

AOCRA Invite you to the

**2018 OC6
National
Marathon Titles**

To be held at the Mooloolaba Spit.

Parkyn Prd, Mooloolaba Qld

on 19th & 20th May 2018



Mayoral Message

2018 AUSTRALIAN OUTRIGGER NATIONAL MARATHON TITLES

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to competitors and spectators from across the country who are joining us on our beautiful Sunshine Coast for the 2018 Australian Outrigger National Marathon Titles.

Ocean outrigger racing is not for the faint hearted and here on the Sunshine Coast, we love to watch all the action that unfolds during spectacular events such as this one.

Our residents also enjoy the grit, determination and goodwill on display from paddlers visiting from across the nation.

The Sunshine Coast has a reputation as a high-value destination for hosting major sporting and entertainment events, and events like this one add to that legacy.

Hopefully you will have some time to have a look around the Sunshine Coast and enjoy our pristine beaches, our wonderful hinterland, our entertainment venues and clubs as well as some of the finest cuisine and shopping in the nation.

Don't forget to tag the photos from your stay with #sunshinecoast and #visitsunshinecoast which helps us to show off our region.

I wish you the very best of luck with your racing and we'd love to see you return in the future.

With best regards



MAYOR MARK JAMIESON



President Message

AOCRA invites you once again to enjoy two exciting days of OC6 racing in the beautiful blue water of the Sunshine coast as a participant in the 2018 Marathon National Titles.

This event provides the perfect backdrop for exhilarating battles to see who will take at top national honour this year.

With the ongoing support of the Sunshine Coast Council we are also excited to be hosting the 2019 IVF World Distance Championship on the Sunshine Coast in August next year, which will see some 30 countries battling it out for top international honours.

So, make the most of the 2018 Marathon National Titles. This is a great weekend to catch up with friends old and new, get together with the greater paddling family and enjoy two days of great racing.

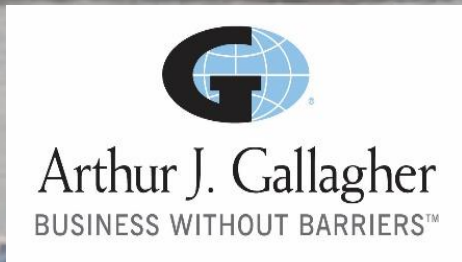
I look forward to seeing you all on the water and wish everyone good luck.

Kind regards ... Grant

Grant Withrington
President, AOCRA



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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. However, please note:

- ❖ Women racing in Men's crews must ask for permission before nominating.
- ❖ **Novice Rule:** For National Sprints and National Marathon events a novice crew must consist of **5** novice paddlers all in their first 2 years of paddling and an experienced steerer.
- ❖ **Uniform Rule:** Per AOCRA regulation B.2.1.1c, as this is a National Title event, teams / competitors must wear matching coloured uniforms (in club colours as registered with AOCRA), as seen above the gunnels of the canoe. Uniforms can be either short or long sleeve so long as they are otherwise matching. Hats are optional.
- ❖ **U21 Division:** Inclusion of 19U & 16U will be allowed as long as AOCRA requirements are met.
- ❖ **National Titles:** must have minimum of 2 team to make a division.
- ❖ All Canoes must be 130+ kg – no ultralights.

Mandatory safety regulation apply

- PDF's (one per paddler) in all crafts
- All Covers, at least 2 bailers and Tow ropes in all crafts
- At least 1 Spare blade per craft

Nomination Information

Nominations will be on-line via the www.aocra.com.au site before cut off date. It is not possible to register on the day. If you are having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA please email support@aocra.com.au

All Short Course = \$30 per paddler per race

All Long Course (Men, women & Mixed) = \$35 per paddler per race

Club Nominations due: 12pm (AEST) Sunday, 6th May, 2018 (Late fee will apply)

Team Nominations due: Friday, 11th May, 2018

A fee of \$20 per paddler for late nominations will apply. The RACE DIRECTOR will have the discretion to not allow late registrations to paddle if he or she has concerns about the paddler/support boat ratio.

No refunds given if you decide to scratch your race, no matter what the excuse.

