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Fun moves to Yasso Point

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THE family fun moves to Yasso Point this Saturday for Bowen's first ever Bowen-Or-Don Dry Boat Regatta.

The event, sponsored by Bowen BSCAR (Building Safer Communities Action Team) and Sonoma Coal, will highlight White Ribbon Day and also raise money for local community services that support families.

Nominations for the dry river boat races will be taken up to the morning of the event, and organisers are hoping for some business-to-business rivalry.

Already the ambulance service has signed up, police have promised to do so

Dry regatta's on Saturday

and it's hoped firefighters will follow suit for an emergency services competition.

As well as the dry boat races, children will be able to take part in a pirate costume party with judging at 9am, a treasure hunt, sand sculpture and a kite making and flying competition - all materials supplied.

There will also be displays by the outriggers and surf life saving, food stalls by Rotary and PCYC, a first aid station,

water stations, SunSmart stations and ample parking.

Co-organiser Whitsunday Regional Council's David Corlwin said in addition to prizes for the races and competitions, just by turning up and making a gold coin donation people would be in the running for one of five major prizes.

These comprise three overnight accommodation packages in the Whitsundays, a helicopter joy flight and ocean rafting in the Whitsundays.

Relationships Australia Family Support Services Counsellor Diana Sayer said the event, which starts at 9am and finishes at 1pm, promised to be a great day of fun for all the family.

But it also had a serious side, highlighting White Ribbon Day, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, celebrated on November 25 each year.

A large white ribbon will be tied around a tree at the entrance to Yasso Point and there will also be a ribbon for everyone attending to sign their name and make a pledge.

Showbags containing giveaways and information on White Ribbon Day will also be handed out on the day.

Entry forms for the regatta are available from the Whitsunday Regional Council.

For more information telephone Diana Sayer on 4786 4750.