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2019



SYDNEY HARBOUR CHALLENGE

Saturday 23rd February 2019

Manly Wharf
Sydney, NSW



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Race Rules/ Safety

All AOCRA rules and regulations will be enforced, as per the AOCRA Regatta Rules available under the Administration tab on the AOCRA website www.aocra.com.au

Conditions of Eligibility

Competitors must be a financial member of an AOCRA affiliated club and a current registered competitor with AOCRA Inc.

INTERNATIONAL PADDLERS Must be able to demonstrate membership of an IVF affiliated club and sign an AOCRA Indemnity form.

U16 JUNIOR PARTICIPATION in the following divisions, Young Guns, U21 & Opens.

As this is a senior event all U16's will be required to ask permission from AOCRA to participate for the purpose of risk assessment. Parental permission forms and information (Bio) regarding level of experience must be supplied and sent to secretary@aocra.com.au

Women racing in Men's crews must ask for permission from AOCRA and race officials before nominating via the AOCRA website.

Attendance at briefings is mandatory for confirmation of the final race courses.

Registration

All competitors must pre register individually with photographic ID and collect your armband prior to competing. One nominated person will collect and sign for T-shirts for the team.

ON RACE DAY– The captain/steerer must register at the registration tent with canoe number PRIOR to **EACH RACE**.

Race Information

OC6 25km Course - 3 Races (Mixed, Women & Men)

Competitor's will start in the water off Manly Cove following the western shore of Sydney foreshores passing Bradley's Head, Taronga Zoo, Sydney Opera House, Kirribilli House then under the Sydney Harbour Bridge to a marker buoy off Luna Park, the reverse for the return leg.

In the event of rough seas the course will be changed at the race director's discretion to comply with AOCRA and RMS rules.

Mandatory for all Races

All OC6 canoes must have storm covers, 6 life jackets, 2 bailers, 25m tow rope and a spare paddle.

All canoes must be 130+kg – no Ultralights

Nomination Information

ALL AUSTRALIAN TEAMS - All nominations must be done **online** by a **CLUB not an individual** at www.aocra.com.au before the cut off date. Note: It is **not** possible to nominate on the day. If you are having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA please email support@aocra.com.au .

International Teams requiring help with the registration process and hire of canoes please contact Connie on cwithrington64@gmail.com .

Club Nominations due: 11pm Friday, 15th Feb. 2019 AEST (Late fees will apply)

Team Nominations due: Monday, 18th Feb. 2019

Race Fees

ALL RACE FEES ARE IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS

OC6 = \$540 per team/canoe (equivalent to \$90.00 per paddler)

Race shirts are included in price.

A fee of \$50 per paddler for late nominations will apply.

The RACE DIRECTOR/AOCRA will have the discretion to not allow late registrations to race if there are concerns about the canoe/support boat ratio.

Age Divisions

The age divisions are based on calendar year of competition.

Mixed races- U21, Open, Master (40s), Senior Master (50s), Golden Master (60s) & Platinum Master (70s).

Men & Women races – Young Gun, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master & Platinum Master.

Note: there must be three (3) teams to make a division.

Canoe Loan

An option to hire a canoe will be available via the website nomination process for a cost of \$250 per race. We will be creating a 'pool' of canoes from clubs willing to hire theirs and will do our best to accommodate teams – priority will be given to International teams and those clubs travelling from outside the NSW Zone.

Event Schedule

Please note: times are approximate and we ask paddlers be ready prior to times indicated.

Race Officials reserve the right to change any factors of the event for safety reasons if required