- Short course divisions : U21, U21 Mixed, Novice Women, Novice Men, Novice Mixed, Open Women, Open Men, Open Mixed, Master Women, Master Men, Master Mixed, Senior Master Women, Senior Master Men, Senior Master Mixed. Golden Master Women, Golden Master Men, Golden Master Mixed, Platinum Master Women, Platinum Master Men, Platinum Master Mixed, Adaptive Men, Adaptive Women, Adaptive Mixed.
- Men & Women Long Course divisions: Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, Platinum Master
- Sunday - Long course Mixed race divisions: Adaptive, Senior Mixed (Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master & Platinum)
- Young Gun Boys, Young gun girls

Sign-in & Wrist Bands

ALL Registration will take place at the Regatta Site – beach side at the end of Parkyn Parade

Early Registration times will be: Friday, 18th May 3pm to 5pm

Saturday, 20th May from 6.30am

Sunday, 21st May from 8.00am

As this is a National titles event, **photo ID will be mandatory**. Please ensure you bring your ID with you when you register. Each paddler must register individually and will receive a colour-coded wrist band depending on their division. No-one can register on your behalf.

Wrist bands must stay on your wrist for the duration of the weekend.

Race Registrations: Steerers must sign in their crew before each race. All paddlers will be checked against the nominated team list.

Presentations

Note: ALL Presentations will be held at the **regatta site** after races as per race schedule.

Schedule of Events

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

	Approx. Time		Distance
Friday	2pm – 4.30pm	Early wrist band Registration at regatta site	
Saturday	6.30am	Registration open	
	7.30am	Blessing	
	7.45am	Short course race briefing	
	8.00am	Women/ mixed/ U21 short course race start	10km
	9.15am	Men short course race start	10km
	10.30am	Short course Presentations	
	11am	Long course briefing	
	11.15am	Women Long course start	18km
	1.00pm	Men Long course briefing	
	1.15pm	Men Long course start	22km
	3.30pm	Long Course Presentations	

Sunday	7.30am	Registration Open	
	8.30am	Long course Mixed & Young Gun Race briefing	
	8.45am	Long Course Mixed & Young Gun Race start	16km
	10.45am	Long Course Mixed & Young Gun race Presentations	

