

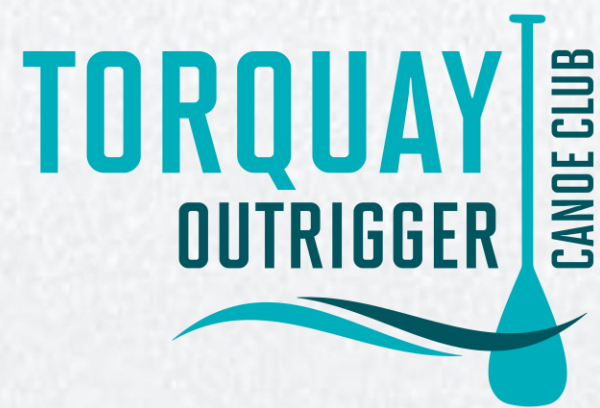


Torquay / Geelong Outrigger Canoe Regatta

3rd & 4th May 2025



Welcome from our club presidents



On behalf of TOCC I'd like to invite all Southern States Zone members to our upcoming regatta in Torquay. Together with Geelong OCC we've got two great days of paddling events lined up, (including OC6, OC2 and OC1) to make sure everyone can be challenged and have fun.

For those that don't have a full crew please reach out to our registrar via email torquay.outriggers@gmail.com and we'll make arrangements to fit you into boats. This is a great opportunity to paddle along the Surf Coast with our beaches and famous surf breaks as your backdrop, we're looking forward to seeing you there!

Kevin De Leenheer

President, Torquay Outrigger Canoe Club

Welcome to the joint Geelong-Torquay Outrigger Canoe Regatta. This is the first time both clubs have combined to hold a regatta, but it is the 3rd year in succession that an Outrigger regatta is being held at Fisherman's Beach. We have an exciting program of long and short-distance racing in open water conditions. We hope that you achieve your individual goals over the 2-days of racing and camaraderie. We hope you take the opportunity to check out the many offerings around Torquay and Geelong whilst you are here. Finally paddle hard, have fun and care for each other!

Yours in paddling.

Steve Fagg

President, Geelong Outrigger Canoe Club



IMPORTANT Event overview

Dates, Location and Weather

DATES:

**Saturday 3rd May &
Sunday 4th May 2025**

LOCATION:

**Fisherman's Beach,
Torquay**

Our regatta program includes an open ocean marathon and a series of short course sprints.

The longer distance nature of the marathon means it is more exposed and dependent on weather and ocean conditions.

**For this reason, the marathon will be held
on the most favourable weather day.**

The event organisers will monitor weather and swell forecasts in the days prior to the event and communicate their decision to participants as early as possible.

If conditions in Torquay are deemed unsuitable by the event organisers one or both days may need to be cancelled.

If the regatta needs to be cancelled, a social paddling opportunity (but not racing) may be possible on the more protected waters of Geelong's Eastern Beach or Barwon River.

Contact information – hosting clubs

Event Queries and Registration:
torquay.outriggers@gmail.com

Event Registrar:
Silvana Acevedo



Club President:
Kevin De Leenheer

Race Director (MARATHON):
Roger Sceney

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Club President & Secretary:
Steve Fagg

Race Director (SPRINTS):
Mark Grey

Registrar:
Alex Brunacci

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Site Information

Fisherman's Beach, Torquay

Location:

Fisherman's Beach, The Esplanade,
Torquay

Amenities:

Toilets are located at The Salty Dog Café
and behind the nearby Torquay Sailing
Club.

Food and drinks:

The Salty Dog Café – breakfast, coffees,
smoothies, juices, cakes and other
goodies. Bomboras Beach Bar.

Trailer parking:

Cars with trailers can park in boat ramp parking area

Car parking:

All other cars need to park along The Esplanade
or in the car parking areas above the Torquay
Sailing Club.

Canoes:

Canoes are to be moved to the beach via the boat
ramp using trailers or trolleys. Canoes can be rigged
on the beach or in the boat ramp parking area



Site Map

Car parking (without trailers)

Trailer parking (option 2)

Public toilets

Car parking (without trailers)

Event Site / Marquees

Start / Finish - Marathon and Sprints

The Salty Dog Café & Public toilets

Boat Ramp

Trailer parking (option 1)

Fisherman's Beach

DAYLIGHT:
 Sunrise 7:06 am
 Sunset 5:32 pm

TIDES:
 Saturday 3rd May
 Low Tide: 9:20 am
 High Tide: 4:27 pm

Sunday 4th May
 Low Tide: 10:07 am
 High Tide: 5:14 pm

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MARATHON Race program

Fisherman's
Beach, Torquay

Est. Time	Event	Distance
8.30 am	Marathon Briefing	
	OC6 Marathon	
9.00 am	This event will be held as one race. Crews can be: Mixed, Women or Men. All crews will start together.	16km
12.30 pm	Presentations	
	Times may vary on the day depending on conditions and other factors.	

