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welcome to melt festival's 2026 river pride parade!



- The River Pride Parade will take place on **Saturday 24 October 2026** from **4:00pm to 6:00pm**.
- You are joining the collection of on-water floats; from our Lead First Nation City Cat to our Melt artist boat. Celebrating with music, fun and most of all, pride.
- 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.

This document applies to/includes:

- all vessels intending to register
- safety expectations and participation conditions

Please note: all confirmed participating vessels will receive a separate, detailed on-the-day instruction booklet. However, if you have questions in the meantime, please email riverpride@melt.org.au



important: vessel types & eligibility

- Vessel draft (depth under water) must not exceed 3m
- Vessel height must not exceed 11.4m (For more information please click [here](#))
- Boats and Personal Watercrafts may participate
- Passive (human-powered) craft are **unable** to participate due to the prevailing tidal conditions on the Brisbane River at the scheduled event time, which may result in strong currents and reduced manoeuvrability, creating an unsafe operating environment.



masters: responsibility

By registering to participate in River Pride Parade, the vessel Master acknowledges and agrees that they are at all times responsible for:

- The safe operation and seaworthiness of their vessel
- The safety and conduct of all persons on board
- Compliance with all applicable maritime laws, regulations, and directions issued by event officials or relevant authorities

Masters must ensure their vessel and crew are appropriately prepared for participation in a shared and highly trafficked waterway, including heightened awareness of fixed infrastructure and commercial river traffic.

Participation in the parade does not diminish or transfer the Master's legal responsibilities. The Master remains the final authority on board their vessel and is responsible for making safe decisions at all times.



safety expectations:

- Vessels must be seaworthy and compliant
- Crew must be briefed on emergency procedures and understand their roles in an emergency
- Vessels must be appropriately equipped to manage onboard emergencies
- Man Overboard preparedness recommended

interaction with other river users:

A Notice to Mariners will be issued for the event; however, **this does not grant participating vessels right of way.**

While support vessels will assist with traffic management, all Masters remain responsible for compliance with ColRegs and safe navigation at all times.



next steps: after registration

All new sign-ups must have vessels registered before **Friday 9 October 2026** to take part.

Please note:

- Confirmed registered vessels will receive a detailed on-the-day safety briefing document one month prior to the event.
- A participation waiver must be signed before the event takes place.
- An optional online briefing will be held one month prior to the event.
- Route details, timings, and communication protocols will be provided at a later stage.

For any questions in the meantime, please contact us at riverpride@melt.org.au.

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