



MARLIN COAST CHALLENGE

**YORKEYS KNOB TO PORT DOUGLAS
45KM**

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

SATURDAY 28/10/17



Briefing: 9.45am

Start: 10.15am

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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.

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 North End of Four Mile Beach – Esplanade, Port Douglas (14.5km)

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

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

BRIEFING AND START TIME

Yorkey's Knob Beach, Sims Esplanade:

Briefing: 9.45am

Start: 10.15am

TIDES

Low Tide: 10:37 am---1.31m Cairns

HighTide: 17:22 pm---2.27 m 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 – 14.5 km – Oak Beach to the Northern End of Four Mile Beach – ESPLANADE (near the Surf Club), Port Douglas. From the beach head out for about 1km NE/E – turn left around a marker then aim straight to Port Douglas towards the hill (keep to your left of the hill). 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 northern end of Four Mile Beach in front of the Port Douglas Surf Club between the lead boat and another support boat.

AT ALL 4 FINISH LINES

The Finish line of each leg will be between the lead boat and another support boat. You **MUST** pass through the two boats and yell out your canoe/race number to the lead boat.

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

ATTENTION OC6 CREWS – you do not have to pass through the two boats **BUT** pass as close to the lead boat so we can identify you). You then make your way to a designated spot on the beach away from all the other crafts.

After racing, there are public toilets near the surf club as well as showers and a hose where you can wash down your canoes and load trailers.

Then make your way to the Port Douglas Sports Complex for the presentations!!

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.
Look out for fellow paddlers & make sure that no competitors are left stranded.

*****PLEASE NOTE: ALL OC6 TRAILERS MUST GO STRAIGHT TO THE FINISH AT THE PORT DOUGLAS SURF CLUB – THERE IS ENOUGH PARKLAND AVAILABLE. 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 a Follow Boat and at least five other support boats patrolling the area up and down the coast to keep an eye on competitors

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 / SURF SKI

Iron and relay races there are 5 age divisions:
OPEN, MASTER, SENIOR, GOLDEN, MASTER, PLATINUM

RE OC6 TEAMS – 12 paddlers per relay team and 6 for iron
(For all OC6 Mixed Teams: EACH TEAM MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 3 WOMEN PER RACE LEG)

For all V1 Relay Teams:
MUST RACE V1 ON ALL FOUR LEGS OF RACE, NOT TO COMBINE WITH AN OC1 CRAFT.

NOMINATION FEE

\$105.00 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

Nominations due by Friday 13/10/17

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 immediately after all paddlers have finished the race and will be held at our OLD Pavillion on Wharf Street, Port Douglas (at the entrance to the Port Douglas Yacht Club.)

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6.00PM

A HOT BUFFET DINNER WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER RACE – \$25.00 PER ADULT/ \$12.50 CHILD
YOU MUST PREPAY IF YOU WANT A MEAL by the 14/10/16

DRINKS ARE AVAILABLE AT BAR PRICES

MEAL TICKETS ARE TO BE PRE-PURCHASED ON THE AOCRA WEBSITE IN NOMINATIONS UNDER "CLUB EXTRAS" (you must also put your name, club and how many tickets purchased in the comments section!!!)

YOU MUST PREPAY IF YOU WANT A MEAL by the 13th October 2017 as there will be NO Tickets available on the night due to catering deadlines!!

