

An oarsome way to beat virus chaos



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NOTHING was going to dampen the enthusiasm of Adelaide school rowing teams, even though the prestigious Schools Head of the River Regatta this weekend was cancelled.

Instead, the school senior teams took to West Lakes early yesterday morning with Seymour and St Peter's Col-

leges grabbing bragging rights for 2020. No spectators were allowed in a modified, but official, program under new health guidelines prompted by the coronavirus.

"The event was held with many precautions in place," Rowing SA chief executive Andrew Swift said. "It was great to see the senior students have the opportunity to participate."

The Seymour team, which won the School Girls' First Coxed Eight and First Four, were cheered on their return to school. "It was really nice for the girls," a school spokeswoman said.

St Peters won the School Boys' First Coxed Eight and First Four.

Walford took out the Girls' Second Eight and Prince Alfred College the Boys' Second

Fours. There are no plans to hold other races for younger students which are normally held during the Head of the River Regatta.

The SA state rowing team was due to compete in the 2020 Sydney International Rowing Regatta this weekend, but the event has been cancelled. The Mannum regatta scheduled for April 4 is under review.

