



Welcome everyone to the 13th Marlin Coast Challenge! Due to the current situation, it will be a bit different this year. Please read the program carefully. There are some changes on the water but ALSO OFF THE WATER! To be able to make this a successful event we need YOUR HELP!

PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING WHEN EVER POSSIBLE.

We are looking forward seeing you up here in FNQ! from all of us at PDOCC!

MARLIN COAST CHALLENGE

YORKEYS KNOB TO PORT DOUGLAS

43KM

OC6/OC1/OC2/V1/V3/SURF SKI RELAY RACE

SATURDAY 17/10/20

THIS IS A COVID SAFE EVENT



ATTENTION ALL CLUBS: A complete list of your clubs attending members and spectators is required 2 day prior to the event for track and trace

ONLINE BRIEFING AT 8PM FRIDAY 16/10/20 to be viewed on our FB SITE. Any changes will be posted on our fb site and displayed on a white board at the start area.

Start: 10.15am

More info: 0429 843 377

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/pdoutriggers

Nominations & Payment: www.aocra.com.au

COMPETITORS INFORMATION

This race is a relay OR Iron race, designed to encourage both the novice and experienced paddler. Beach changeovers will be made at the designated points. Individual support boats are not required for each team. There will be ample support boats watching over the fleet as per the AOCRA support boat ratio.

ATTENTION RELAY TEAMS: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPLY EQUIPMENT TO CLEAN YOUR CRAFT AFTER EACH LEG TO BE READY FOR THE NEXT CREW.

The start will be a mass start at Yorkey's Knob and comprise of four legs:

- Yorkey's Knob to Ellis Beach (12km).
- Ellis Beach to Wangetti Beach (10.5km).
- Wangetti Beach to Oak Beach (8km)
- Oak Beach to Southern End of Four Mile Beach – (Our clubhouse), Port Douglas (12.5km)

All changeover points will be clearly marked with flags on the beach so paddlers can see their destination.

All divisions will start together at each leg after last canoe finishes.

SOCIAL DISTANCING IS REQUIRED WHILE ON THE BEACH.

BRIEFING AND START TIME

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Yorkey's Knob Beach, Sims Esplanade:

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TIDES

High Tide: 9:17am---2.19 m Cairns

Low Tide:

15:12 pm---0.52m Port Douglas



COURSE INFORMATION

The race will start at Yorkey's Knob Esplanade (Northern end) between two nominated support boats and then head north towards Ellis beach.

1ST CHANGEOVER

Leg 1 – 12 km – Yorkey's Knob to Ellis Beach head north along coast to Ellis Beach – northern end (just past the stinger net).

2ND CHANGEOVER

Leg 2 – 10.5 km – Ellis Beach to Wangetti Beach head north along coast to northern end of Wangetti Beach.

3RD CHANGEOVER

Leg 3 – 8 km – Wangetti Beach to Oak Beach head north along coast to Oak Beach.

4TH CHANGEOVER/FINISH

Leg 4 – 12 km – Oak Beach to the Southern End of Four Mile Beach, Port Douglas. From the beach head out for about 1.5km NE/E – turn left around a marker then aim straight to Port Douglas. There will be a series of buoys marking the outside of the reef. You MUST pass the buoys on YOUR left. The finish line is situated at the southern end of Four Mile Beach between the lead boat and an orange marker. Paddler make their way into the beach. Our Club shed is right there!

AT ALL 4 FINISH LINES

The Finish line of each leg will be between the lead boat and an ORANGE MARKER. You MUST pass through the finish line, as close a possible to the lead boat. Yell out your canoe/race number to the lead boat (the timekeepers are on there) to help to identify you.

After passing through the finish line, you can make your own way safely into the beach in your own time.

PLEASE MAINTAINE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE BEACH AT ALL TIMES

AFTER THE END OF THE 4TH LEG- paddlers make their way to our Clubhouse 50 meters from the beach.

A CLEANING STATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

EACH CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE TO CLEAN THEIR OWN CRAFTS AFTER THE RACE AND LOAD THEM ASAP.

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHERE POSSIBLE DURING CLEANING.