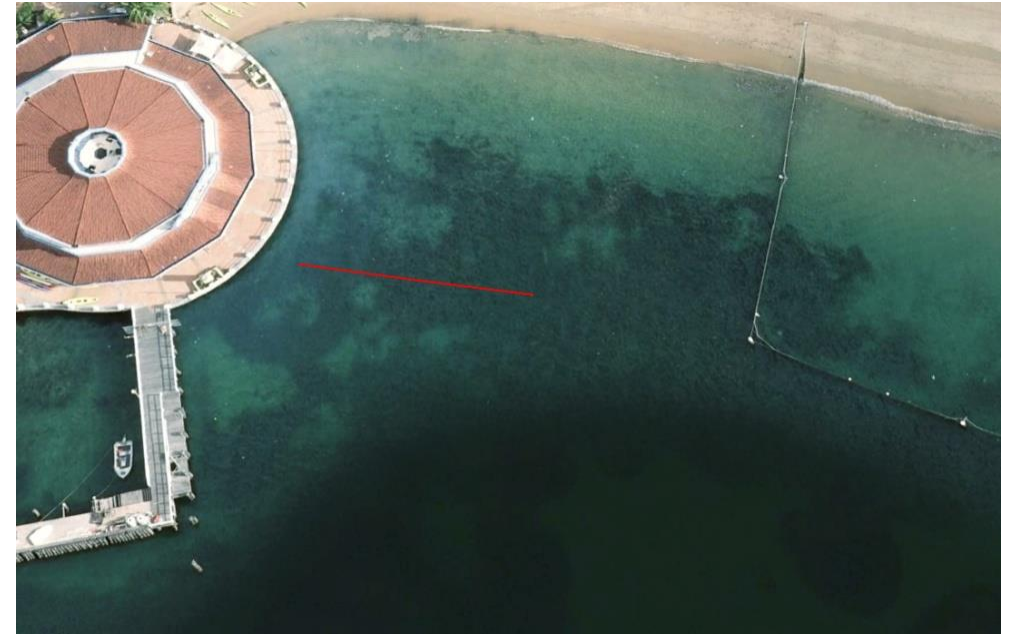
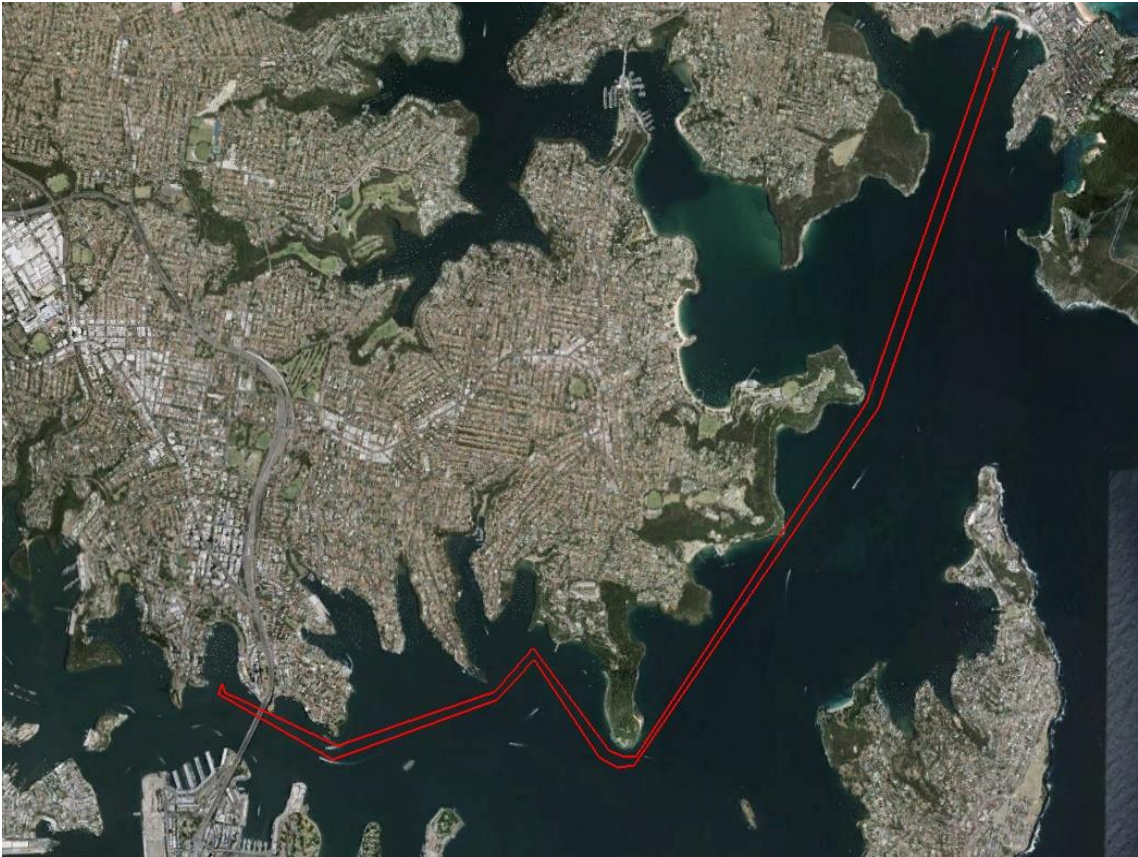
Friday 22 nd February	
Approx. 11am	Pre Registration open – Manly wharf promenade
Saturday 23 rd February – Race Day	
6.00 am	Registration open
6.30 am	Welcome to country & race blessing
7.15 am	Briefing Mixed Race
7.45 am	Start Mixed Race
10.15 am	Briefing Women's Race
10.45 am	Start Women's Race
1.15 am	Briefing Men's Race
1.45 pm	Start Men's Race
Approx. 6.45 pm	Presentation Manly Wharf Marquee

