

POLYNESIAN VA'A ALO OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB



Welcomes you to:

Race 1	OC6 Marathon Series	Saturday 15 February 2020
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Nominations Close:	Sunday 9 February 2020 (midnight Queensland Time)
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Shorncliffe Pier Beach, Park Parade, Shorncliffe QLD 4017

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WELCOME PADDLERS

We pleased to welcome you all to the first race of the OC6 Marathon Series. This is the first time a regatta will be held in the waters off the Shorncliffe Beach area.

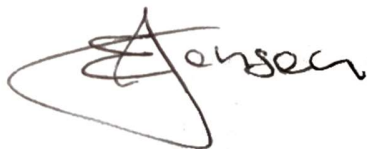
Our club, Polynesian Va'a Alo is a new club in its first five years of operation. Founded in Sept 2015, its aim was to create a family based Outrigger Canoe Club centered around Polynesian Cultural values of warmth, hospitality and a competitive but fun and easy going spirit and culture. With just over fifty members made up of 40 competitive paddlers and 11 social paddlers the club is steadily growing and improving year by year. In the last 12-24 months the club has focused on developing the club infrastructure, culture and its competitiveness in the opens, masters and senior masters categories as well as establishing a joint juniors program with the Sandgate Canoe Club (Kayaks).

This is the first major paddling regatta event run by the club and we are gratefully being supported by our sister club Bribie Mahalo OCC along with equipment from Scarborough, Bayside and Redcliffe OCC's as well as the SQ Zone. Without their support our small club would struggle to be able to conduct a major Regatta for the zone.

For this first race in the OC6 Marathon Series on 2020 we are excited to provide race courses that keep us strongly in the spectator and public eye. All races will be viewable by the public from the Shorncliffe Pier and surrounding foreshores in Sandgate, Brighton, Woody Point and Clontarf. All races will start and finish near the end of the Shorncliffe pier and the beach and Moora Park provide excellent facilities for clubs and paddlers. We have strong local council support to showcase our waters and location. We are excited to invite you all to our Island Party including Hangi/Umu immediately after the Regatta at our base at VMR Shorncliffe on All Pass Parade. Let us know if you are coming so we can best cater for the food.

Our Regatta will incorporate indigenous and Polynesian culture in our welcome and opening and we aim to create a festival air that will make our Regatta fun, vibrant and memorable to all who attend. See you all at the site and on the water.

Eddie Jensen PVOCC President



1. Regatta Site

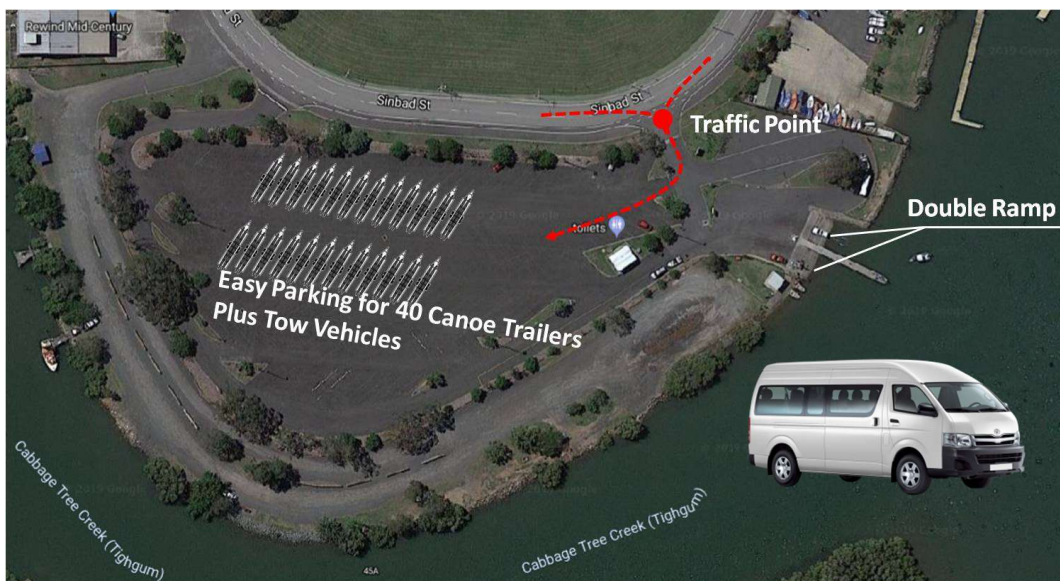
This is the first time an Outrigger Regatta has been held off the Shorncliffe Beach area. The Moora Park and beach offers a great location and facilities to support a Regatta. The following maps show the key site areas and facilities. Note in the Morning at low tide a jet ski will help direct canoes out to the beach Regatta area and avoid the shallow waters near the entrance



The Shorncliffe Pier beach can accommodate up to 70 x OC6 Canoes. A Beach Marshall and scrutineers will operate off the beach and assist and direct crews on getting their canoes down to the water at low tide during the short course and junior races.



