis are assigned to each cluster to direct travel and monitor safety.

You will be advised 5 minutes before your group is due to depart. This will be communicated to you via MSQ PWCs and **VHF on Channel #13.**

# the day: arrival



## Reminders for Masters:

- Please carry out normal pre-start checks, including deploying/retrieving your anchor
- Ensure your crew are fully aware of emergency procedures
- Ensure bilges are dry and tanks are either empty or fully pressed, and advise passengers not to all go to one side of the vessel to reduce the likelihood of free-surface-effect.
- Ensure guardrails are locked and in good condition and highlight the dangers and fines associated with jumping overboard.
- Allow extra time to arrive because of increased traffic on the river
- Remember to watch your wash and keep to the starboard side of the channel when safe and practicable en-route to the West End reach.
- Whilst in the marshalling area, reduce movement as much as possible, if time permits and you are comfortable to anchor on the West End shoreline you may do so.



## the day: separation between vessels

There will be boats, PWCs and passive craft joining the parade.

Boats are to remain at least 60m off the shoreline and travel in single file on the same side of the river as the lead vessel. This will change from the starboard side (West End reach to Town Reach) to the port side (Town Reach to New Farm).

Passive craft are not to be in the line with the powered vessels - they are to travel between them and the shoreline.

All vessels must leave room when manoeuvring around ferry terminals and other objects for passive craft to transit between them and waterside facilities.

Masters must keep at least a 30 metre gap between each vessel.

**Keep a close watch on the vessel in front as there may be times that the parade needs to hold position momentarily to avoid other traffic.**





## paddle / passive craft:

- Paddle/ passive craft will have opportunities to enter / exit the river as they wish. Opportunities for these access points will be sign posted 'Passive Craft Rest Stop'. Paddle craft must be forward facing as rowing backwards is a safety issue for the parade.
- To assist passive / paddle craft, the parade will commence at the top of the tide. Vessels will be moving with the tide for the duration of the parade.



## **the day:** during the parade

After passing under the new Green Bridge in Town Reach the group may need to hold position to allow traffic to transit. Once the area is clear the lead vessel will begin to cross. When you see this, all vessels in the entire group will cross over to the city side of the river in as close to 90 degrees as possible, doing so will reduce the impact on transiting vessels. Support vessels will be on the upstream and downstream ends of the crossing group to halt any traffic.

Once you reach the other side of the river, reform into a line and continue downstream, again maintaining a 30m gap between vessels.





## the day: city cats & other vessel traffic

A River Pride Parade City Cat will be the lead vessel for Group 1 and 4, and MSQ vessel's will lead Groups 2 and 3. They will be in contact with City Cats operations throughout the parade.

A Notice to Mariners will be published prior to the parade which will require vessels to reduce speed and minimise wash when passing vessels in the parade, **however this does not give you right of way over other vessels**. Normal boating rules (ColRegs) apply. The number one rule is avoid a collision so maintain a proper lookout at all times and make your intentions known early.

Support vessels will keep an eye on other traffic and keep the parade as clear of other traffic as possible, however every Master has a responsibility to ensure they comply with the ColRegs.



## the day: currents

High tide at Town Reach is estimated to be at 15:49 so tidal movement should be minimal. However as the tide does start to go out it can tend to push you towards the banks, especially around Howard Smith Wharves. The upstream side of the ferry terminal is to be given a wide berth as the current will push you between the wharf and the shore.

Passive craft need to be aware that the tide will start moving quickly at the conclusion of the event so consider being picked up at New Farm. Egress can be undertaken on the inner most face of the public New Farm River Hub wharf.





## the day: emergencies

All vessels to maintain a watch on Channel #13. If you are not fitted with a VHF, then ensure you keep your mobile (that you are supplied the number of during registration) accessible and are able to be alerted should you receive a text or call from Event Operations Control.

All vessels should be equipped and prepared to attend to any emergencies that occur aboard their vessel. Make sure all the crew are briefed and understand their role in an emergency, due to the nature of the event it is strongly recommended that you conduct a Man Overboard Drill prior to the event so that the vessel equipment and crew can be checked to ensure a smooth and timely response can be enacted in a MOB emergency.



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Should an emergency occur, the following actions should be undertaken to ensure assistance is provided and awareness of the emergency to other vessels is communicated.

- General alarm – 7 short and 1 long ring on a bell or vessels horn
- Man Overboard – 3 long rings or blasts on the vessels horn
- Fire - continuous ringing
- Manoeuvring: Engaging Astern propulsion – 3 short blasts.

