

Ocean Downwind Series Race 1



Emu Park, Rockhampton Nth QLD

Date: Friday 4 June 2021

Welcome Message AOCRA



On behalf of the Board of the Australian Outrigging Canoe Racing Association (AOCRA), it is a great pleasure that I welcome athletes, coaches, sponsors, officials, guests and supporters to Race 1 of the inaugural 2021 AO Ocean Downwind Series, hosted by Rocky Outrigger Canoe Club, in association with AOCRA. It is a great honour to host this inaugural event; which is the first of a four race series, in Rockhampton, after a year of minimal national competition.

This event, part of 3 days of competition, is a great celebration of athletic excellence, camaraderie and leadership with the country's top downwind paddlers in OC1, OC2, V1 and Ocean Skis who will compete in the first of four races in this series. Bring on the weather for a great ocean downwind race.

We thank the Livingstone Shire Council and our sponsors: Lions Club Keppel Coast Guard and Yeppoon Coast Guard and the Emu Park Police Station for their support. Thanks as well to the local community for embracing the visiting competitors, officials, volunteers and supporters.

I would also like to wish every participant the very best of luck in this race and hope all the spectators have a wonderful weekend. This is the first race of four in the series and is a great location to run a 24kms downwind event for outriggers and ocean ski competitors. These ocean waters on a great day will offer some adrenalin excitement on rolling swell. Lets get on and race.

While you compete with each other, we ask that you respect the same rules, share the ocean, the power and the spirit of outriggering with your fellow athletes.

Enjoy the experience everyone.

Katherine Cole
President AOCRA Ltd



Welcome Message Livingstone Shire Council



As the proud Mayor of Livingstone Shire, I would like to offer all participants of AO Ocean Downwind Series 2021 a warm welcome to our wonderful region and express my gratitude to the many people who have made this incredible opportunity for our community possible.

I hope that whilst you are here, you find the time to experience the various attractions which make this such a popular area to live and visit. From our pristine beaches and islands to our vibrant town centres and scenic rural areas, we are delighted to invite you to explore all that Livingstone Shire has to offer. I am sure you will find something to enjoy.

On behalf of the Livingstone Shire Council and our community, I wish you all the best in this year's competition and trust that you will return to the region again and again in the years to come.

Mayor Andy Ireland



Welcome Message Rocky Outrigger Canoe Club



On behalf of the Rocky Outrigger Canoe Club, we would like to welcome paddlers, coaches, family and friends to paddle and spectate along the coastline of the Southern Great Barrier Reef in Central Queensland at Emu Park from Friday 4th June to Sunday 6th June 2021.

Located on the Tropic of Capricorn, Rocky OCC's downwinder event between Emu Park and Yeppoon has grown in reputation and it is a privilege to host both the Australian National Championship Marathons and one of the four AO Ocean Downwind race events in 2021. We consider ourselves extremely lucky to be able to host both events during one weekend.



But wait there is more.... Join us and help celebrate the Rocky Outrigger Canoe Club's 30th Anniversary Celebrations in 2021. Our club founded in 1991 on the Fitzroy River, Rockhampton has stood the test of flood, crocs and time and what better way than to celebrate 30 years than on the water with a great event.

As a small NQ Zone club with a big heart, our love of paddling means we are also recognised as a club who is willing to travel. We hope you too, make the effort to travel, as we know you the paddlers will make it a great event. We look forward to seeing you paddling with us in June.

Kathy Barsby

Rocky Outrigger Canoe Club Inc – Event Co-ordinator



AOCRA and Rocky Outriggers wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respect to the Darumbal Elders past, present and future.



AO Ocean Downwind Series Event Information

...What is it!!



We are pleased to announce our brand new four race ocean downwind series in a variety of waters around Australia. With international travel restrictions impacting race events, there is real demand for more ocean racing events in Australia. As leaders in ocean downwind racing we are offering more single canoe racing opportunities.

This a progressive competition pathway for OC1 paddlers wanting to compete at the 2023 ICF OC1 Oceania Championships and other prestigious events. These races are ocean downwinders offering distances between 20 – 25kms.

Those keen to be series champions will aim to compete in all four races to be eligible for the Prize Pool. The leader board is updated after each race to highlight the potential 'series leaders'. The AOCRA Rules point system will be applied to the first 6 placings for each division. To make this event worthwhile, AOCRA are offering cash and prize incentives thanks to sponsors partnering with us. There is \$5K in the prize pool and more coming. We are awarding Leader Caps for race winners and trophies for series champions. There must be at least 3 nominations in each division available, otherwise competitors will be moved to the next division down.