Toilet's, cold showers are available in the park opposite the Clubhouse

PRESENTATION

We are working with our caterer to offer a 2 course, plated meal. MORE INFO COME

If you would like to attend Presentation, **please bring you own chair. Remember social distancing is still required here too. BYO alcohol this year but you must be seated.**

DRIVING TO EACH CHANGEOVER POINT

All competitors to organise their own transport to the next changeover point.
A map will be provided clearly showing how to get to each beach location for the changeover.

*****PLEASE NOTE: ALL OC6 TRAILERS MUST GO STRAIGHT TO THE FINISH IN PORT DOUGLAS –THERE IS NO ROOM AT THE CHANGEOVER POINTS FOR AN OC6 TRAILER TO TURN AROUND!!*****

FIRST AID & SAFETY INFORMATION

Qualified First Aid Officers will be on duty throughout the race.
There will be a Lead Boat and Chase boat plus additional support boats (in according to AOCRA RULES) Patrolling the field.

Hand sanitizing station will be provided on each beach.

RULES

AOCRA regatta rules apply.
Support boats will be at a ratio as prescribed in AOCRA regatta rules.
Leg ropes must be worn. One paddler in an OC2 must wear a leg rope.
PFD's must be carried on canoes – 1 per person.

RACING DIVISIONS

For all categories: OC6 / OC1 / OC2 / V1 /V3/ SURF SKI

Iron and relay races there are 6 age divisions:
OPEN, MASTER, SENIOR, GOLDEN, MASTER, PLATINUM

ATTENTION OC6 TEAMS – Maximum 12 paddlers per relay team and 6 for iron

ATTENTION MIXED RELAY CREWS:

Special rule this year: 1 Women's crew (6 women) + 1 Men's crew (6 men) = 1 Mixed Team!!!

Each crew MUST paddle 2 legs. Which legs is up to the Team!!!

Mixed IRON Team must have a minimum of 3 women in the crew

For all V1 Relay Teams:

MUST RACE V1 ON ALL FOUR LEGS OF RACE, NOT TO COMBINE WITH AN OC1 CRAFT.

A TIME LIMIT FOR EACH LEG WILL APPLY!!! Paddlers/ teams that do NOT make the time limit will not be able to start the next leg.

TIME LIMITS: 1ST LEG : 1 HR 30 MIN

2ND LEG : 1 HR 30 MIN

3RD LEG : 1 HR 15 MIN Time limits will be confirmed by The Race committee during the Briefing and may change on the day to reflect water conditions

NOMINATION FEE/REGISTRATION AND SIGNING IN ON THE DAY

SIGNING IN ON THE DAY: ONE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE PER CLUB ONLY WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN FOR EVERYONE ON THE DAY.

\$95.00per PER PERSON FOR ALL CATEGORIES

Surf Ski paddlers are welcome to participate and should also nominate and pay via the AOCRA website. Click on 'Race Registration', then "I'm not a member, but want to nominate for an event" and follow the instructions.

Nomination fee includes a race singlet - **to minimise contact on the day: We require your singlet size when registering. Only the club representative will be able to pick up all the singlets for each club**

**Nominations due by
Friday 10/10/20**

NO LATE NOMINATIONS AFTER THE DUE DATE

All Clubs and Individuals must lodge a CLUB & TEAM NOMINATION along with payment online at www.aocra.com.au

****PLEASE NOTE NOMINATIONS CAN ONLY BE LODGED VIA THE AOCRA WEBSITE
VISIT www.aocra.com.au TO PAY AND NOMINATE****

PRESENTATIONS & SOCIAL

Presentations will be held immediately after Dinner at our NEW CLUBHOUSE at Barrier Street, Southern end of Four Mile Beach, Port Douglas.

DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 5.30 – 6.00PM

DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS, WE ARE STILL NEGOTIATING WITH THE CATERER. PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

BRING A CHAIR!!

