



Townsville Outrigger Canoe Club
proudly present

The Iconic Juliette's Magnetic Island Magic

ROUND 4 - 2025

Sunday, 22 June 2025

Freemason's Park,
Pallarenda, Townsville

RACE PROGRAM AND MAPS ONLY
to be read in conjunction with the
AO Rules April 2024 (amended July 2024)
and Matters for Attention 2024



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Regatta overview

The Iconic *Juliette's Magnetic Island Magic* Regatta comprises both changeover and iron formats and allows paddlers to experience racing in the tropical waters near Townsville in North Queensland. The races are open to club, combined club, national and international crews.

The race offers a 37-kilometre course for Iron and Water Changeover races and a 41-Kilometre course for Beach Changeover races around the UNESCO World Heritage listed Magnetic Island with its stunning scenery and variable conditions. The course starts on the sandy Pallarenda Beach, traverses the inner Middle Reef, before entering deeper waters near Picnic Bay on the eastern side of the island. After the paddlers catch runners through the gap between the infamous Orchard Rock and the island they begin to head along the rocky escarpment of the northern coast where they will normally encounter rolling waves with a breeze at their backs. The final stretch is across the relatively shallow strait between West Point and Pallarenda at which point paddlers can dream of tail winds.

Two changeover options are available. The in-water changeover is an option for all categories with the assistance of escort motorboats. A beach changeover is also available with the assistance of either motorboats or vehicles to transport resting crews from beach to beach. Some local transport is available but is limited, so early booking for boat or vehicle is recommended. A total of four secluded beaches about 8 kilometres apart will be visited. Due to the need to enter bays, the beach changeover racecourse is longer at approximately 41 kilometers. Note that the tracks into beaches may not be maintained and local knowledge should be sought.

All paddlers and support craft must comply with The AOCRA Rules (April 2024).

<https://aocra.com.au/uploads/file/AOCRA%20Forms/2024%20July%20Aocra%20Rules%20April%202024%20amended%20July.pdf>

June in Townsville is the dry season and there is a 30 percent chance of calm weather at 9:00 am. The usual prevailing winds in June vary from southerly and south easterly

http://www.bom.gov.au/clim_data/cdio/tables/pdf/windrose/IDCJCM0021.032040.9amJun.pdf

More climate statistics for Townsville can be found at

http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/averages/tables/cw_032040.shtml

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Racing program

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Race Program will run on time or at the discretion of the Race Director. Please note that races may be brought forward on the day, so please notify all competitors that they **must** listen for changes over the PA system. The Race Director may not wait for crews to get to the start line. Please be ready for your event.

Clubs must provide adequate canoes for competitors in each division. All canoes are required to carry one easily accessible AOCRA compliant PFD per paddler (refer amended AOCRA safety rules April 2024), water bailers, a suitable tow rope and a spare paddle are required for OC6s and V3s as well as storm covers at the discretion of the race director. OC1 and OC2s are required to carry a spare paddle and leg rope fitted.

In poor weather, an alternative course may be considered.

- Course direction may be reversed.
- Start times may change.
- The course may be between the Magnetic Island and the mainland with the distance varied.

Please ensure you check with race officials on the day and attend all race briefings.

Always be SunSmart.

Race Director - Land:	Penny Kenchington (0421 367 322)
Race Director - Water:	Ron Twomey (0418 880 553)
Safety Officer:	Ron Twomey (0418 880 553)
Escort Boat Coordinator:	Derek Cole (0429 476 235)
Canoe Hire Enquiries:	Derek Cole (0429 476 235)
Home Regatta Coordinator:	Ross Goodwin (0419 746 043)



The venue

The regatta site is on the beachfront at Freemasons Park, Pallarenda, Townsville. Street parking is available on Cape Pallarenda Road, and trailer parking is available at the Freemasons Park (see below map). Cars MUST NOT be parked on the grassed areas nor driven over kerbs.



Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be available at the regatta site. We encourage all paddlers to support the local Townsville community through accommodation and purchases throughout the event. Alcohol is prohibited at the regatta site and should not be brought to the event.



Nomination information

All club, team and individuals (all divisions) must lodge their nominations with payment online via www.aocra.com.au.