PLEASE NOTE:

Participants must realise that Manly is one of Sydney's largest tourist destinations. The Manly Harbour and traffic area is an extremely congested and busy place. For us as an outrigger community, to operate on an ongoing basis out of Manly Wharf a high level of patience and co-operation is essential.

Course Maps

Attendance at briefings is mandatory for confirmation of the final race courses.



The finish line is between the aquarium and the pool

Boat Trailer Parking Unloading / Loading/ Rigging

PLEASE CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION - <https://aocra.com.au/>

We are under strict guidelines for the movement of trailers and boats in this area. All competitors must make note of the specific guidelines detailed on the event website.

UNLOADING CANOES

THIS MUST BE DONE FRIDAY 22nd – The only exception to this is if you are paddling your canoes in from somewhere else in Sydney on Saturday morning, this may be done via water without accessing any of Manly Council boat ramps or public spaces.

THE SITE: There will be traffic and pedestrian controllers with a drop off space for trailers. Ideally we would like you to drop your trailer off and disconnect your car while unloading canoes. Canoes will then be unloaded on the grass for rigging then paddled around to start area. **You will need to make sure you have enough members/ people to unload your own trailer.** Your trailer will be taken to the trailer storage area and stored for the weekend or alternatively your car and trailer can be driven by one of the event staff.

Instructions from the traffic/pedestrian controllers must be followed.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TRAILER PARKING AREA

LOADING OUT AFTER THE RACES

The event organizers will provide clearly visible marshals to coordinate the orderly loading and removal of canoes from the event area in Manly.

TRAILER LOADING:

Before your trailer / club can go on the loading schedule you must :

1. All canoes must be together, unrigged and ready to load.
2. There must be enough people from you club to load canoe's onto your club trailer.
3. If you are not present when your name is called for your loading spot you will go to the bottom of the list.
4. Be patient as we are all volunteers. Abuse of volunteers will not be tolerated.
5. Expect delays as you are in a popular, high traffic location.

Please follow all instructions given in this area!!

Towing Assistance

AOCRA Towing Assistance will be available where criteria is met – please see Paddler information sheet that will be provide for further information.

Canoe Loan – Hirers and Lenders

Hirers – Teams wishing to hire a canoe can do so via the Club nomination process at a cost of \$250 per canoe per race. We will do our best to accommodate your request. However, we cannot promise that the type of canoe you request will be granted. Priority will be given to international crews and clubs travelling from greater distances outside the NSW Zone.

You will be expected to help with the unloading, rigging or loading of the canoes that you use. Please respect the craft and take extreme care while it is in your possession.

Lenders – As well as receiving \$250 per canoe per race, lending your canoe can also help you qualify for towing assistance if you are travelling more than 200kms (please refer to the Paddler Information sheet for more details). You will need to supply the canoe with covers, bailers and lifejackets (these should be clearly marked with your club name). If your club loans a canoe directly to a team for a race could you please notify us so we take this canoe out of the canoe pool for that event.

For further event information

PLEASE CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR UPDATES - <https://aocra.com.au/>
OR AOCRA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AOCRAIN/>

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