OC2 canoes are welcome to enter Opens and Masters divisions along with V1 canoes depending on the race and weather conditions on the day. We welcome Ocean Ski paddlers competing in readiness for 2023 ICF Oceania Championships as well. Non AOCRA members racing ocean skis watch out for updates on processing your nomination.

Prize Pool

Competing at all four races will maximise your opportunity to be in the top 3 placings in your nominated division. The top 3 winners of each canoe discipline (up to 12) will go into the draw for the Cash Prize Pool of \$4,500 so far. You need to be present to draw a number and spin the wheel at Race 4 in the series. Cash prizes are attached to a number and the winner will receive the cash prize nominated for the number the wheel lands on.



Race Rules and Safety

All AOCRA rules and regulations will be enforced, as per the [AOCRA Rules](#) available under the Administration tab on the AOCRA website.

Please note:

- The start time is flexible to maximise race conditions and may be postponed to Saturday 5 June 2021 at the Race Directors discretion for a great downwind race.
- Junior Participation is allowed in the Open Division. Juniors must have turned 16 in the year of competing and will be required to ask permission from AOCRA to participate prior to online registration. Parental permission forms and information regarding level of experience must be completed and sent to secretary@aocra.com.au.
- The AO Ocean Downwind Race 24kms will end with a beach finish chute, and have cut off times applied.
- Yacht Bots are to be attached to the canoe and returned after the race to record a result.
- Competitors not reaching Iron Pot Island within the required time for conditions on the day will be asked to finish at the Roslyn Bay Marina as per requests from Safety and Support vessels at the discretion of the Race Director.

FIRST AID WILL BE ON SITE

There will be a designated first aid area on site and first aid on the water.

This is a COVID-19 Compliant Event



COVID SAFE EVENT PLAN

This regatta has a COVID-19 Safe Event Plan as required by the Chief Medical Officer of Queensland and all volunteers will be trained on the plan prior to the event. Public Health Warning Please DO NOT enter if...

- You have a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, or shortness of breath.
- Have travelled overseas/in or near declared hotspots, been in quarantine, or in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

A COVID-19 Register will be required to be completed for each event, as per the COVID-19 Safe Event Plan.

All clubs must appoint a dedicated Covid-19 safety officer. The nominated safety officer must be at the race site for the duration of the whole club's attendance and will be responsible for ensuring all club members adhere to safety guidelines. They will be responsible for collecting from registration the wrist bands for their club and distributing to paddlers. Clubs who fail to nominate a Covid-19 safety officer will be ineligible to attend the event. Each club / crew is responsible to sanitise all equipment before and after each race, and load canoes asap after competition.

PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES.



Nomination Information



Nominations to be completed through the AOCRA website. It is not possible to register on the day. If club registrars are having problems with registration, please email support@aocra.com.au

Divisions per Canoe discipline:

OC1 - Open , Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, Platinum.

OC2 - Open, Masters

V1 – Open, Masters

Ski – Open, Masters

Race Fee: \$80 per paddler. All Ski paddlers who are non AOCRA members pay an additional \$8 day insurance to the race fee.

Nominations due: by 11:59 PM (AEST) on 14 May 2021. A late fee will be imposed

The RACE DIRECTOR will have the discretion to not allow late registrations to paddle if there is concern regarding the paddler/support boat ratio.

V1 competitors will proceed dependent on the suitability and safety of the course.

No refunds given if you decide to scratch your race, no matter what the reason.



Race Registration at Fisherman's Beach



All Registration for outrigger competitors will take place on location at Fisherman's Beach site.

Outrigger and Ocean Ski competitors can register in person at the registration tent to sign for and receive their wristband and number ID for the finish chute.

The registration team will allocate Yacht Bots to competitors at briefing on the sand area and all competitors must return their Yacht Bot to record a result.

Team registration

All paddlers must sign in before the race and collect their Yacht Bot on the sand area.

Registration opens

Friday 4th June 7:30 am – all day



Friday 4 June Race Course: AO Downwind Race 24 KMS

The intention is to provide the best downwind conditions for this event. The aim is to run this event Friday afternoon, however, there is a two day window on Friday and Saturday allowed for this event to maximise downwind conditions. This is a priority event so the start time and course will be altered at discretion to allow this. Updates will be advised through the Facebook event page and in the week leading up to the event.

The Marathon course start line will be off Fishermans Beach between two buoys. Competitors will paddle towards and around Pelican Island (approx. 5km) before commencing their downwind leg to the finish line at Access FB9 Farnborough Beach Yeppoon. There will be a Beach Chute finish on the beach for competitors to finish between. Canoe handlers will be available at the shoreline to assist craft coming off the water.