All race nominations close at 5pm, June 1, 2025.

Late nominations will not be accepted, and it is not possible to register on the day.

Race	Fees
37 km Magnetic Island in water changeover race per person	\$80.00
37 km Magnetic Island Iron event per person	\$110.00
41 km Magnetic Island beach changeover race per person	\$80.00

Please see the Cancellation and Refund Policy (effective 30 November 2021) below for further information regarding event cancellations/refunds.

Extra charges will apply for water and beach changeover escort boat hire. Each crew is responsible for payment direct to their escort boat owner/captain.

Beach changeover crews have the additional option of using 4WDs to do the transfers of reserve crews between beaches. Please see Additional Information for details on 4WD use/ escort boats/ canoe hire.

Passenger ferry timetable for crew transport

<https://www.sealinkqld.com.au/ferry/timetables/magnetic-island>

Car ferry timetable for transport of 4WDs and/or crews

<https://magneticislandferries.com.au/timetable/>

4WD Hire/Team amalgamator: toccequipment22@gmail.com



Regatta shirts

Shirts are optional and the nomination fee has been reduced to reflect this. The various shirts available are a great keepsake. Individual competitors or teams may purchase singlets and shirts directly from the supplier via

<https://bit.ly/townsvilleocc>

- Singlet
- T-Shirt
- Polo
- Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Shirts ordered online will be available for collection on Saturday afternoon or the morning of the regatta at the TOCC Regatta tent.



Race registration

When nominating, teams must enter Date of Birth for each competitor as this is an average age aggregate event. Note that older aggregated age teams can nominate into a younger division.

All competitors will be checked against the nominated team list.

When signing-in for *OC6* or *OC3* races, you must confirm the:

- division
- individuals (name/date of birth) in each crew for the upcoming race
- the canoe number (and any identifying feature e.g., sponsor name)
- crew name & division (if applicable).

When signing-in *OC1/2* or *V1* races, you must confirm:

- division
- individual/s paddling (on the nomination sheet)
- the canoe number (and any identifying feature e.g., colour of ama).

Paddlers should not approach the sign-in desk until they have all the above details. All competitors will be checked against the nominated team list.



Race schedule

Please note all times are approximate and we ask paddlers to be ready prior to times indicated. Race Times and Courses may be altered at the discretion of the Race Director to give the best race conditions for competitors, with safety a prime requirement.

Sunday, June 22, 2025			
Sunrise 6:45 Sunset 17:43 Tides: Low 00:44 1.26m High 06:19 2.78m Low 12:40 0.49m			
Time	Race	Dist.	Approximate Duration
07:00:00 AM	Briefing for All Races	41km/ 37km	15 min
07:15AM	Crew boat transfer – Beach changeover		15 mins
07:30:00 AM	Crew boat transfer – Water changeover		15 mins
07:30:00 AM	START Beach Changeover OC6 crews all senior divisions START all small craft	41 km 37km and 41km	4.5 – 5 hours
07:45:00 AM	START Magnetic Island Magic Water Changeover OC6 senior crews all divisions Magnetic Island Iron OC6 - senior divisions	37 km	4 hours
09:00:00 AM	Cut-off time at Nellie Bay Pylon		
1230:00 PM	Approximate FINISH of all craft		
1:30:00 PM	Medal and prize presentation on the beach at regatta site		

Presentations

The Presentation venue is the regatta site and will take place approximately 45 minutes after the last paddler crosses the finish line.

After party

You are invited to the Watermark Bar and Grill on the Strand at 5 pm Sunday. When you enter, the paddlers reserved section will be to the right. Paddlers and visitors can order pizza, meals and drinks and enjoy catching up with old friends. Please see www.watermarktownsville.com.au
72-74 The Strand, North Ward, QLD 4810