The Trailer Park is located on **Sinbad Street Shorncliffe**. A parking marshal will help direct trailer vehicles into the park. A 12 seater shuttle Van will also be going back and forth to help transport people back and forth between the beach and trailer park area. The site map for the trailer park is as follows:



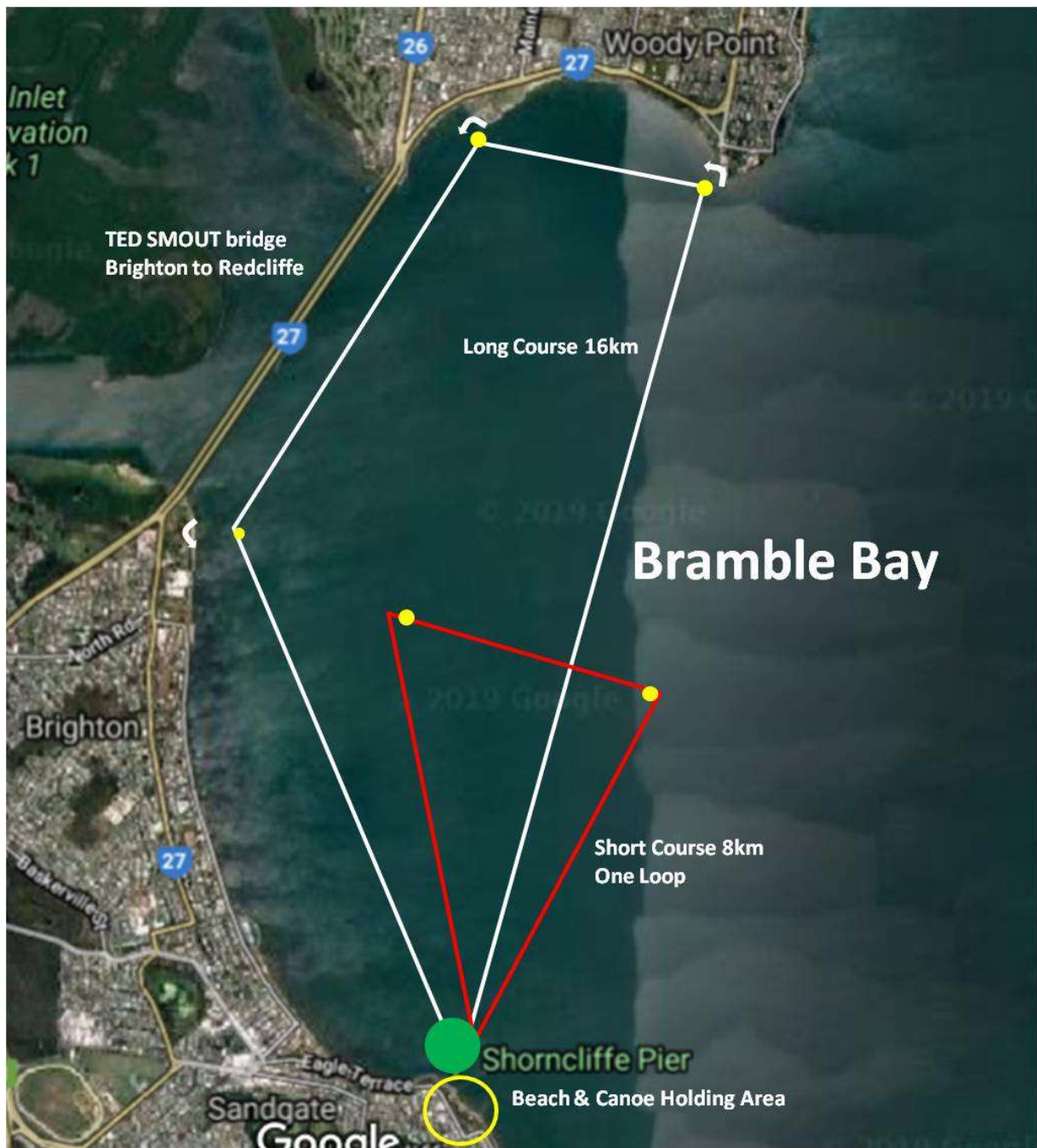
2. RACE PROGRAM

High Tide:	1415	Low Tide:	0815
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Program for Saturday 15 February 2020 Race 1 OC6 Marathon Series			
Event	Time	Details	Distance
	6:30	Registration Open	
	6.45	Regatta Opening Ceremony	
BRIEFING	7:15	SHORT COURSE	
Race 1	7:30	Women / 19U Mixed / 16U Girls / Young Guns / Novice Women / Novice Mixed	8km
Race 2	8:30	Men / 16U Boys / Mixed / Young Guns / Novice Men	8km
BRIEFING	9:15	ALL JUNIOR RACES	
Race 3	9:30	12U Mixed	2km
Race 4	10:00	16U Mixed	6km
Race 5	11:00	MINNOWS Mixed - Start Race 1	1km
Race 6	11:15	14U Mixed	4km
BRIEFING	11:45	LONG COURSE	
Race 7	12:00	Women / U19 Girls / Mixed	16km
Race 8	12:15	MINNOWS Mixed - Start Race 2	1km
Race 9	13:45	Men / U19 Boys	16km
	14:00	Junior & Novice Short Course Medal Presentations	
	15:30	Post Regatta FUNCTION at VMR, 95 All Pass Parade	
<p>Please note: This Program is subject to change depending on nominations and conditions. All times are approximate and we ask that all paddlers listen for announcements and are ready to race.</p> <p>Regatta Opening Ceremony: This will involve all participants being invited down to the beach and involve cultural aspects and the local councillor Jared Cassidy opening the event.</p>			

3. REGATTA LONG, SHORT COURSES MAP

All courses will be in Bramble Bay with starts and finishes near and across the Shorncliffe Pier. The Long and Short courses are shown below. The Long Course is being run at HIGH TIDE to avoid any issues with shallow water around the bridge area and Sandgate water front. The course will make best use of down winds and hence may be reversed in direction depending on best downwind for the final leg.



4. REGATTA ALTERNATIVE COURSES MAP

Alternative long and short courses which are more out in the bay are shown below. These will be moved out further into the bay should we want to maximise any down winds on the day for the final legs and also any issues with the shallow water closer into the Ted Smout Bridge. We don't anticipate any issues with the area and tides are favourable for the long course but alternatives have been marked out should we need them.



5. REGATTA JUNIOR COURSES MAPs

The Junior Courses are shown below. All juniors course are highly visible from the Sandgate foreshore, walkway and Shorncliffe Pier.



6. NOMINATION INFORMATION

All nominations must be registered online at www.aocra.com.au before the cut-off date. It is not possible to register on the day.

Sign-in and briefing will take place at regatta site.

Paddlers must sign-in to confirm their registration and canoe number for each race.

