

NQ OUTRIGGERS



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MISSION BEACH Outrigger Canoe Club



Proudly presents

THE VAKA TUA MOTU 2024

RACE PROGRAM AND MAPS ONLY

to be read in conjunction with the

[AOCRA Rules April 2024](#)

and [NQ Zone Matters for Attention 2023](#)

14th SEPTEMBER 2024

to be held at

Vaka Hut, Sth Mission Beach

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RACING PROGRAM

RACE DIRECTOR

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

- The Race Program will run on time, or at the discretion of the Race Director. Please be ready for your event. The Race Director will not wait for crews to get to the START LINE.
- Please note that races may be brought forward on the day so please notify all competitors that it is important to listen for changes over the PA system.
- Clubs must provide adequate canoes for competitors in each division.
- All canoes are required to carry one PFD per paddler and must be easily accessible.
- It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that their equipment is of a safe and suitable standard
- Always be Sunsmart.
- Remember it is stinger season – you should wear appropriate clothing.
- Bad behaviour will not be tolerated and may lead to disqualification

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THE VENUE

The regatta will be held at the Vaka Hut, Sth Mission Beach located on Kennedy Esplanade at Casuarina Park. All admin, food, drinks and merchandise will be inside the clubhouse. There is plenty of grass area to erect club tents and there are amenities on site. Hot showers are available at the Vaka Hut.



PARKING

The venue has ample parking to the North and South of the regatta site.

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COMBINING AGE CATEGORIES

Each race category must have at least 3 competitors. If this criterion is not achieved, races will be merged to the age category below except for Platinum Masters.

Eg. If only 2 x GMM nominated for a 500m sprint will mean they will race in the SMM category.

CANOE NUMBERING AND WEBSCORER

New NQ Zone issued canoe numbers only are permitted for all racing craft. These can be sourced through your NQ Zone Home Club.

Nominations from outside the NQ Zone are permitted to use existing numbers.

If you are registering from outside the NQ Zone, please ensure your canoe number is included in the notes section of the online form.

NQ Zone registrars are encouraged to use the Webscorer Loading Tool, to assist in capturing all racing information from your club, including for those events which have been purchased by members. This tool will be sent to registrars when nominations close.

Registrar information is required back by 10TH SEPTEMBER, to allow for early population of webscorer and for start lists to be published online for paddlers to view and check.

REFRESHMENTS

Coffee, refreshments, snacks, drinks available from early morning
A BBQ lunch and non-alcoholic drink will be included for all competitors as part of your race fee.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will be held within an hour after the last racers have finished on Saturday at the Vaka Hut.

ACCOMMODATION

For suitable accommodation options see back page of programme.

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SATURDAY 14th September 2024

- 24km Vaka Tua Motu Challenge
 - 19U and all all Senior Divisions including unlimited
- 14km Vaka Tua Potu
 - 16U, 19U and all Senior Divisions including unlimited
- 6km Junior Marathon
 - 14U, 16U & 19U ONLY

*As per AO rules any 16U wanting to compete in a open crew in either the Potu or Motu must complete a signed permission Form and lodge it with the race director.

Combined Clubs: No restrictions on mixed club crews in all classes.

NOMINATION FEES

<u>NOMINATION FEES</u>		Senior Paddlers
24km OC6 "Vaka Tua Motu"	Per Crew Per Division Per Event	\$600
14km OC6 "Vaka Tua Poto"	Per Crew Per Division Per Event	\$330
24km OC1/2/SKI	Per Paddler Per Division Per Event	\$100
14km OC1/2/SKI	Per Paddler Per Division Per Event	\$55
6km JUNIOR EVENT OC6/OC2/OC1/SKI	Per Paddler Per Division Per Event	\$10

All Vaka Tua Motu paddlers will receive a race singlet and be required wear it for the race.

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CLUB NOMINATIONS

All clubs must lodge a CLUB NOMINATION with payment,
performed online,
at www.aocra.com.au

Individuals wishing to compete in an OC1/2 or SKI event
can lodge a "CLUB NOMINATION" with payment by credit card,
at www.aocra.com.au

All nominations close at **5pm Sunday two weeks prior to the regatta**
(31st August 2024)

Late nominations will be accepted up to 5pm Friday the 6th September with
additional late fee of

\$10 per senior paddler for OC1/OC2 events
and \$10 per senior paddler for OC6 events

TEAM and INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS

The name of individuals eligible to paddle in each race in each division) **must be lodged**
online at www.aocra.com.au no later than 5pm Friday one week prior to the regatta
6th September 2024

Registrars please submit your webscorer excel file by this deadline.

If nominations are not received for certain divisions, the host club will organize to delete
these from the schedule of events

When Signing In for OC6 events clubs need to indicate:

1. which individuals are in *each* crew for the upcoming race
2. the canoe number (and any identifying feature eg sponsor name)
3. Steerer name

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When Signing In for OC1/2 events individuals need to:

1. Confirm the division
2. Indicate individual/s paddling
3. Canoe number

It would be appreciated if paddlers do not approach the Sign In desk until they have all the above details.

