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## Grand Prix Round 1 Regatta The ETTY BAY Classic and ETTY BAY Mini Classic

### RACE PROGRAM AND MAPS ONLY

to be read in conjunction with the

[AOCRA Rules March 2023](#)

and [NQ Zone Matters for Attention 2023](#)

## Saturday and Sunday 16/17 March 2024

to be held at

### ETTY BAY, INNISFAIL



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## RACE DIRECTOR

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

- The Race Program will run on time, or at the discretion of the Race Director. Please be ready for your event. The Race Director will not wait for crews to get to the START LINE.
- Please note that races may be brought forward on the day so please ensure that you listen for changes over the PA system.
- Clubs must provide adequate canoes for competitors in each division.
- All canoes are required to carry one PFD per paddler, and must be easily accessible.
- It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that their equipment is of a safe and suitable standard
- Always be Sunsmart.
- Remember it is stinger season – you should wear appropriate clothing.
- Please be aware that crocodiles are present in FNQ waters, so exercise caution around the water. Swimming outside of the nets is not recommended.
- Cassowaries are common at ETTY Bay – please DO NOT feed them! Ensure that all food is contained, as they quite like a free picnic. They also like pecking at their reflection in black or polished cars – be warned!
- ETTY bay beach is an alcohol and glass free zone.
- Bad behaviour will not be tolerated and may lead to disqualification

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## THE VENUE

The regatta will be held at ETTY Bay, Innisfail. In the case of bad weather, all events will remain at ETTY Bay Innisfail.

## PARKING

Parking for competitors is available at the beach. Parking is limited, and car pooling is recommended.

## TRAILER PARKING

Trailer parking is available at the Northern end of the beach. Please follow signage. **Coconuts paddlers will be at the beach from 2pm to 6pm on Friday 15 March to assist with trailer parking. Please let us know what trailers you are bringing and what time you anticipate arriving, so that we can allocate parking spaces. It would be appreciated if you could text Brett on 0438 419 230 with this info by Wednesday 13 March.**

## REFRESHMENTS

BBQ, tea, coffee, soft drinks and a variety of sweets will be available at the race venue.

## PRESENTATIONS

The presentation evening will be held at the ETTY Bay Surf Club – refer to last page for details. Dinner tickets to be prebooked by **Friday 8 March** via the AOCRA web site. Each dinner ticket purchase gets you a ticket onto the draw to win an Original Hebel carving hand sculpted and donated by Currajah Creative Anita Darveniza. Please note there are hot showers at the beach available for paddlers who do not wish to go back to their accommodation prior to the presentation evening. **VEGETARIANS: Please email [coconuts\\_secretary@live.com.au](mailto:coconuts_secretary@live.com.au) to request a vegetarian meal.**

## COURTESY BUS

We are providing a **FREE** courtesy bus service by way of 2x12 seater vans for the presentation evening. Pick up from 6.15pm and drop off after presentation. Please text Matt on 0427 027 253 to book.



## COVID SAFE EVENT

Please DO NOT attend if you have a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, or shortness of breath. Competitors & visitors are to adhere to Queensland Health Regulations regarding Covid-19 at the time of this event. Please maintain social distancing, sanitize your hands & equipment frequently so that we can all continue to enjoy paddling.

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### Etty Bay

Cabins and Caravan Park



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## ACCOMMODATION

Please book direct:

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
<b>Etty Bay Van Park (Preferred supplier)</b>	<b>4 Etty Bay Road, Etty Bay</b>	<b>4063 2314</b>
Barrier Reef Motel	Bruce Hwy, Innisfail	4061 4988
Black Marlin Motel	26 Gladly Street, Innisfail	4061 2533
Moondarra Motel	21 Ernest Street, Innisfail	4061 7077
Innisfail City Motel	14 Owen Street, Innisfail	4061 2266
August Moon Caravan Park	Bruce Hwy, Innisfail	4063 2211
Flying Fish Point Tourist Park	Elizabeth Street, Flying Fish Point	4061 3131
Mango Tree Tourist Park	2-6 Couche Street, Innisfail	4061 1656
River Drive Van Park	7 River Avenue, Innisfail	4061 2515
Crown Hotel	25 Ernest Street, Innisfail	4061 4722
Goondi Hill Hotel	173 Edith Street, innisfail	4223 0699