Race course: 37km water changeover & iron

OC6, V3, OC1/2, V1



1. Proceed, from the start line, ENE then NE for 10 km to the Bright Point pylon outside the ferry terminal entrance on Magnetic Island.
2. At the discretion of the race director a cut off time of 90 minutes to reach the Nellie Bay pylon (10km mark) will be applied. If applied, crews that fail to make the cut off time will be held there until the tail boat passes, and then escorted back to the start.
3. The first change can be made 5 km from the start (approximately halfway between the Middle Reef marker and the Picnic Bay pylon). A support boat will mark this point.
4. At the Bright Point pylon, an official's boat will either wave you across the ferry channel (if safe) or direct you to stop. All canoes must pass inside the Bright Point pylon/ Cardinal Marker (Island on the left, pylon on the right) as this is a requirement of our license. Any canoe that fails to comply will be disqualified. Any time lost by canoes required to stop will be recorded and an appropriate adjustment will be made to their overall event time.
5. Continue anti-clockwise for 20 km around the Island, and then South for 7 km to the finish line.
6. Finish between the beach and the finish buo



Race course: 41km beach changeover OC6, OC3, V1, OC1/2



1. Proceed from the start line, ENE then NE:
 - a. For crews transported by motor boat the first change point is 9 km to Rocky Bay which is just beyond Picnic Bay;
 - b. For crews transported on the island by vehicle the first change point is Nomads Hostel (Xbase) which is just 400m beyond Rocky Bay. Rocky Bay is not accessible by vehicle.
2. At the discretion of the race director a cut off time of 90 minutes to reach the Nellie Bay pylon (10km mark) will be applied. If applied, crews that fail to make the cut off time will be held there until the tail boat passes, and then escorted back to the start.
3. Proceed NE for 1 km to the Bright Point pylon/ Cardinal Marker outside the Nelly Bay ferry terminal entrance.
4. An official's boat will either wave you across the shipping channel (if safe) or direct you to stop. All canoes must pass inside the Bright Point pylon/Cardinal Marker (Island on the left, pylon on the right) as this is a requirement of our license. Any canoe that fails to comply will be disqualified. Any time lost by canoes required to stop will be recorded and an appropriate adjustment will be made to their overall event time.
5. Continue anti-clockwise for another 6.5 km around the Island to Arthur Bay for the next changeover. Note that Arthur Bay is at the base of a point and therefore steerers should



hug the coast past Bright Point. Arthur Bay will be marked by two buoys one approximately 2.8 km from the Bay and the other at the entrance

6. Continue anti-clockwise for another 8 km around the Island to the far side of Horseshoe Bay for the third changeover.
7. Continue anti-clockwise for another 9 km around the Island to West Point for the final changeover.
8. Continue South for 7.5 km to the finish between the beach and the finish buoy.
9. Markers will be placed at entrances to certain changeover beaches. Boat based resting crews will need to swim short distances to and from awaiting motor boats.
All crew must get out of their canoe and beach it up to at least the steerer's seat at each change point.
Changes must occur at all designated changeover beaches.
10. Escort motor boats must wait offshore out of the way of canoes trying to get to the beach. When picking up and dropping off crew members motor boats must not impede other canoes attempting changeovers.



Additional information

Point scoring & combined event options

NQ Zone Club points will be awarded for this event; however, only North Qld Zone club teams will be eligible for NQZ Club Points, **not** combined club teams.

Combined teams: To make it easier for smaller clubs to form crews, we will accept nominations for combined crews from different clubs. Participation as a combined crew will not attract NQ Zone Club points. Contact the team amalgamator for further information, help in finding crew members, and registering interest.

Age division for the changeover events – aggregate age of the crew

The aggregate age of the crew will be calculated by summing the ages of each crew member (in years, months, and days) and dividing by the number in the crew. This aggregate age will determine the division of the crew (as per AOCRA divisions). A crew list with DOBs **MUST** be submitted before the race so that divisions can be calculated.

Escort boats/ 4wds for the changeover

TOCC has secured a limited number of escort boats and 4WDs which will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. It is recommended that crews source their own boats if they can.

First preference for escort boats will be water changeover crews. After the water changeover crews have all been assigned an escort boat, remaining boats may be assigned to beach changeover crews.

Beach changeover crews without an escort boat have the option of using TOCC sourced 4WDs or transporting their own 4WD vehicle to the island to transport their crews to changeover beaches. Reserve crew members using 4WDS will catch either the passenger ferry or car ferry to the island in time to reach the first changeover beach.