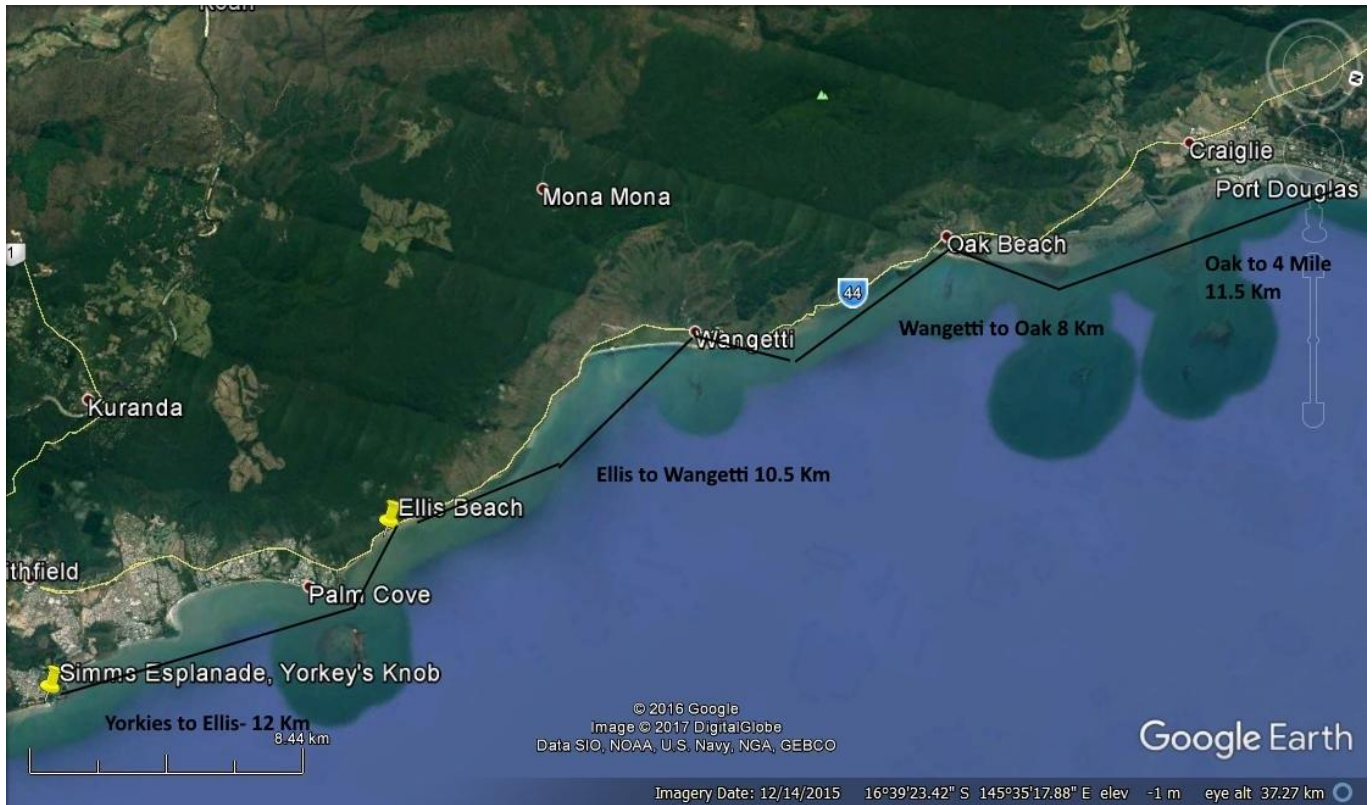
ANY QUERIES EMAIL DANIELLE at marlincoastchallenge@gmail.com
(Tickets must be pre-purchased for catering purposes)

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COURSE MAP – YORKEY’S KNOB TO 4 MILE BEACH ESPLANADE (SURF CLUB) – PORT DOUGLAS



1 st Leg:	Yorkey's Knob to Ellis Beach	12.0 km
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 Northern End of Four Mile Beach	14.5 km