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REGATTA RACE PROGRAM

SATURDAY 14th September 2024

Sunrise: 06:11am Sunset: 06:09 pm

High Tide: 06:16 am 2.02m **Low Tide:** 12:10 pm 0.57m

Start	Divisions (Men and Women) Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master Platinum	Distance
0800	Blessing Briefing for 24km Vaka Tua Motu Briefing for the 14km Vaka Tua Poto Briefing for the 6km Vaka Junior Event	24km 14Km 6km
0830	OC1/OC2 all divisions 24Km	
0835	Ocean Ski's 24Km	
0840	OC6 all divisions 24Km	
0845	All craft all divisions 14Km	
0850	All Junior craft and all Junior Divisions 6km	

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Combined Clubs – Vaka Tua Motu OC1/2, OC6, OCEAN SKI

The 24km endurance course will commence from the start/finish line in front of the regatta site and proceed to the south of Timana Island and then around Dunk Island in an anti-clockwise direction staying to the north of Purtaboi Island and then head back to the start/finish line.

The rotation may be reversed on the day to maximise a downwind run. In the event of bad weather, the course will be inside the islands.

This is an Open Water race and it is strongly recommended that small craft paddlers wear their PFD

Jet zero cash prizes will be up for grabs so stay tuned !!





Combined Clubs – Vaka Tua Potu OC1/2, OC6, OCEAN SKI

The 14km endurance course will commence from the start/finish line in front of the regatta site and proceed out to and around Timana Island and then head back to the start/finish line.

In the event of bad weather, the course will be inside Dunk Island.



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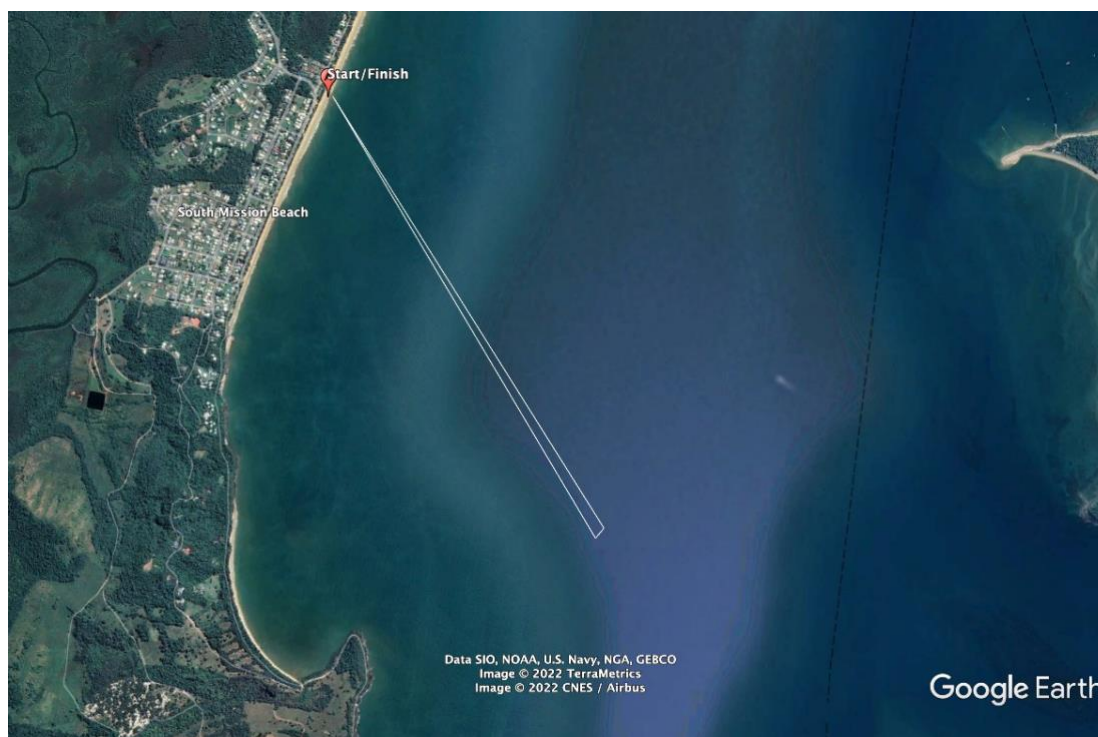




Combined Clubs – Vaka Junior Event OC1/2, OC6

The 6km Junior endurance course will commence from the start/finish line in front of the regatta site and proceed out to and around a Red Turn Bouy 3km from start finish line towards Timana Island, then head back to the start/finish line.

In the event of bad weather, the course will be inside Tam O'Shanta and Dunk Island.



NOTE: Course distance may be varied according to weather conditions, and start times may change, please ensure you check with race officials on the day and attend all race briefings.

Presentations for this event will commence as soon as possible after the finish of the race at the Vaka Hut.

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ALCOHOL

The Vaka Hut Bar will be open during the Regatta.

Alcohol can only be consumed in the designated areas.

If any paddlers are found with alcohol outside of the designated area, your club will be disqualified, and medals lost.

Accommodation options close (walking distance) to Regatta site

Big4 Beachcomber Coconut Holiday Park	(07) 40688248
Ray White Holiday Rentals	(07) 40687000
Mission Beach Holidays	(07) 40886699

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Cancellation & Refund Policy

effective 1st May 2022

- 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 a 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@aacra.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	Total
Vaka Tua Motu (24km) Includes Race Singlet	\$93	\$5	\$2	\$100
Vaka Tua Potu (14km)	\$48	\$5	\$2	\$55
6km Junior Event	\$7	\$1	\$2	\$10