This course can be run in reverse and conditions on the day will determine best course.

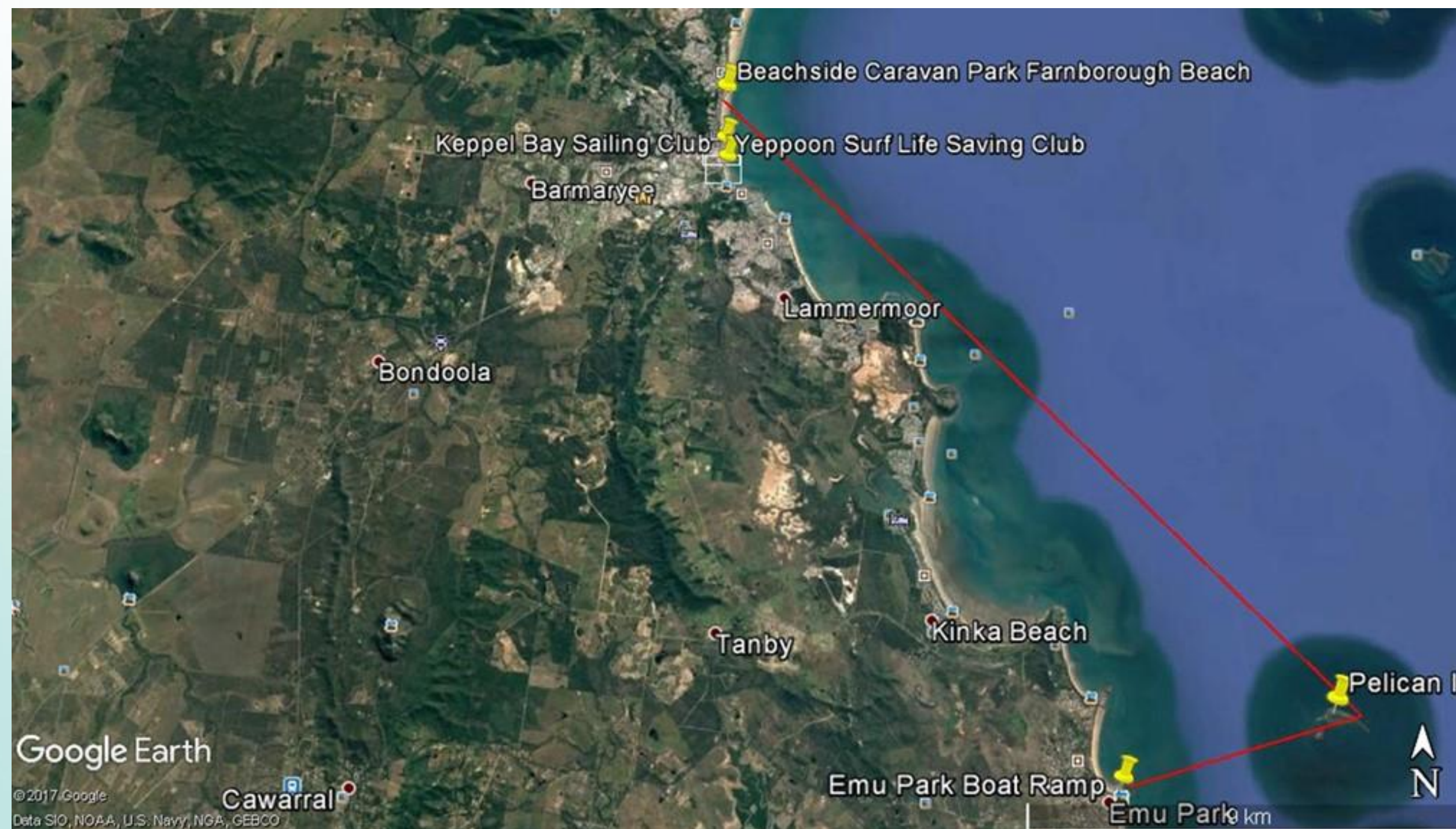
Attend race briefing for more course confirmation.