Total distance: Approx. 45 km

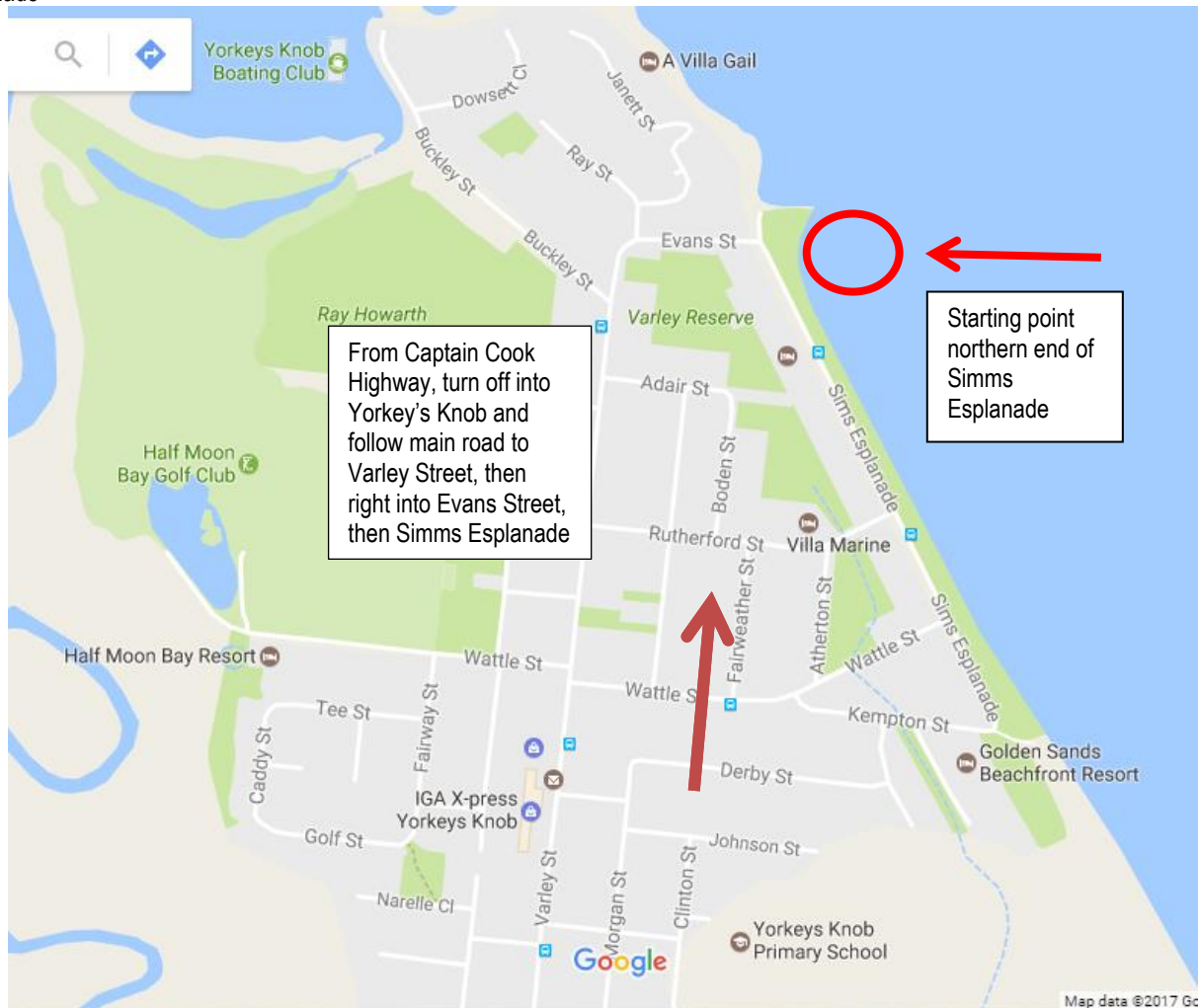
High Tide: 5.22pm – 2.27m

Low Tide: 10.33am – 1.23m

