



**PRESENTS THE 2019**



*Mandurah*  
**DUEL**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

**The Mandurah Ocean Club invites all WAZA clubs to the 2019 Mandurah DUEL.**

**The DUEL is a 12.5km race that starts at the Dawesville Cut, follows the coast north to Halls Head and finishes at the Mandurah Ocean Club (see Map 1 on page 5).**

### **DIVISIONS**

- OC1 Open Men
- OC1 Open Women
- V1 Open Men
- V1 Open Women
- OC2 Open Mixed
- OC6 Open Mixed (3 men 3 women)
- OC6 Open Men
- OC6 Open Women

### **ENTRY FEES**

- **Single Craft - \$40**
- **Double Craft - \$60**
- **OC6 Outriggers - \$180 (\$30 per paddler)**

Entry includes a bottle of water and icy-pole at the finish for each paddler. There will also be free tea and coffee at the Yacht Club

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- All paddlers must be fully paid-up members of an AOCRA affiliated club and AOCRA (Australian Outrigging Canoe Racing Association) to participate in the Mandurah Duel. Participating clubs will be responsible for ensuring all their paddlers have current AOCRA membership and are covered by the association's personal accident and public liability insurance.
- All OC6 canoes must carry life jackets (6), a red or orange smoke flare, a towrope, 2 bailing buckets, 1 spare paddle and a towrope. The towrope must be a minimum of 25m in length by 12mm diameter SILVER ROPE. It must be tied to the forward spreader, secured outside the covers and available for immediate use. It is compulsory that storm covers be used for OC6 canoes.
- All single and double craft paddlers must wear (or carry bum bag type) life jackets Type 1, 2 or 3 capable of supporting their own weight (cannot be blowup type unless fitted with a gas canister).
- All single and double craft paddlers must be attached to their craft via a leash
- All paddlers must have an in date smoke flare attached to their craft/person and/or a PLB/EPIRB

- All Outrigging craft will be inspected by a Zone official for compliance with AOCRA safety equipment at the rigging location near Ensign Way and Clearwater Lane (Map 3 on page 7) at 1pm. Single and double craft paddlers must present a leg leash, flare and PFD. All single (and double) paddlers are Advised to carry a phone in a dry bag.

## **TEAMS AND REGISTRATIONS**

**Registrations close at 8pm Friday 18th Jan 2019**

### **THERE ARE NO LATE REGISTRATIONS OR REGISTRATIONS ON THE DAY**

There needs to be a minimum of 3 competitors in a category for that category to be eligible for prizes.

Race Registrations will be open via the [AOCRA website](#) (date to be advised).

## **PROGRAM**

**10.00am – 12 noon:** Registration and sign-in for all craft at the Mandurah Ocean Club (Old Yacht Club), 1 Halls Head Parade Halls Head.

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**10am:** Food available for purchase at the Old Yacht Club Canteen. There will also be a coffee van.

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**12.00 noon: (IMPORTANT):** ALL paddlers must attend the Race Briefing at the Mandurah Ocean Club.

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**12.30pm:** Car shuffle to the start at Dawesville Cut (see map 3 on page 7 for location).

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**1pm:** All Outrigging craft will be inspected by a Zone official for compliance with AOCRA safety equipment (please see details under Paddler Requirements section on page 10 of this document).

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**1:47 – 2:00pm:** Start times

Please note that start times are firm due to the timing system being pre-set and electronic.

- **1.47pm:** OC6, OC1, V1 & OC2 Outriggers
- **1.50pm:** SUPS
- **2.00pm:** Skis

NOTE: The race start will be as per standard AOCRA procedure i.e.:

- White Flag - 2 minutes to start
  - Red Flag – 30 sec to start
  - Green Flag – GO!
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**4:30pm:** Presentations at Mandurah Ocean Club

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## **PARKING, LOGISTICS & FACILITIES**

Once craft have been offloaded at the Dawesville Cut, trailers can be taken to the Mandurah Ocean Club and parked on the lawn on the ocean side of the club shed (please see map 2 on page 6). A parking attendant will be there to direct. The MOC trolley will be available for use.

- A tap at the club shed is available if required to wash down equipment. There is a second tap also available on the lawn in front of the Old Yacht Club.
- Toilets and showers will be available throughout the day in the Old Yacht Club, situated next to the Mandurah Ocean Club. Food and drinks will be available for purchase in the Old Yacht Club canteen.
- St John Ambulance will be in attendance for any medical needs. Volunteer Sea Rescue will be attending, following the paddlers, ready to assist if required. However they are not an official support craft.
- The support craft will consist of 1 Lead Boat which will have a prominent white flag, 1 tail support craft and 3 general support craft. 2 of these general support craft will be Volunteer Sea Rescue. Depending on the number of entries, further safety craft will be provided as necessary. All craft will carry a red flag and black flag to be used if required. Please refer to the attached Waterways Safety Plan for more comprehensive information.