If you are having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA please email support@aocra.com or sqzreg@gmail.com

7. RACE FEES

\$20.00 per Senior paddler per race

\$10.00 per Junior paddler per race

\$10.00 Minnows (minimum 2 races)

8. REGISTRATION

8.1 REGISTRATIONS CLOSE

Registrations must be completed by midnight **Sunday 9 February 2020** via the online at www.aocra.com.au. Any queries registering please email: sqzreg@gmail.com

8.2 LATE REGISTRATION

Club registrations after midnight (AEST Qld) of the advertised cut off will incur a **\$100** late fee (\$50 for juniors) in addition to the advertised race fee.

9. CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of a regatta cancellation due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances, PVOCC will not be in a position to refund race fees. It is the clubs understanding that a refund of AOCRA and SQ Zone portion of fees are at their discretion.

10. CATERING/FOOD

We offer a variety of food and cold drinks at our tent and a local Coffee Cart is on site at the start of the pier.



We invite everyone to join us at our Club site to enjoy our Club post Regatta Party where we will have an Island Food Hangi/Umu and an open bar run by the VMR. Plenty of parking at VMR Shorncliffe 95 All Pass Parade is available from 3:30 pm onwards. The meal will be available from about 4:00 pm onwards.



Please note: PVOCC will be supporting the SQ Zone in raising money for the Australian Outrigging Bushfire Appeal by utilising UMU profits for this national disaster. Cost is **\$20 per head payable in advance one week prior to event to allow for catering numbers.** Clubs can deposit moneys into the Poly Va'a Club account:

Acc Name Poly Va'a Outrigger Canoe Club
BSB: 633000 **Acc Number:** 155640493

If clubs are coming please advise the secretary PVOCC of **numbers and names of people who have paid** for a meal so we can mark them off at the Function. As such it is suggested clubs make club bulk orders. pvocc.secretary@gmail.com or phone 0422004861.

11. RACE MEDALS

Medals - PVOCC will award the winners of the Junior races (by age division) and winners of the Novice short course races (by Male and Female) with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals on the day.

12. REGATTA INFORMATION

12.1 PARTICIPATION RULES

Paddlers are reminded of AOCRA's rules and regulations regarding participating in AOCRA sanctioned events. You are only permitted to take part in this event if you are a recognised competitor, which means:

You have registered and paid for this event through the AOCRA website

You have signed in at the registration desk and provided your canoe number

You are a current financial member of an AOCRA affiliated club, and

You are a current financial member of AOCRA

Due to insurance implications, if you do not meet ALL of these requirements you are to stay off the race course. Non-competing paddlers are not to use the event courses for training, coaching or recreational paddling in club or personal craft while competitors are on the course.