BYO ALCOHOL

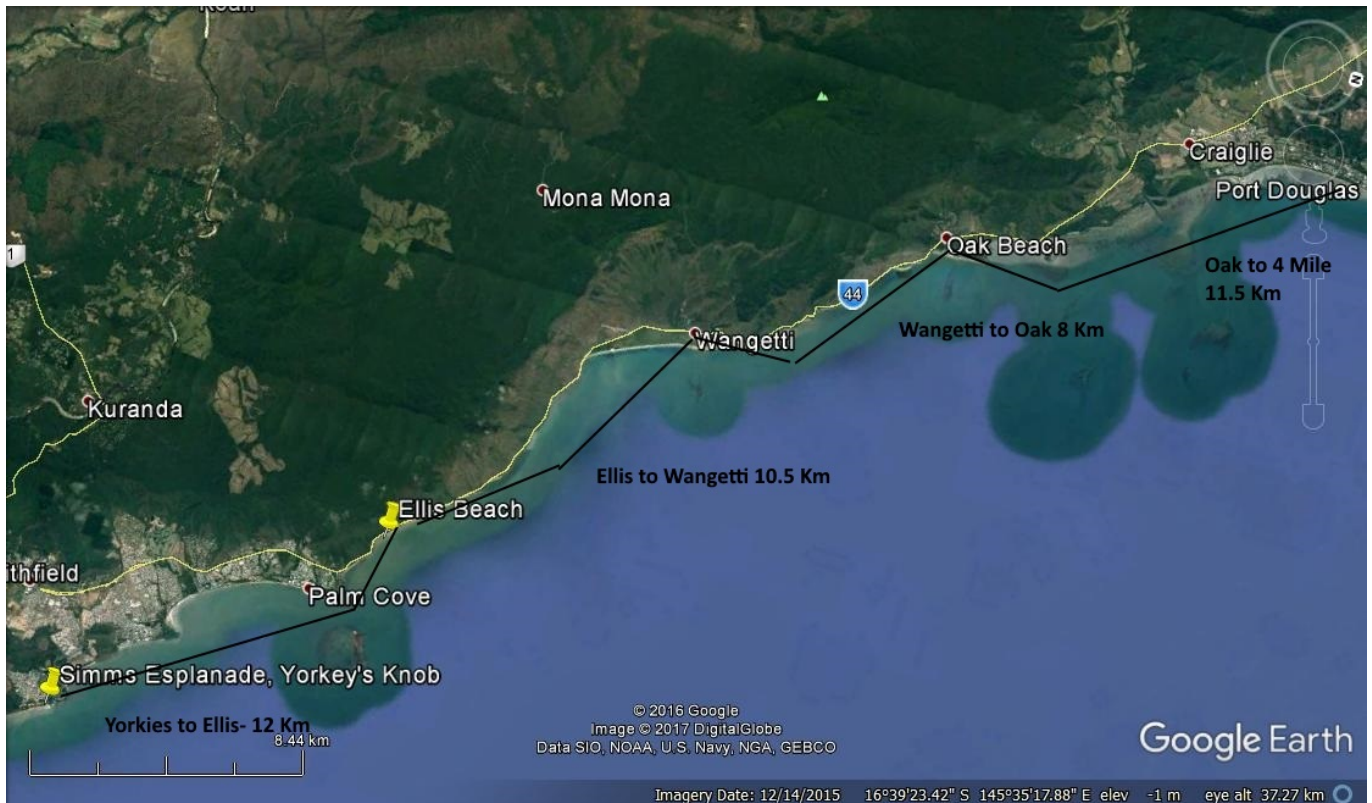
ANY QUERIES EMAIL DANIELLE at marlincoastchallenge@gmail.com
(Tickets must be pre-purchased for catering purposes)

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COURSE MAP – YORKEY’S KNOB TO SOUTHERN END 4 MILE BEACH (OUR CLUB HOUSE) – PORT DOUGLAS