BELLS AND BACK



MARATHON

Bells and Back 16km

The Bells and Back marathon is an open ocean paddle offering spectacular offshore views of our beautiful beaches and rugged coastline.

The course starts at Fisherman's Beach and heads out around Point Danger where a marker buoy will be positioned. A right turn at the buoy will take us in a south westerly direction past Torquay Surf Beach.

We then continue past Jan Juc, Bird Rock and Steps, making our way towards the famous surf breaks of Winki Pop and Bells Beach.

But we're not here to surf, so we continue past Bells to a buoy positioned out beyond Southside, that marks our halfway point.

We'll make a left turn around the buoy before returning home to via the same path. A left turn at the Point Danger buoy will bring us back to the finish line at Fisherman's Beach.

SPRINTS Race program

Fisherman's
Beach, Torquay

Est. Time	Event	Distance
8.00 am	Sprint / Short Course Briefing	
8.20 am	Women's OC1 / Men's OC2	250 m
8.40 am	Men's OC1 / Women's OC2	250 m
9.00 am	Mixed OC2	250 m
9.20 am	Novice OC1 / OC2	250 m
9.40 am	Men's OC1 / Women's OC2	500 m
10.00 am	Women's OC1 / Men's OC2	500 m
10.20 am	Mixed OC2	500 m
10.40 am	Novice OC1 / OC2	500 m
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SPRINTS Race program (continued)

Fisherman's
Beach, Torquay

Est. Time	Event	Distance
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11:20 am	Women's OC6	500 m
11.40 am	Men's OC6	500 m
12.00 pm	Mixed OC6	500 m
12.20 pm	Novice / Junior OC6	500 m
1.00 pm	Presentations	
	Lunch and Pack-up	
Times may vary on the day depending on conditions and other factors.		

SHORT COURSE SPRINTS

250m & 500m

OC1/OC2/OC6



SPRINTS

Fisherman's Beach

250m Sprints
500m Sprints

Important Safety Requirements

- All competitors must be current AOCRA members trained to a level of competence to match the event.
- All competitors must have done a swim test and huli (capsize) drill, annually as per AOCRA regulations.
- Wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD - type 1, 2 or 3) is mandated for all participants while on water.
- OC6 canoes – one PFD per paddler, two secured bailers, one spare paddle, storm covers fitted, suitable tow rope (25m in length).
- OC2, OC1 & V1 canoes – one PFD per paddler, one leg rope per craft, one spare paddle.
- All vessel speeds to be kept below 5 knots within 200m of shore, within 50m of people in the water and within 50m of non-race related vessels.
- Paddlers and steerers will be briefed regarding the marathon and sprint courses, hazards and on-water operations.
- Participants are encouraged to wear high visibility hats, sun shirts and sunscreen.
- Cold weather clothing may be required depending on weather conditions.

Plastic Wise Event

The Torquay / Geelong Outrigger Canoe Regatta is a Plastic Wise Event.

Together we will avoid plastic and disposable items typically used once for a few minutes before being thrown away. These items create pressure on our natural environment and cause unnecessary waste.

Event attendees are encouraged to:

- Bring reusable items, e.g. for food and drink, carry bags
- Refill reusable water containers
- Make appropriate use of bins provided for: recycling, container deposit scheme and general waste
- Help event organisers to keep the site clear of all litter
- Take home anything that they bring with them

Race rules and safety

All AOCRA rules and regulations will be enforced, as per the **AOCRA Rules** available under the Administration tab on the AOCRA website.

Please note:

- All OC6 canoes shall have storm covers, lifejackets to be worn, 2 bailers, a 25m safety rope attached, spare paddle and carry a mobile phone with Safetrx App activated.
- All OC1/2 shall have a leg rope, spare paddle and paddlers wear an approved lifejacket and carry a mobile phone with Safetrx App activated.
- All OC6 canoes shall be a minimum weight of 130 kgs. Eligible for medals and club points with 3 entries per age category.
- This event is a **combined** regatta from across zone clubs. Matching uniforms from the registering club should be worn. Registration must be through a club registrar, not individually. Club points awarded to the registering club.
- A novice is a person in their first two years being an AOCRA registered member
- OC6 short course. Open division for Mixed and Novice. Eligible for medals and club points with 3 entries per division.
- OC6 long course. Open Division for Women, Men and Mixed teams. Eligible for medals and club points with 3 entries per division.
- “Novice” teams must have five (5) novice and one (1) experienced paddler. The experienced paddler must be the steerer.
- Junior Participation is allowed in the Open Division. Juniors must have turned 16 in the year of competing and will be required to ask permission from AOCRA to participate prior to online registration. Parental permission forms and information regarding level of experience must be completed and sent to secretary@aocra.com.au.
- International paddlers are invited and must be a member of an IVF affiliated association and sign an AOCRA International Indemnity release form.