## ALTERNATE COURSE

In the event that conditions are not suitable to race the ocean course, the Race Director will consider using the alternate inland course. This will start at the Dawesville Bridge. If in the unfortunate event that conditions are deemed unsafe on both courses due to extreme weather conditions, the DUEL will be cancelled.

## MAP 1



## MAP 2

### Location

Mandurah Ocean Club  
(Old Mandurah Yacht Club)  
1 Halls Head Parade  
Halls Head



**After craft have been unloaded at Dawesville:** Trailers can be parked on the lawn at the Mandurah Ocean Club on the ocean side of the club shed (see image above). A parking attendant will be there to direct. The MOC trolley will be available for use.

# MAP 3

## Start of course

### Location

End of **Southport Blvd**, Dawesville

Instruction: OC1, V1, OC2 & OC6 canoes can be offloaded in the carpark next to the launching point and rigged on the beach.



# MAP 4

## Finish Line







## WATERWAYS SAFETY PLAN

Prepared 12 Jan 2018

## **Event Context**

This plan has been prepared for the Mandurah Ocean Club race, the DUEL

## **Course Design**

The event will utilise one of two course formats

1. Dawesville Cut to Doddis Beach (Ocean Side)
2. Dawesville Cut to Doddis Beach (Estuary Side)

The course design has the following benefits from a safety point of view:

1. The ocean course follows the coastline generally within 1km.
2. The Estuary or inland course is used when ocean conditions are deemed unsafe.

## **Weather Conditions**

The plan for the DUEL is to take place with South Westerly wind conditions. Slower categories will start the race before the faster categories. Start times will be determined to ensure that finish times are close together for the different starting groups.

The event will be cancelled if extreme weather conditions occur that make even the estuary course dangerous. Competitors will be notified on facebook and on the MOC website

## **Paddler Requirements**

Paddlers sign an event waiver form that they understand the risks and acknowledge that they have read and understood the event water safety plan including their responsibilities in it (e.g. helping a distressed paddler, rendering assistance etc.). (This does not apply to Outriggers).

Paddlers are encouraged to carry a mobile phone in a water proof bag. This can be used if withdrawing or in an emergency situation.

Paddlers must carry a red or orange smoke flare.

All single and double craft paddlers are required to be connected by a leg leash at all times

All single and double craft paddlers must wear a Type 1,2 or 3 PFD. A race official will inspect all craft before the race

## **Event Briefing**

At the briefing the paddlers will be reminded of all the key safety aspects on which they have agreed to by signing the event waiver. This includes but is not limited to:

- Competitors are advised that they are the skipper of their boat/craft and therefore have the primary responsibility for their safety.
- Competitors are reminded that all paddlers form part of the water safety plan and must look out for each other or provide assistance if you see a paddler in distress.
- Competitors must ring the Race Director if they withdraw from the race. The Race Directors number will be provided on your wrist band

## **On Water Safety Personnel**

There will be a minimum of 3 general safety craft and 2 Volunteer Sea Rescue vessels in attendance. The water safety Coordinator will be on board one of these vessels.

## **On Land Safety Personnel**

The Race Director will be present at the start and then make their way to the finish point. The race director will carry a mobile phone and also a VHF radio. This will allow the Race Director access to emergency services if needed.

The Finish Line Coordinator will be responsible for accounting for paddlers as they finish the race

## **Communications**

A communications schedule will be circulated to all key stakeholders and emergency services.

- Water Police
- Volunteer Sea Rescue
- St John Ambulance
- Any other stakeholders which are determined to require it.

The Plan will include:

- Outline of the course, including starting time
- Contact details of the Race Director
- Call signs for the on the water safety craft (VHF radios)

### **Shark Response Plan**

Whilst undertaking the activity of Ocean Paddling it is acknowledged that the activity takes place in a dynamic ecosystem in which shark's habitat. Therefore there is potential for a paddler to have an interaction with a shark. Whilst the risk of shark attack is very low it is a risk which needs to be accepted by recreational water users when entering the ocean.

### **Role of Event Organisers with regard to shark sightings**

If a shark is sighted event organisers will endeavour to advise all paddlers. A red flag will be raised by safety craft to indicate a shark has been sighted and that the race will continue. The race will continue through the red flag. In this case paddlers are responsible for determining whether to continue on their original course or to head to shore to the nearest safe location. A black flag will be raised by safety craft if a shark is sighted and deemed to pose a threat. In this circumstance the race will immediately stop and paddlers will be required to exit the water as quickly and safely as possible

The paddler is the master of their craft and determine their course of action, However if a paddler is made aware of the raising of the black flag and chooses to stay on the water, then the paddler will be banned from competing in the DUEL the following year.

It must also be noted that while water safety personnel will endeavour to advise all paddlers of shark sightings and the associated threat, there is no guarantee warnings will reach all paddlers due to the spread of competitors.

### **This schedule will be sent to the following bodies:**

- WA Water Police
- Department of Transport (Marine Safety)
- Canoeing WA
- AOCRA (Western Zone)
- Volunteer Sea Rescue (Mandurah)