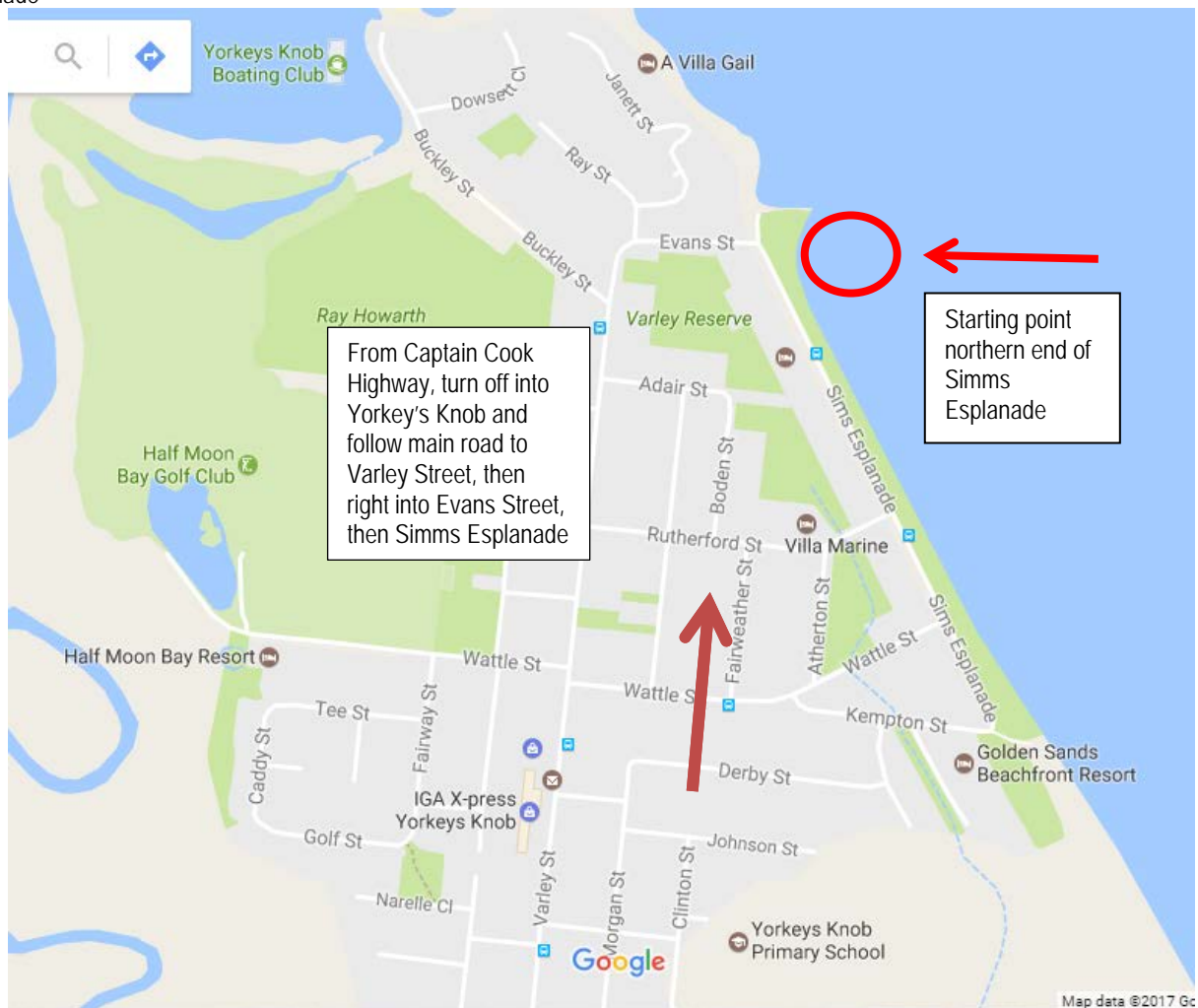
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2 nd Leg:	Ellis Beach to Wangetti Beach	10.5 km
3 rd Leg:	Wangetti Beach to Oak Beach	8.0 km
4 th Leg:	Oak Beach to Southern End of Four Mile Beach	12.5 km

