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2018



SYDNEY HARBOUR CHALLENGE

Saturday 24th February 2018

**Manly Wharf
Sydney, NSW**

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Paddler's Information

Conditions of Eligibility

Competitors must be a financial member of an AOCRA affiliated club and a current registered competitor with AOCRA Inc.

INTERNATIONAL PADDLERS must sign a waiver form and have proof of their travel insurance to cover overseas competition. Must also be able to demonstrate membership of an IVF affiliated club.

Race officials reserve the right to request proof of identity or age of a competitor at any time (i.e. photographic identification required).

All teams must register at registration tent with canoe numbers and must collect shirts prior to competing.

Women racing in Men's crews must ask for permission from race officials before nominating via the AOCRA website.

Race Information

All AOCRA rules and regulations will be enforced, as per the AOCRA Regatta Rules available under the Administration tab on the AOCRA website www.aocra.com.au

OC6 25km Course

Competitor's will start in the water off Manly Cove following the western shore of Sydney foreshores passing Bradley's Head, Taronga Zoo, Sydney Opera House, Kirribilli House then under the Sydney Harbour Bridge to a marker buoy off Luna Park, the reverse for the return leg.

In the event of rough seas the course will be changed at the race director's discretion to comply with AOCRA and RMS rules.

Please attend all briefings for confirmation of the final race courses.

Mandatory for all Races

All OC6 canoes must have storm covers, 6 life jackets, 2 bailers, 25m tow rope and a spare paddle.

Safety

Members of AOCRA will be performing safety inspections on all canoes. If a canoe fails to meet the required AOCRA Safety guidelines, the canoe will be ineligible to take part in the event.

Nominations Process

All nominations must be done online at www.aocra.com.au before the cut off date. Note: It is not possible to nominate on the day. If you are having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA please email support@aocra.com.au.

International Teams requiring help with the registration process and hire of canoes please contact Connie on cwithrington64@gmail.com.

Club Nominations due: 11pm Friday, 16th February 2018 AEST

Team Nominations due: Monday, 19th February 2018

Race Fees

ALL RACE FEES ARE IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS

OC6 = \$540 per team/canoe (equivalent to \$90.00 per paddler) race shirts are included in price.

Race fees must be paid ON LINE by Direct Debit or Credit Card when nominating.

Age Divisions

The following age divisions shall apply to this OC6 event, based on calendar year of competition:

	Adult Age Divisions	Women's Age	Men's Age
	Young Guns	Must have minimum three paddlers from 16U or 19U junior divisions (Regatta Rule B.3.3.3.c)	
ii.	Open	Adult age i.e. 20 yrs and above	
iii.	Masters	40 yrs and above	40 yrs and above
iv.	Senior Masters	50 yrs and above	50 yrs and above
v.	Golden Masters	60 yrs and above	60 yrs and above
vi.	Platinum Masters	70 yrs and above	70 yrs and above

Note: there must be three (3) teams to make a division.

Event Schedule

Note: Race Directors reserve the right to change any factors of the event for safety reasons if required.

<i>Friday 23rd February</i>	
9 am	Registration open – Manly wharf promenade
<i>Saturday 24th February – Race Day</i>	
6.00 am	Registration open
6.30 am	Welcome to country & race blessing
7.30 am	Briefing Mixed Race
8.00 am	Start Mixed Race
10.30 am	Briefing Women’s Race
11.00 am	Start Women’s Race
1.30 am	Briefing Men’s Race
2.00 pm	Start Men’s Race
6.30 pm Approx	Presentation Manly Wharf Marquee

All races will be live streamed.

PLEASE NOTE:

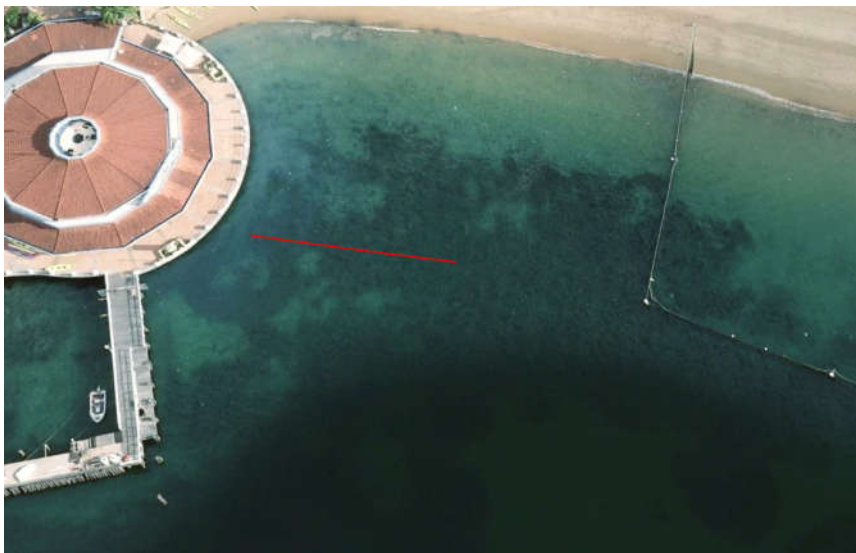
Participants must realise that Manly is one of Sydney’s largest tourist destinations in Sydney. The Manly traffic area is an extremely congested and busy place. For us as an outrigger community to operate on an ongoing basis out of Manly Wharf a high level of patience and co-operation is essential to have a smooth removal of our sporting equipment.

Course Maps

Race Starts at Manly Wharf between the wharf and the aquarium, race finish as per picture below next to the aquarium.



The finish line is between the aquarium and the pool



View the [start/finish point in Google Maps](#)

Boat Trailer Parking Unloading / Loading/ Rigging

PLEASE CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

<http://www.sydneyharbourchallenge.net.au/>

We are under strict guidelines for the movement of trailers and boats in this area. All competitors must make note of the specific guidelines detailed on the event website.

UNLOADING CANOES

THIS MUST BE DONE FRIDAY 23rd – The only exception to this is if you are paddling your canoes in from somewhere else in Sydney on Saturday morning, this may be done via water without accessing any of Manly Council boat ramps or public spaces.

THE SITE: There will be traffic and pedestrian controllers with a drop off space for trailers with cars. Ideally we would like you to drop your trailer off and disconnect your car while unloading- canoes. Canoes will then be unloaded on the grass for rigging then paddled around to start area. You will need to make sure you have enough members/people to unload your own trailer. Your trailer will be taken to the trailer storage area and stored for the weekend or alternatively your car and trailer can be driven by one of the event staff and stored for the weekend.

Instructions from the traffic/pedestrian controllers must be followed.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TRAILER PARKING AREA

LOADING OUT AFTER THE RACES

The event organizers will provide clearly visible marshals to coordinate the orderly loading and removal of canoes from the event area in Manly.

TRAILER LOADING:

Before your trailer / club can go on the load out schedule you must :

1. Have enough club members in the loading area to lift your canoes onto your trailer.
2. All canoes must be together, unrigged and in the same area ready to load.
3. If you are not present when your name is called for your loading spot you will go to the bottom of the list.
4. Be patient as we are all volunteers. Abuse of volunteers will not be tolerated.
5. Expect delays as you are in a popular, high traffic location.

Please follow all orders given in this area!!