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Cabins and Caravan Park

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<u>NOMINATION FEES</u>		Senior Paddlers	Juniors Paddlers
<b>SATURDAY 16 MARCH</b>			
OC6	Per Crew Per Division Per Event	\$90	A \$25 fee for all Junior Paddlers participating in Junior Events ONLY
OC1/OC2/ V1/V3	Per Paddler Per Division Per Event	\$15	
<b>SUNDAY 17 MARCH</b>			
OC6	Per Crew Per Division Per Event	\$150* \$270*	14km 23km
OC1/OC2/ V1/V3	Per Paddler	\$25* \$45*	14km 23km

**\*Includes Bacon and Egg Roll and informal group coaching session post event**

## CLUB NOMINATIONS

All clubs must lodge a CLUB NOMINATION with payment, performed online, at [www.aocra.com.au](http://www.aocra.com.au)

Individuals wishing to compete in an OC1/2 event can lodge a "CLUB NOMINATION" with payment by credit card, at [www.aocra.com.au](http://www.aocra.com.au)

All nominations close at **5pm Sunday 3 March 2024**  
**LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

## TEAM and INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS

The name of individuals eligible to paddle in each race in each division) **must be lodged online at [www.aocra.com.au](http://www.aocra.com.au) no later than 5pm Sunday 3 March 2024.**  
**Registrars please submit your webscorer file by this deadline.**

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**When Signing In for OC6 events clubs need to indicate:**

1. Which individuals are in each crew for the upcoming race
2. The canoe number (and any identifying feature eg sponsor name)
3. Crew name (if applicable)

**When Signing In for OC1/2 events individuals need to:**

1. Confirm the division
2. Indicate individual/s paddling
3. Canoe number (and any identifying feature eg colour of ama)

It would be appreciated if paddlers do not approach the Sign In desk until they have all of the above details.

**The sign in desk will be open Friday 15 March from 4pm-5pm for any clubs that want to avoid the Saturday morning rush.**

<b>Race Coordinator:</b>	<b>Vicki Mackereth</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>coconuts_registrar@outlook.com</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>0423 640 021</b>

## COMBINING AGE CATEGORIES

Each race category must have at least 3 competitors. If this criteria is not achieved, races may be merged to the age category below except for Platinum Masters. Eg. If only 2 x GMM nominated for a 500m sprint will mean they will race in the SMM category. If nominations are not received for certain divisions, we may delete these from the schedule of events.

## OC6 CATEGORIES

An unlimited open category will be included in all women's, men's and mixed OC6 races.

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## REGATTA RACE PROGRAM DAY 1

**Saturday 16 March**

Sunrise: 6.18am Sunset: 6.29pm

High Tide: 3.48am (2.51m); Low Tide: 12.04pm (1.7m); High Tide 3.47pm (1.79m); Low Tide 9.46pm (1.46m)

Time	No	Event	Distance
<b>0600</b>		<b>Blessing</b>	
<b>0615</b>		<b>Briefing – Senior Marathon/Junior OC1/2</b>	
0630	1	OC6 – Women all divisions	14km
0635	2	OC1 – Juniors U12	2.5km
	3	OC2 – Juniors U19, U16, U14	5km
0800	4	OC6 – Men all divisions	14km
0815	5	OC1 – Juniors U19, U16, U14	5km
	6	OC2 – Juniors U12	2.5km
<b>0930</b>		<b>Briefing – Sprints and Junior + Mixed Marathon</b>	
		<b>Sprints</b>	
0945	7	OC6 OW, UOW and SMW	500m
1000	8	OC6 MM, GMM and PMM	500m
1015	9	OC6 MW, GMW and PMW	500m
1030	10	OC6 OM, UOM and SMM	500m
1045	11	OC6 Juniors U19, U16, U14, U12, Minnows	500m
1100	12	OC6 Master Mixed	500m
1115	13	OC6 Novice Mixed, OC6 Novice Women, OC6 Novice Men	500m
1130	14	OC6 Open Mixed & UO Mixed	500m
		<b>Marathon</b>	
1145	15	OC6 Juniors U19, U16, U14 + OC6 Novice Mixed, OC6 Novice Women and OC6 Novice Men	5km
	16	OC6 U12	2.5km
1230	17	OC6 Open Mixed & UO Mixed	5km
<b>1330</b>		<b>Lunch – Junior Presentations</b>	
<b>1400</b>		<b>Guest Speaker @ The Surf Club</b>	
<b>1430</b>		<b>Briefing Senior OC1/2</b>	
1445	18	OC1, V1 Women all divisions	5km
		OC2 Men All divisions	
		V3 Open Men	
1530	19	OC1, V1 Men all divisions	5km
		OC2 Women all divisions	
		V3 Open Women	
1615	20	OC2 Mixed all divisions	5km
		V3 Mixed all divisions	
<b>1700</b>		<b>Finish</b>	