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

YORKEY’S KNOB MAP

Esplanade



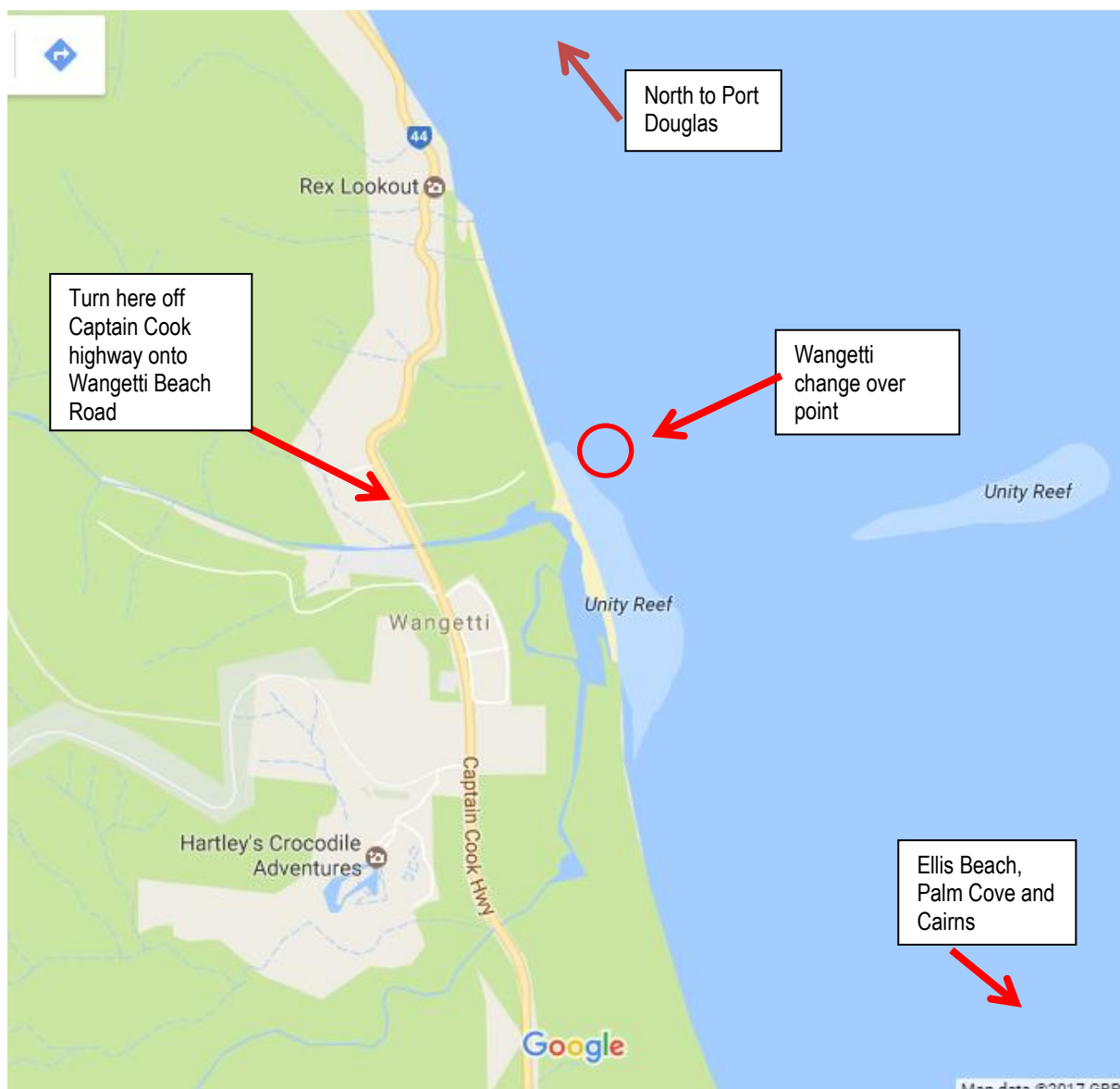
2nd LEG – START AT ELLIS BEACH TO WANGETTI BEACH