There will be a designated first aid area on site and first aid response on the water.

Race nomination information

All competitors must be AOCRA Members.

Nominations are on-line via the www.aocra.com.au site.
It is not possible to register on the day. If you are having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA please email Silvana torquay.outriggers@gmail.com

All OC6/OC2/OC1 nominations must be done by club registrar.
Please ensure all paddlers AOCRA membership is current before completing team sheets. Advise changes made to team sheets in the notes. Add Club Covid Officer / Manager to the team sheets.

**Registration opens: Monday 7th April and
Club nominations close 5pm Saturday 26th April**

Race Fees

- All OC1/2 Sprints and Short Courses = \$15 per paddler per race.
 - All OC6 Sprints and Short Courses = \$15 per paddler per race.
 - All OC6 Long Course = \$15 per paddler per race.
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- 1 race = \$15 per paddler.
 - 2 races = \$30 per paddler.
 - 3 or more races = \$45 maximum per paddler.

Team Nomination forms must be lodged online by:
5pm XX Month. (Late fees will apply).
You MUST ensure you nominate your team members.

The RACE DIRECTOR will have the discretion to not allow late registrations to paddle if they have concerns regarding the paddler/support boat ratio.

Divisions

- All races are in Open Division
- There must be a minimum of **3 nominations in all events** to make an eligible event category. If less than 3, the entry will move down into the next division.

Cancellation policy

AOCRA Refund Policy effective 30 November 2021 The Nomination Fee

Total Nomination Fee per paddler OC1,OC2 and OC6	15.00
Host Club	11.00
Zone	2.00
AOCRA	2.00

AOCRA Refund Policy in the event of Postponement and or Cancellation
Refund policy may vary depending on the type of event and the Host or Organiser. The Host of each event must include a Refund Policy in the approved Regatta / Event Program outlining the terms for eligibility to request a refund. The Refund Policy must be the same wording as outlined in the AOCRA Rules, otherwise, the Host must seek approval from AOCRA Events for any changes prior to publishing a Refund Policy in the approved Regatta / Event program. The Refund Policy applies to nomination fees paid to enter a sanctioned AOCRA event only.

Nominee Cancellation Prior to the Event Date
Change of Mind or Unable to Attend
Once the nomination fee is paid there is no refund for change of mind. If you have paid the nomination fee and are unable to attend the event due to extenuating circumstances outside of your control, you may apply in writing using the AOCRA Request for Refund Form on the AOCRA website and email to support@aacra.com.au giving details of the reason for requesting a refund. The Host, Zone and AOCRA are not obligated to refund their respective portions of the nomination fee, and if a refund is approved it will be processed in full less an administration fee of up to \$10 for processing the refund. AOCRA determines the administration fee at the time of processing a refund and retains the administration fee to cover their processing costs.

The nominee cannot request a refund on the day of the event or after the start date of the event.

Host Postpones or Cancels the Event
Host Giving Notice of Postponement or Cancellation
The Host must follow the AOCRA Rules to postpone or cancel an event and give notice in writing by: email, sms alert notification or text message to your mobile device, Host Facebook post, written announcement on the AOCRA website. The effective date is the date of dispatch.

Event Postponed
Should the Host, Zone or AOCRA postpone an event, they are required to give notice at any time prior to the scheduled start time of an event. A date for the rescheduled event must be announced within 7 days of the original event date in writing by: email, sms alert notification or text message to your mobile device, Host Facebook page, written announcement on the AOCRA website. The Host reserves the right to postpone the event (where no refund will be issued). The rescheduled event program content / format may change including scheduled times which is at the discretion of the Host and they reserve the right to do without notice. The Host, Zone or AOCRA may continue to postpone an event following the same process as above.

Event Cancelled
The Host, Zone or AOCRA may cancel an event in line with the AOCRA Rules. Cancellation more than 30 days before the event is at minimum a 80% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee. Cancellation more than 7 days before the event is at minimum an 70% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee. Cancellation more than 1 day before the event is at minimum a 60% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee. Cancellation on the day of the event is at minimum a 40% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee. The Host reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above. The Zone reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above. AOCRA reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above.

Refund Payment
Refunds will be processed within 30 days of cancellation via the same method used for payment.

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Let's get out there and have fun!