Tide Times

Friday 18th May 2018: 4.15am 0.40m, 9.58am 1.46m, 3.57pm 0.25m, 10.39pm 2.04

Saturday 19th May 2018: 5.15am 0.45m, 10.54am 1.37m, 4.48pm 0.35m, 11.35pm 1.96m

Sunday 20th May 2018: 6.23am 0.50m, 11.58am 1.30m, 5.48pm 0.46

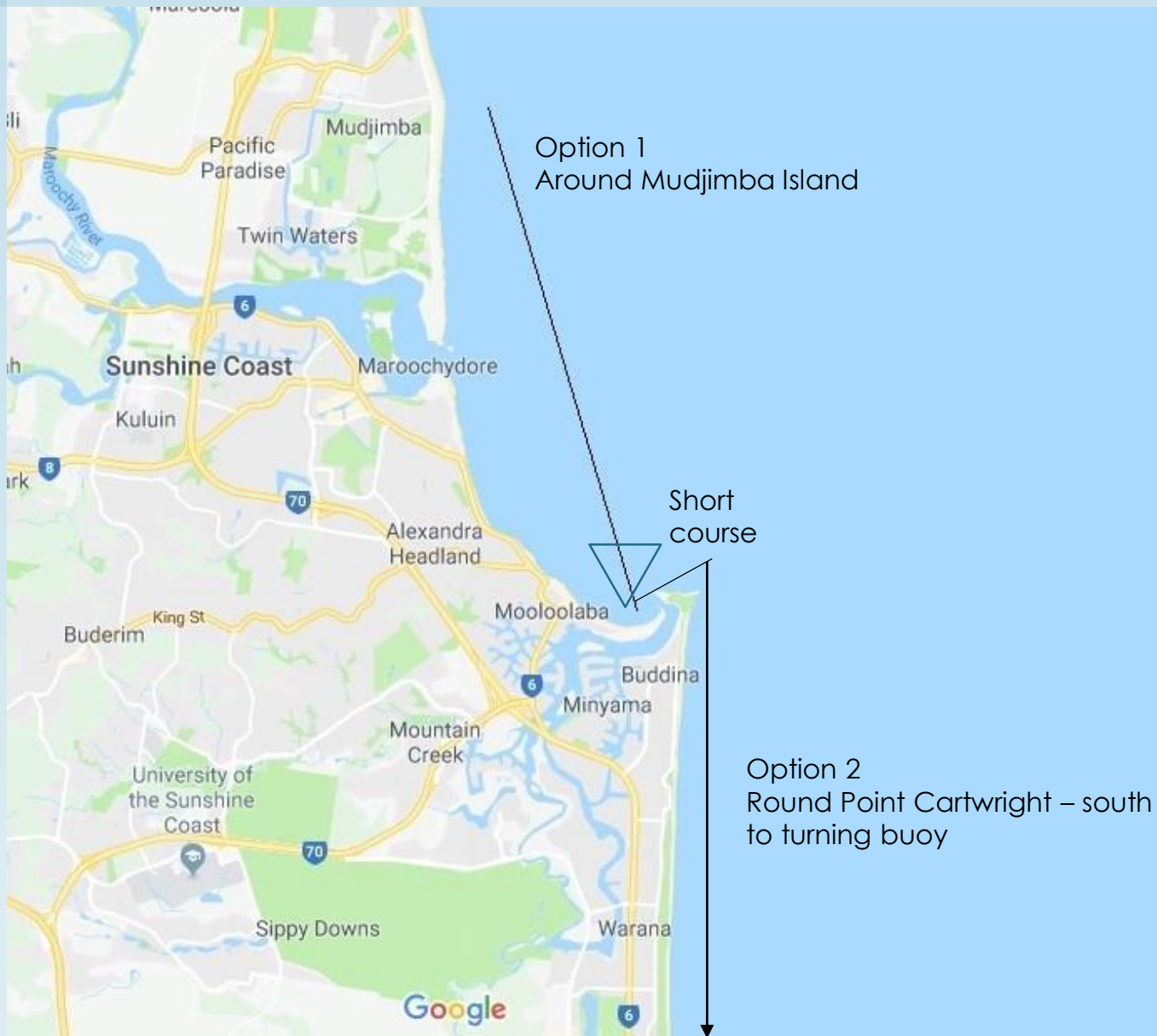
Facilities on the Day

Food stalls and coffee vans will operate all day over the two day event. There are also retail outlets within the cul-de-sac area. Paddling merchandise tents will be trading on the day.

First Aid will be on site throughout the event.

Race Courses

Conditions will determine the best possible option on the day. Please attend all briefings for confirmation of the final race courses.



Canoe Loan

An option to hire a canoe will be available via the website nomination process for a cost of \$55 (GST inc) for a short course and \$110 (GST Inc) for a long course. 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 those clubs travelling from outside the SQ Zone.

Club Tents / Shelters

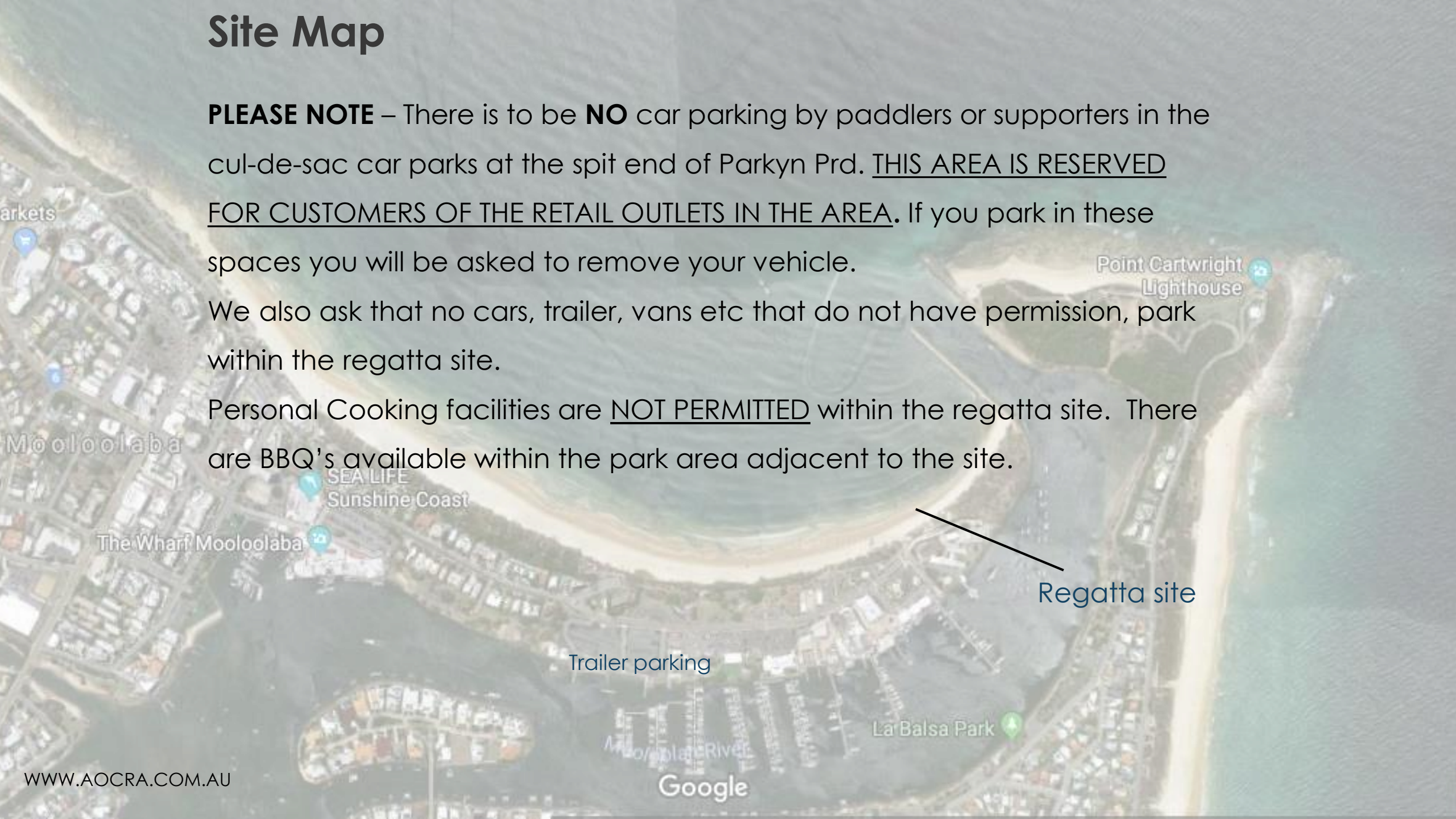
We prefer that you erect tents under the trees in the parkland area as at high tide there is currently no beach available for shade shelters. **PLEASE NOTE - All tents and other belongings are left at your own risk.** There will be overnight security, but as this is an open area and is accessible to the public. Ensure that all your tent bags and, if possible, the tents themselves have your club name / logo on them for easy identification. **PLEASE NOTE – Council has requested that no tent pegs be used due to underground cabling in the area.** Please use weighted material instead (sand bags, etc).