ELLIS BEACH MAP



3rd LEG – START AT WANGETTI BEACH TO OAK BEACH

WANGETTI BEACH MAP



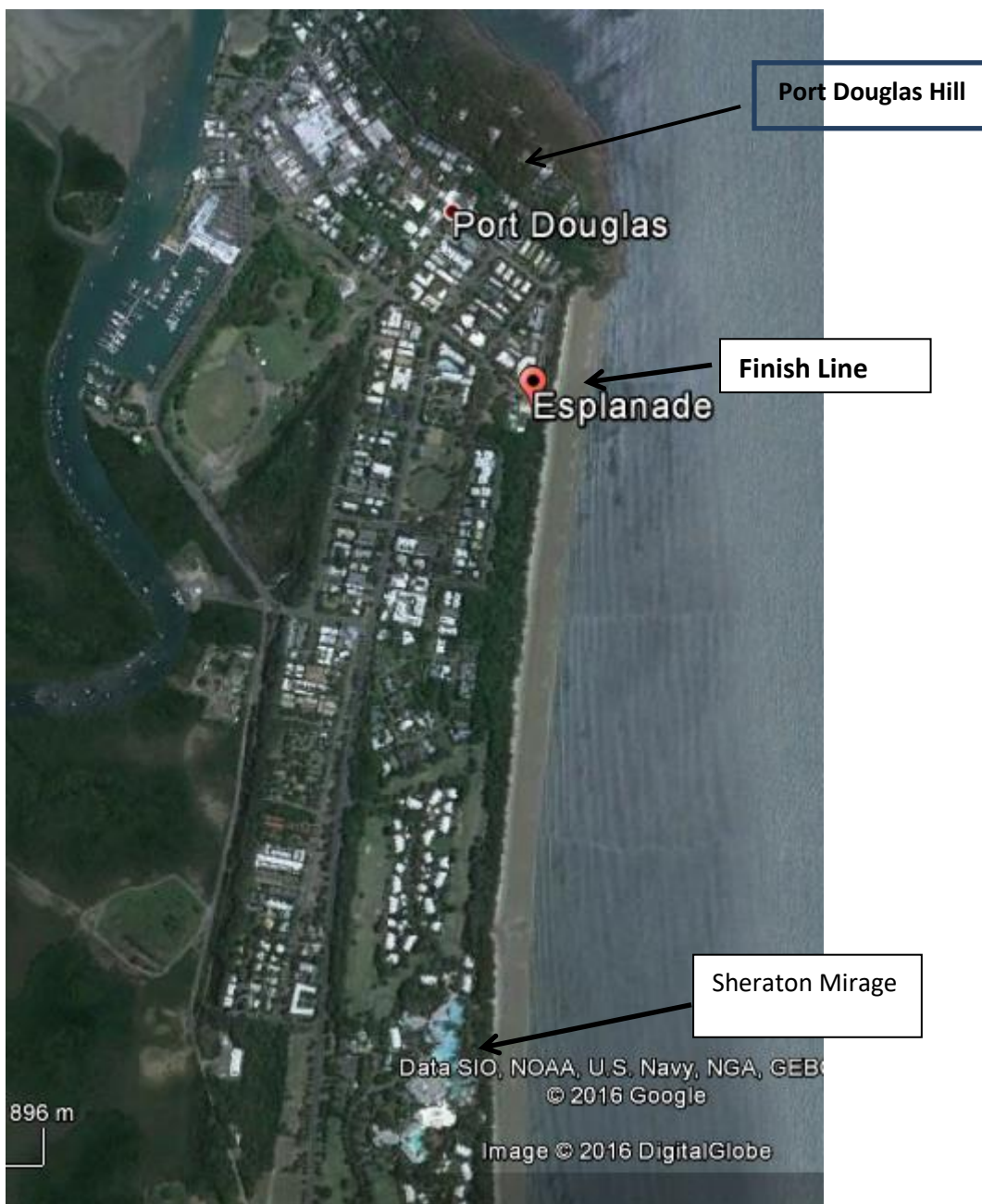
4th LEG – START AT OAK BEACH TO SURF CLUB PORT DOUGLAS ESPLANADE

OAK BEACH MAP



FINISH LINE – 4 MILE BEACH (SURF CLUB) PORT DOUGLAS ESPLANADE

4 MILE BEACH - PORT DOUGLAS ESPLANADE MAP



TRAILER PARKING/PRESENTATION MAP AT PORT DOUGLAS