Canoe hire:

A limited number of canoes are available for hire by contacting Derek Cole (phone 042 9476 235)



Magnetic Island Magic changeover event divisions

No junior or novice paddlers will compete in water changeover or iron races. Novices and juniors can compete only with their clubs' consent and in compliance with the AOCRA Rules 2024. All other senior age divisions are allowed. Below is a list of the maximum paying contestants per canoe. Fewer paddlers per canoe may be allowed by the race director but no reduction in fees is available.

Race	Type	# of Paddlers
Water/ Beach Changeover	Men's Open/ Master/ Senior	9
	Men's Golden/ Platinum	10
	Men's Unlimited OC6 Open	9
	Women's Open/ Master/ Senior	10
	Women's Golden/ Platinum	12 **
	Women's Unlimited OC6 Open	10
	Mixed Open/ Master/ Senior*	10
	Mixed Golden/ Platinum*	12* *
	Mixed Unlimited OC6 Open	10
	OC1 All Divisions	2
	OC2 All Divisions	4
	V3 All Divisions	6
	Beach Changeover Novice Men, Women & Mixed	10
Iron	All Divisions*	6
	OC1/V1 All Divisions	1
	OC2 All Divisions	2
	Unlimited OC6 Open – Men, Women and Mixed	6

* Mixed events at Zone Titles/Club/Combined Regattas will be an equal number of male and female competitors. At all times, 50% of the competitors in a canoe must be female. Refer to the AOCRA Regatta and Training Rules for more information.

** Note that using 12 paddlers in a team will most likely incur additional charges as two boats/vehicles or larger boats/vehicles will be required for the reserve crew.

Novice senior paddler: The Beach Changeover course event will include Novice Senior Paddlers (refer to AOCRA for definition of 'novice paddler'. OC6 teams will have at least 4 novice senior paddlers in the boat at one time with up to 10 crew in a changeover team. Three veterans, two of which are steerers, are allowed for the Beach Changeover. Only veterans can be steerers.



Canoe safety requirements for racing

For all OC6: See Section 16.2 AOCRA Rules (aocra.com.au)

- Minimum of one spare blade. (preferably attached to the canoe)
- 2 bailers for an OC6 and 1 for an OC3.
- 6 PFDs for each an OC6 and 3 for an OC3.
- Towrope (of 25 meters minimum length by 12 mm diameter, Silver Rope, tied to the forward wa'a (spreader), secured outside the covers and available for immediate use during the races.
- Storm covers recommended, or as required by the Race Director. If a decision is made that storm covers are to be fitted before racing, all teams must fit covers or will not be permitted to compete.
- A mobile telephone or hand-held radio maybe used at the discretion of the canoe captain/steerer. The mobile telephone numbers for the Race Directors (on and off the water) are in this document.
- If a hand-held radio is used ensure it is tuned to the correct channel for the regatta – this can be sought from the Race Director.

For all V1, OC1 and OC2, canoes require 1 spare blade, 1 leg rope, and one AOCRA approved PFD per paddler.

A safety inspection will occur prior to the race. Any canoe failing this inspection will not be able to register for their race until photographic evidence has been presented at the registration point. Note that professional security is provided throughout the night.



Cancellation & refund policy (Effective 30 November 2021)

- 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 an 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, Zone and / or AOCRA reserve the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only than the stated cancellation terms above.
- Refunds will be processed within 30 days of cancellation via the same method used for payment.

Postponement

- 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.

Nominee cancellation

- 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@aocra.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.



Fee breakdown

Nomination Per Paddler	Club	NQ Zone	AOCRA Ltd	Total
37 km <i>Magnetic Island</i> <u>in water</u> <u>changeover race</u>	\$73	\$5	\$2	\$80
37 km <i>Magnetic Island</i> <u>Iron</u> <u>race per person</u>	\$103	\$5	\$2	\$110
41 km <i>Magnetic Island</i> <u>beach</u> <u>changeover race per person</u>	\$73	\$5	\$2	\$80

Covid safe site measures

The Iconic *Juliette's Magnetic Island Magic* Regatta is a COVID Safe Event.

Everyone is responsible for COVID Safety!

Stay at home if you have cold and flu symptoms; cover your cough, frequently sanitize your hands. If you are concerned visit 13Health or your local GP (QLD Health Advice.)

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