12.2 RULES FOR CLUB EVENTS

As this is an AOCRA sanctioned club event all paddlers (excl. Juniors 19 and Under, Golden Master and Platinum) MUST be members of the same club as recorded in the AOCRA membership database prior to registering to race.

To ensure competitors abide by this rule, and to foster a spirit of fair competition between competing club crews, action will be taken by the SQ Zone committee for any breach of this rule.

Specifically: It is the responsibility of the person signing in the crew to ensure that only club members are registered for the crew.

It is the responsibility of the captain of the crew to ensure that only club members compete in their crew.

It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that their members are aware of the rules regarding participation in CLUB events and that only bona fide club members compete in their crews.

12.3 RACE DIVISIONS

Short Course		
Men	Women	Mixed
Young Guns Novice Open Master Snr Master Golden Master Platinum	Young Guns Novice Open Master Snr Master Golden Master Platinum	19U Novice Open Master Snr Master Golden Master Platinum
	Long Course	

Men	Women	Mixed
Open (U19 paddle as Opens) Master Snr Master Golden Master Platinum	Open (U19 paddle as Opens) Master Snr Master Golden Master Platinum	Open Master Snr Master Golden Master Platinum
*Young Guns Division is a combination of 3 junior paddlers from 16U to 19U and 3 senior paddlers, although each crew can have up to 4 junior paddlers. Either a senior or junior paddler may steer.		
**All Juniors must be granted pre-approval by their parents, Coach and the Zone to compete in the Senior Division.		

12.4 COMPOSITE CREWS

Adult Teams (excl. Golden Master and Platinum teams), made up of paddlers from **various clubs** are **not permitted** in this Club Point Series race.

Requests to race Junior Teams made up of paddlers from various clubs must be emailed to: sqzsec@gmail.com within **14 days** of any Regatta.

12.5 TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS

Transfers from a losing club to a gaining club must be completed online by both clubs within 7 days of any Regatta. A losing club will not without good cause fail to complete an online transfer.

13. SAFETY

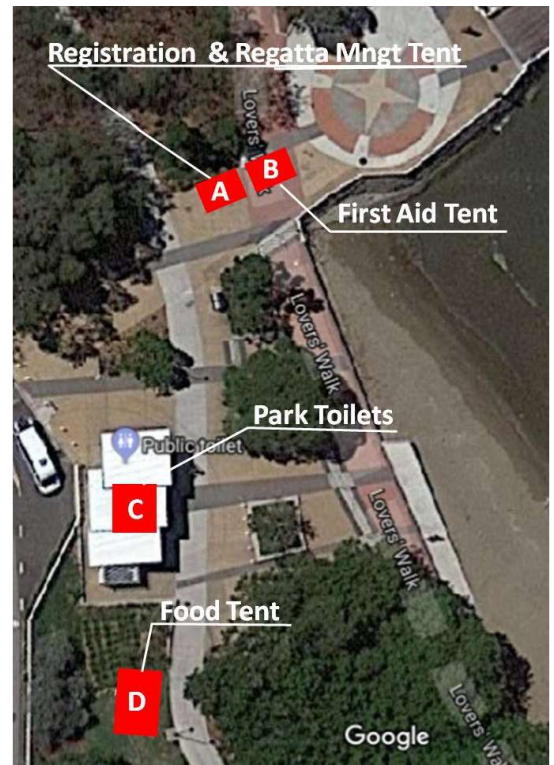
Mandatory safety regulations apply. Please note the following safety requirements.

OC6 Canoe	PDF's (one per paddler) in all craft Covers, 2x Bailers and Tow Rope in all craft Min 1x spare paddle per craft
IMPORTANT:	All paddlers 10U must wear a PDF during racing.

13.1 LOCATION OF VMR / COAST GUARD/FIRST AID

The local Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) / Coast Guard will be located on the water most of the day during racing and sit in the middle of Bramble Bay. A first aid tent will be located near registration and staffed by qualified first aiders and a qualified nurse.

A defibrillator will be carried on the VMR rescue boat with an additional unit back in the VMR facility in Shorncliffe.



14 OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST

14.1 Site Drop Off Point

Persons and tent drop off is available by coming down to the Shorncliffe pier. Clubs may drop off tents equipment and people at the bottom then drive back up to street parking along the top of Shorncliffe and surrounding streets. Parking wardens will direct and assist during drop offs to ensure the area does not become clogged with traffic.

SEE YOU ON THE WATER