Total distance: Approx. 43 km

1st LEG – START AT YORKEY’S KNOB, SIMMS ESPLANADE TO ELLIS BEACH

YORKEY’S KNOB MAP

Esplanade



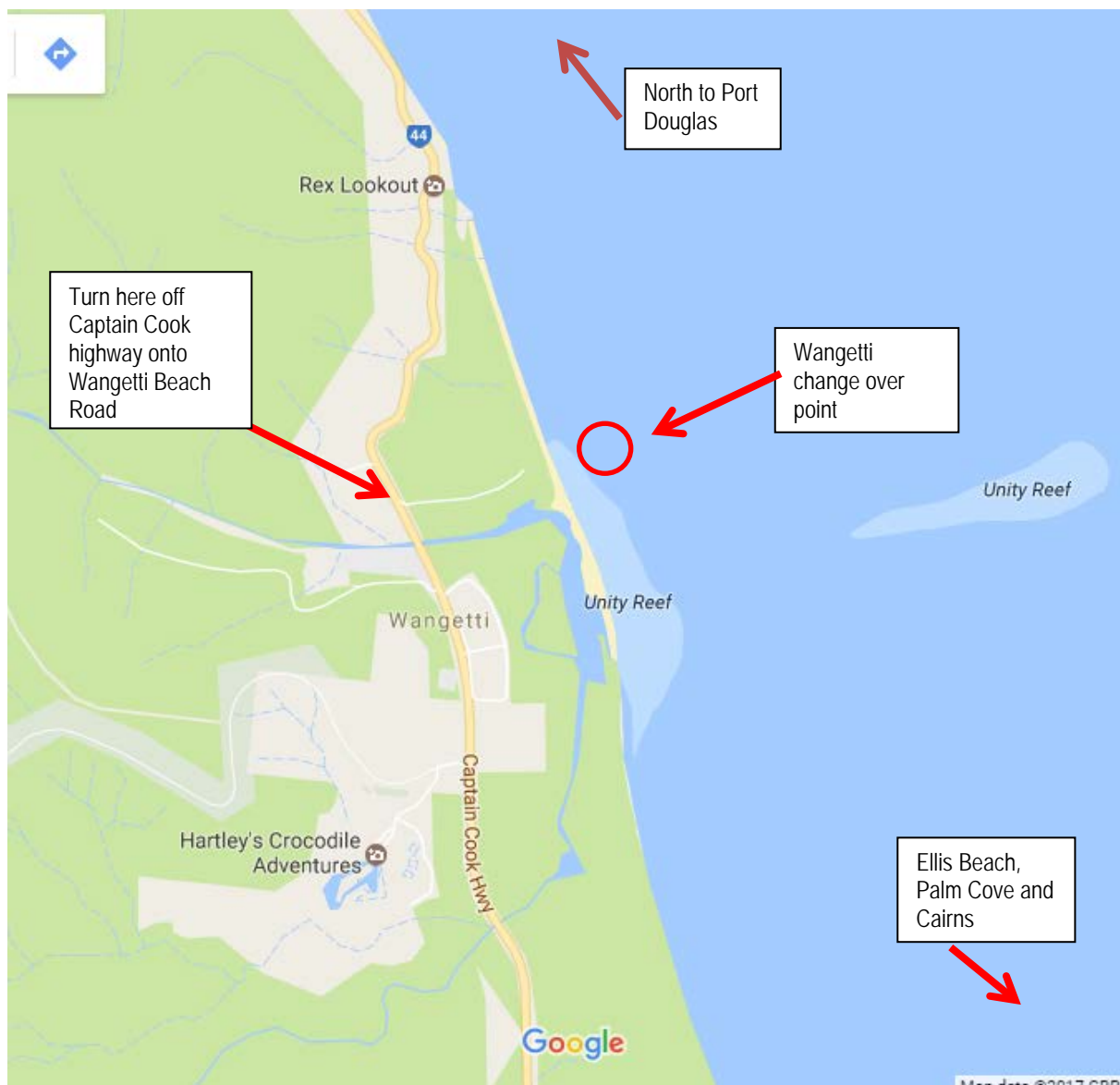
2nd LEG – START AT ELLIS BEACH TO WANGETTI BEACH

ELLIS BEACH MAP



3rd LEG – START AT WANGETTI BEACH TO OAK BEACH

WANGETTI BEACH MAP



4th LEG – START AT OAK BEACH TO SOUTHERN END FOUR MILE BEACH

OAK BEACH MAP



FINISH LINE – SOUTHERN END 4 MILE BEACH PORT DOUGLAS – (OUR CLUB HOUSE)