Tide Times:

High: 5.03am 3.72m

Low: 11.37am 1.11m

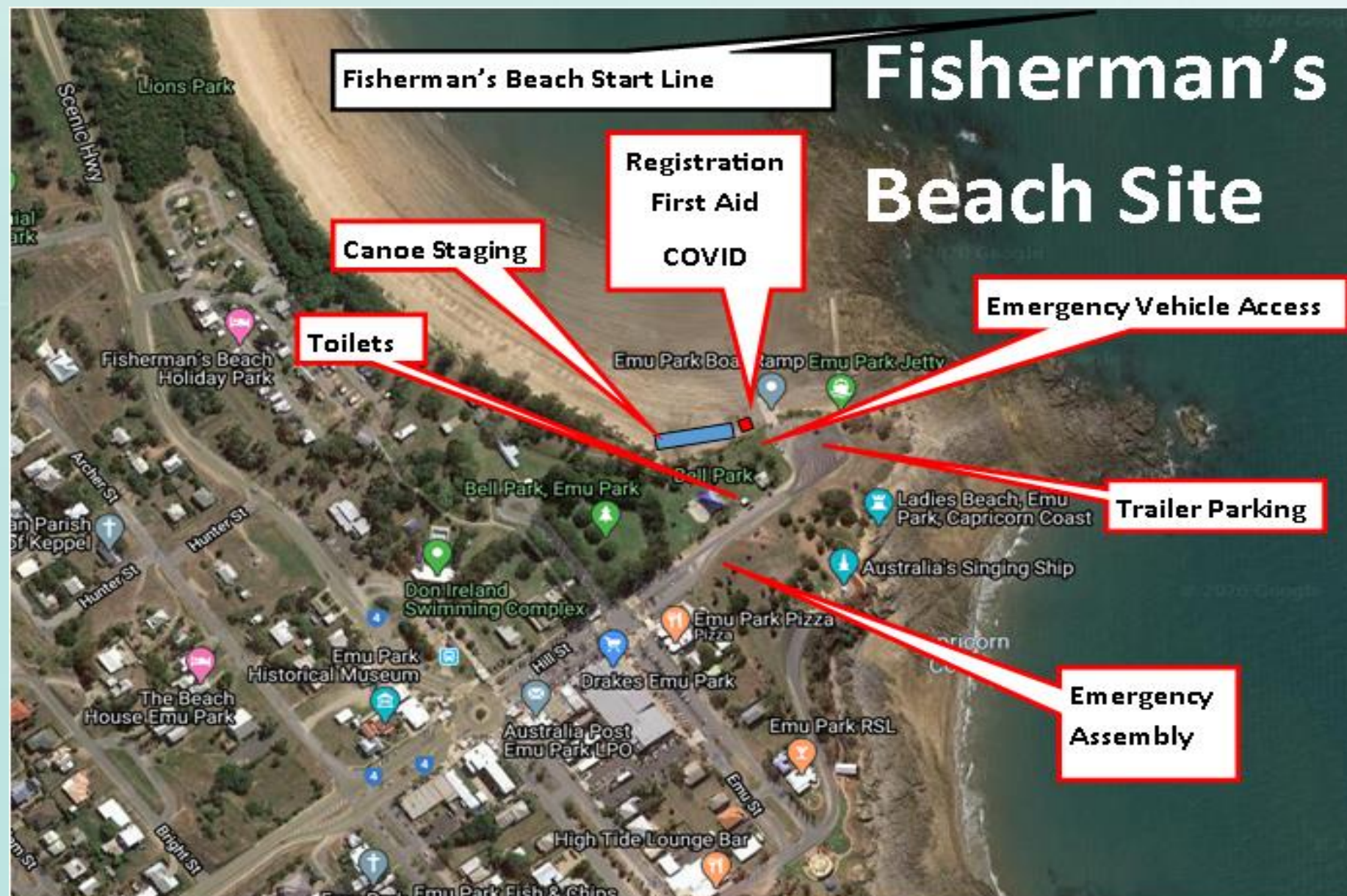
High: 17.52pm 3.60m



Site Location and Maps

Fishermans Beach, Hill Street, Emu Park will be the main location for the National Marathon Championships. Street Parking will be available on Hill Street Emu Park. Rocky Outriggers would like you to support Local Emu Park Businesses in your accommodation and purchases throughout the event.

Farnborough Beach Access FB9 will be the location for the Finish (or Start if in reverse) of the AO Downwind and OC1/OC2/V1 Long Course Marathon Championship. The scheduled start time for this event is dependant on conditions on the day to maximise downwinder conditions.



Emu Park

Emu Park is a quiet coastal community town which lies south of Yeppoon and east of Rockhampton. It is part of a pleasant scenic drive from Rockhampton which includes Emu Park, heads north along the coast to the Capricorn Coast National Park before reaching Yeppoon.

It is known primarily for its views across to Great Keppel Island, Anzac Memorial Walk and its remarkably beautiful Singing Ship sculpture. When the sculpture is singing, it is great downwind conditions for local outrigger paddlers and a well know Downwinder Start/Finish Point for Rocky Outrigger Canoe Club on weekends and their annual Downwinder event.

