

Sydney Harbour Challenge News



EXCITED FOR SHC 2018.....

Well, here we are once again – getting ready for Sydney Harbour Challenge. Our team has been preparing now for months, lots of work goes into this event which is continuing to grow. We are anticipating big numbers once again this year, as the event is getting international praise, with lots of overseas crew wanting to come and see our bridge.

The new AOCRA board has taken over the running of the 2018 SHC, I am sure that you will appreciate this is a large undertaking and we are creating the best team to take this on. I am sure you will see some familiar faces amongst us. We are listening to feedback – good and bad and are taking measures to create the best possible experience for you. We have created an [AOCRA SHC](#)

[onestop information shop](#) on the AOCRA website. Our registration process has improved – the initial process is the same with all registrations going via the [AOCRA website](#). After this we will be making contact with each team and sending forms to fill out so that

creating videos with important information and updates – so look out for these on the AOCRA Facebook page, please visit it then like and follow us so you don't miss anything...
<https://www.facebook.com/AOCRAINZ/>

Important points to remember

- Get your regos in early, we need your info
- Get your info forms back to us asap
- Watch for the info videos
- We are listening...



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we get further information and make the event run a lot more smoothly. We ask that you register early if possible – it will make our job easier and your experience better. We will be

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CHECK OUT THE SHIRTS!

Don't our shirts this year look great! I can't wait to see a 'sea' of them on the water at the start line.

These shirts were ordered 5 months ago, so we have estimated sizes required and how many of each size to get: trying to guess this to please 1000 paddlers can be hard to judge! In the follow up information that we will be requesting is sizes of shirts for your team. These will be bagged up ready for one member of your team that you nominate to pick up, so get in early. We will be doing our very best to please everyone—but as you know this is a hard thing to achieve.

Registering at the event will also be

done differently. On Friday we will begin doing individual paddler registrations where you will be fitted with a wrist band, you must get your own — no one can do this for you....

"Nominate your teams early via the [AOCRA website](#) to get your shirt size information in .. We will do our best to please everyone, but...."

Your nominated team member can then pick up your shirts. Exchanges can be made if needed, you will need the shirt you have already been given to do this.



Race Day: the team captain or nominated person will come to the registration tent and register your team members and verify canoe number— this is also part of the info that we will be requesting prior to the day. If you are

hiring a canoe we will have informed you what number and type of canoe you are getting in. We will be doing this in race order: mixed teams first then women teams and finally men teams.

Please be patient, we have a lot of paddlers to look after.

Paddle Hard Paddle Fast!



CAN YOU HELP?

Interested in helping when you are not paddling? Are you coming to watch a family member? Would you like to watch the race from the water on a support boat? Yes, Yes and Yes.... Let us know if you are wanting to help out—there are many things that you can do.

Let us know if you want to see the race from a support boat, even for just

a particular race.

We will need people to help with timing— you might even like to take photos of the finishers as they cross the line. There are a number of ways you can help—on Friday as well as Saturday, every little bit helps make the day run smoothly.

Email: aocra.operations@gmail.com

WHAT ABOUT THE PRIZES.....

What about the prizes this year? I am asked

Will it be big? I am asked....

Are there more opportunities to win? I am asked....

The answer is YES, YES and YES.... All will be revealed in the coming weeks..

We are creating a number of videos to give you important information and updates about Sydney Harbour Challenge. Keep an eye out for them on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AOCRAINC/>

Like and follow us so you don't miss any important updates. We will be revealing our prize pool soon....

Don't forget we are running a Sydney Harbour Challenge photo competition, for your chance to win \$100 simply upload your best photo via the 'send message' link on the AOCRA facebook page, from any of the previous years races with the [#ilovesydney](#). You can load a maximum of 3 photos capturing any part of the event over the past years. The photos may be used in on-going promotion of our sport. Win-

ners will be announced at this years presentations.

We hope you enjoy your stay in Sydney and remember to **Sample the delights of the best food and wine Sydney has to offer**



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