Site Map

PLEASE NOTE – There is to be **NO** car parking by paddlers or supporters in the cul-de-sac car parks at the spit end of Parkyn Prd. THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE RETAIL OUTLETS IN THE AREA. If you park in these spaces you will be asked to remove your vehicle.

We also ask that no cars, trailer, vans etc that do not have permission, park within the regatta site.

Personal Cooking facilities are NOT PERMITTED within the regatta site. There are BBQ's available within the park area adjacent to the site.



Please be advised that there is to be NO PARKING or STOPPING of vehicles in the driveway located adjacent to 'The Spit' parklands. The entrance to the driveway is to remain clear at all times and is signed a NO STANDING area. The driveway to the DTMR & Water Police facilities is to be kept clear at all times during the conduct of the event. (No loading and or unloading to be undertaken in the driveway or at the entrance to the driveway). Any vehicle found to be not complying maybe issued an infringement notice which can incur a penalty of \$170.



Trailer Parking

Trailer parking will be in the boat trailer car park (next to the Coast Guard building) on Parkyn Parade (see map). This is the next large car park on your right **after** the Underwater World / Wharf Precinct car park. Please park considerately and obey all Council signs. If it's particularly good boating weather (i.e. flat), this car park can fill up quickly with recreational boaties.

PLEASE NOTE – TRAILERS ARE **NOT** PERMITTED TO USE STREET PARKING OR OTHER CAR PARKS ON PARKYN PARADE. PLEASE USE THE BOAT TRAILER CAR PARK **ONLY** UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED

Canoe Rigging

Please rig canoes in the boat trailer area on Parkyn Prd. - **do not** rig your canoes before Saturday morning as there is not enough room to store all the fully rigged canoes in this car park. Once canoes are rigged on Saturday morning they should be paddled out the river mouth to the regatta site (takes approx 15-20 mins with a full crew). Please note the Mooloolah River entrance has been defined as a coastal bar and conditions have changed dramatically. Please take care when exiting the river mouth. All the usual safety equipment (covers, bailers, PFDs, tow rope, spare paddle) will be required.

Once your day of racing is complete, and if you do **not** require your canoe on Sunday, please paddle back around to the trailer car park and de-rig. **Overnight storage of canoes on the beach on Saturday night is TBC with Council. Check and be aware of overnight high tides. Please attend the race briefings for more information.**

Travel Assistance

Aocra Travel Assistance will be available – please see Paddler information sheet that will be provide for further information.

Accommodation

Accommodation on the Sunshine Coast is renowned worldwide for its superb quality, award winning locations and incredible variety. Choose from hundreds of options along the coast, many boast stunning water views. Come to life on Queensland's Sunshine Coast with the local accommodation experts.

<https://visitsunshinecoast.com/accommodation>

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