Evacuation points are located at:

- West End river hub
- Town Reach river hub
- New Farm river hub

Queensland Ambulance Service Medics will be travelling along on land with the parade, as well as on-water Medics with the MSQ team.



## along the riverbank

For anyone wanting to capture the event from the riverbanks, the parade can be viewed from three key public locations – Southbank Lagoon, Howard Smith Wharves and New Farm Park, from 3-5pm.





## new sign ups

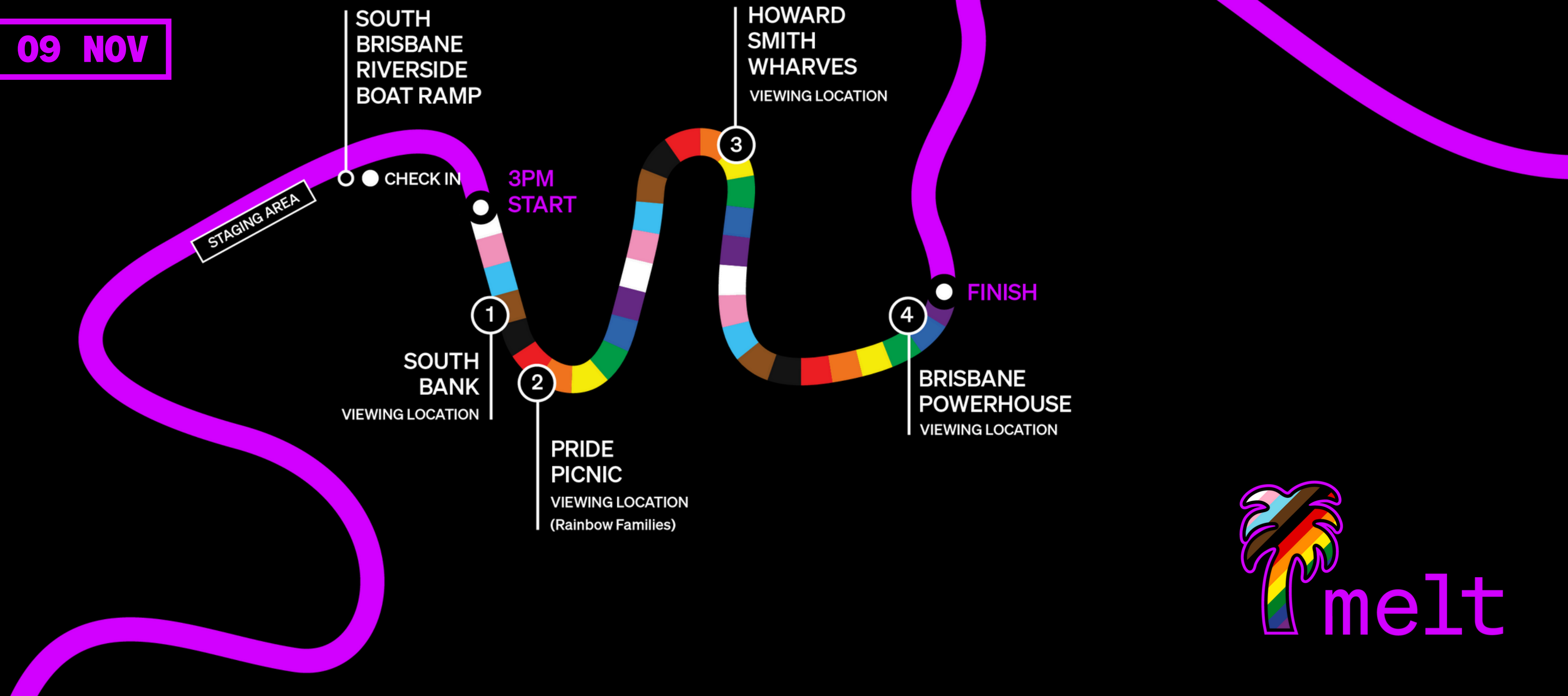
All new sign ups must have vessels registered before Thursday 24 October 2024 to take part.

Complete a safety and information briefing and sign your River Pride Parade waiver to ensure you have all the necessary information to have a great day on the water!

Read and accept the waiver [HERE](#)

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SOUTH  
BRISBANE  
RIVERSIDE  
BOAT RAMP

HOWARD  
SMITH  
WHARVES  
VIEWING LOCATION

STAGING AREA

CHECK IN

3PM  
START

FINISH

1  
SOUTH  
BANK  
VIEWING LOCATION

2  
PRIDE  
PICNIC  
VIEWING LOCATION  
(Rainbow Families)

4  
BRISBANE  
POWERHOUSE  
VIEWING LOCATION