Location: Emu Park is located 664 km north of Brisbane and 45 km north-east of Rockhampton.



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Presentations

Most presentations will be held outside the Lions Shack at Bell Park Emu Park after each event on the sand area. Due to the requirements of Covid-19 for sports events this approach will minimise the duration of presentations and allow competitors to be present while sport is in play.

The OC1/OC2/V1 Long Course & AO Ocean Downwind Race 1 presentations will be held at the finish point directly after the event.

Facilities on the Day

Please support the local Emu Park businesses and community throughout the event. We sincerely ask you support and give back to our local community that are assisting our club to host this event.

Business in the area include: Accommodation, Bakery, Cafés, Chemist, Fuel Station, Newsagency, Supermarket, and more

OC1/2 & V1 Canoe Transport

Want to "rock up to rocky" but not sure how to get your boat there No problem there are options available for you whether you're based in Perth, Melbourne, Sydney or for that matter anywhere else. We have negotiated transport for your OC1 /2 & V1 to get there for the race safe and sound. A renowned safe pair of hands in covered transport. Pick up dates , points and costs will be communicated shortly. Get your canoe on the truck to rocky and show us what you've got.



Schedule of Events

Please note times are approximate and we ask paddlers be ready prior to times indicated. Event Times and Courses may be altered at discretion to give the best race conditions for competitors. These announcements will be shared on AOCRA and Rocky OCC Facebook pages.

Sunrise 6.32am Sunset 17.17pm

Day	Approx. Time	Event / Divisions	Distance
Friday 4 June	7:30 AM	Registration Open	
	9:00 AM	Welcome ceremony / blessing	
	12:45 PM	Race Briefing for Long Course	
	1:15 PM	OC1 / OC2 / V1 Long Course All Divisions & AO Ocean Downwind (excluding U16)	24km
		Presentations Long Course & AO Ocean Downwind	

AO Ocean Downwind Series 2021

Get ready for the remaining three races in this series:

- Race 2 14 August 2021 in New South Wales
- Race 3 25 September 2021 in South Queensland
- Race 4 1 December 2021 in Western Australia

Fantastic prize pool and trophies for series champions 2021.



Trailer Parking

Canoe trailer parking and storage will be provided at the Emu Park Police Station Compound at 46 Pattison Street (Scenic Highway) Emu Park, 4710.

Friday afternoon OC6 canoes are to be unloaded on the beach as marked and then trailers stored at Emu Park Police Compound.

OC1/OC2 V1 Trailers can be stored Friday afternoon to Sunday or Monday if you are staying a little longer.



Canoe Rigging and Unrigging

Rig as per the AOCRA Rules and any additional direction given by the Race Director.

Canoes can be unloaded from the trailer parking area of the Emu Park Boat Ramp at the Fisherman's Beach end of Hill Street Emu Park. Canoes can be rigged in the park area of Bell Park. Please bring your trollies as at low tide can be a fair way to the beach.

Friday morning priority will be given to unloading for all small craft events. Friday afternoon priority will be given to unloading OC6 trailers so they can be stored at the Police Station.

Sunday priority will be given for loading to clubs towing the longest distance as a courtesy to those clubs.



Towing and Travel Assistance



There is a towing and travel assistance pool provided by AOCRA.

Towing assistance will be provided to outriggers towing an OC1/OC2 Trailer with a minimum of 9 Canoes. The towing assistance for canoes traveling >600km and >1000km.

Travel assistance will be provided for outriggers traveling >1000km and >2000km.

Please note the assistance pool for towing and travel will be shared between applicants. Towing and Travel assistance Forms must be completed and forwarded to secretary@aacra.com.au by email no later than **10 days after the event**.

See applicable forms on www.aocra.com.au

Accommodation Options

There are a range of accommodation options including Backpacking, Caravan Parks, Motels and Resorts available in Emu Park and surrounding areas to suit the needs and requirements of our paddlers. Please go to Visit Capricorn for further information.

<https://www.visitcapricorn.com.au>

Rocky Outriggers 30th Anniversary

Thanks for hosting and congratulations to Rocky Outriggers on celebrating 30 years as a club this year.

Everyone is invited to help Rocky Outriggers celebrate by attending our event and celebrating on the water where we all love to be.



Thanks to our sponsors:



Your support is greatly appreciated by all for this Ocean Downwind race event.

A special mention to:



Lions Club Emu Park – supplying their facility at special rate to support our event

Keppel Sands Coast Guard – supplying on water support boats and first aid response for our event

Yeppoon Coast Guard – supplying on water support boats and first aid response for our event

Emu Park Police Station – supplying secure canoe trailer parking for our event