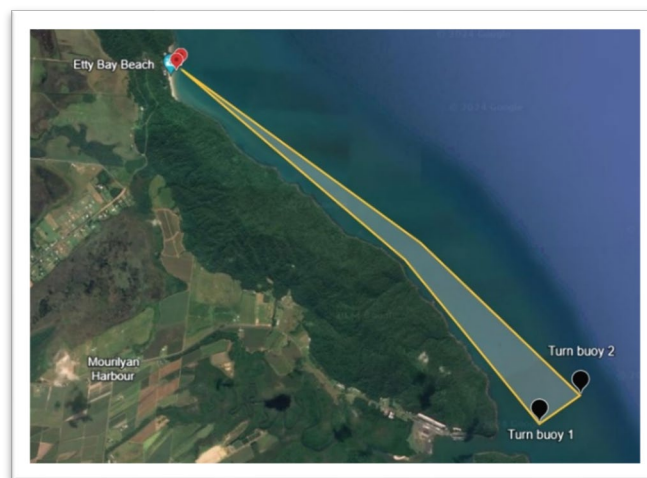


## SATURDAY 16 MARCH

All races (excluding sprints) will start and finish between two buoys in front of the regatta site.

### 14km Marathon

Paddlers will head seaward for approx. 7km, before making an ama turn around the two channel markers and returning to the finish line.



### 2.5km Marathon and 5km Marathon

Paddlers will head seaward for approx. 1km, make a ama turn around a buoy, head approx. 500m in a northerly direction and make an ama turn around a second buoy before returning to the start/finish line. Paddlers competing in the 2.5km race will complete one lap and those in the 5km race will complete two laps.



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## 500m sprint

Paddlers will start between two buoys south of the regatta site and paddle to the finish line between two marker buoys in front of the regatta site.



**NOTE:** Course distances may be varied according to weather conditions, and start times may change, please ensure you check with race officials on the day and attend all race briefings.



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## Sunday 17 March

Sunrise: 6.18am Sunset: 6.29pm

High Tide: 5.27am (2.71m); Low Tide: 12.50pm (1.46m)

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## REGATTA RACE PROGRAM DAY 2

Time	Event	Distance
<b>0630</b>	<b>Briefing – 14km and 23km Marathons</b>	
0700	OC1/V1/OC2 - All divisions	23km
0705	OC6/V3 – All divisions	23km
0710	OC1/V1/OC2 - All divisions	14km
0715	OC6/V3 – All divisions	14km
1030	Brunch	
1100	Informal coaching session with Matt and Adrian	
<b>1230 ish</b>	<b>Finish</b>	

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## SUNDAY 17 MARCH

### Regatta Day 2 - OC1, OC2, V1, V3, OC6

#### 14km Marathon – All craft

Paddlers will head seaward for approx. 7km, before making an ama turn around the two channel markers and returning to the finish line.

#### 23km Marathon – All craft

Paddlers will head seaward for approx. 7km, before making an ama turn around the two channel markers, then head northeast and do an ama turn around 'the rock' before returning to the finish line.

This is an Open Water race and it is strongly recommended that small craft paddlers wear a PFD

One paddler from each crew/craft must have 'Safe Trx Flotilla' installed on a fully charged mobile, carried and switched on for race duration. Please ensure that 'continuous tracking' is selected.



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## Presentation evening at the Etty Bay Surf Club

5.30pm – bar open  
6.30pm – dinner served  
Presentations after dinner  
8pm - Dessert

### Buffet dinner

*Delicious selection of dishes including a  
vegetarian option*

*Sweets*

Adults - \$35, Children (12 & under) - \$15  
Children under 5 eat free

Bar available including soft drinks and water  
(drinks not included in dinner price)

\*\*\*pre booking required by Friday 8 March via the AOCRA website\*\*\*

Music and Entertainment - Dance the night away!

*“Paddle all day, Hula all night”*



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