

KRT Ocean Downwind Race 2



Woolgoolga to Coffs Harbour NSW

Dates: KRT Australia Ocean Downwind 25 KMS Saturday 14 August 2021

Ozone Australia Downwind 10 KMS Sunday 15 August 2021

Welcome Message AOCRA



On behalf of the Board of the Australian Outrigging Canoe Racing Association (AOCRA), it is with great pleasure that I welcome athletes, coaches, sponsors, officials, guests and supporters to Race 2 of the inaugural 2021 AO Ocean Downwind Series. This event is hosted by Pacifica Canoe Club in association with AOCRA. It is a great honour to host this event which is the second of a four race series, in Coffs Harbour, after a year of minimal national competition.

This event is part of a weekend of competition hosting two races and is a great celebration of athletic excellence, camaraderie and leadership with the country's top downwind paddlers in OC1, OC2, V1 and Ocean Skis competing. Bring on the weather for a great ocean downwind race.



We thank the Coffs Harbour Council and our official sponsors: KRT Australia, Ozone Australia and MARGEN for their support. Thanks as well to local sponsors Mills-Thom Mechanical and Red C Events 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 second race of four in the series and is in a great location to run a 25kms downwind event for outriggers and ocean ski competitors. These ocean waters on a great day will offer some adrenalin excitement on rolling swell and whales-a-plenty. 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 from Pacifica Canoe Club

Oi you mob!

Hello from the Coffs Coast.

AOCRA and Pacifica Canoe Club wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respect to the Gumbaynggirr people and their Elders past, present and emerging.

Pacifica Canoe Club would like to extend a warm welcome to all paddlers, coaches, family and friends to our event. This is the second race of the Australian Outriggers Ocean Downwind series.

Coffs Harbour is located on the north coast of NSW approximately half way between Sydney and Brisbane. The KRT Australia Saturday 25km course will take paddlers through the Solitary Islands Marine Park on their way from Woolgoolga to Coffs Harbour. At this time of the year we are likely to see whales migrating northward.

The Ozone Australia Sunday out-and-back 10km course is a fantastic opportunity for beginners and those wanting to try their hand at open ocean racing under relaxed and safe conditions.

Both courses offer spectacular views and experiences of Coffs Harbour coastline, hinterlands and the Solitary Islands Marine Park.

Mike Mills Thom

President



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 – 27kms.

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 prize pool will be allocated based on the number of divisions per canoe discipline. There must be a minimum of 3 nominations per division across at least 3 races for a division to be eligible for prizes. OC1/ OC2 /Ocean Ski are the eligible canoe disciplines to date. For V1 to be included there will need to be at least 3 nominations in 1 or more divisions for the next 3 races in the series. You need to be physically present at the final race in Western Australia to be eligible to draw a number and spin the prize wheel for cash and prizes.



Race Rules and Safety



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

Please note:

- The start time is flexible at the Race Directors discretion to maximise race conditions and may start from 10am to 12pm Saturday 14th August to ensure a great and safe 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 2 start will be on the water between IRBs and end with a beach finish chute.
- Yacht Bots are to be securely carried by competitors and returned after the race to record a result.
- Competitors in distress or are unable to continue at the discretion of the safety boat crews and/or Race Director will be directed to the nearest evacuation points.
- Sunday Ozone Australia Ocean Downwind 10KMS race offers ocean racing opportunity only, does not attract series points.

FIRST AID WILL BE ON SITE

There will be a designated first aid area on site and first aid/CPR in each safety boat 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 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.
- All competitors must comply with respective State Government COVID directives.

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

All individuals must register in person on the day prior to the start and adhere to the government and event guidelines. Each individual is responsible to sanitise their equipment before and after racing.

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 - Saturday: \$80 per paddler. All Ski paddlers who are non AOCRA members pay an additional \$8 day insurance to the race fee. All Ski paddlers wanting to register can email Justin Thomas or Mike Mills-Thom at: pacificacanoecub@gmail.com for assistance.

Race Fee - Sunday: \$60 per paddler with **spot prizes**. 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 **7th August 2021**.

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

V1 competitors will proceed dependent on the suitability and safety of the course at the discretion of the Race Director.

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



Flights to and from Coffs Harbour

There are a number of flights and times available which will allow competitors time to paddle both days, win awesome prizes, party, and return home.

- REX and QANTAS have Friday afternoon flights ex Sydney arriving in Coffs 16:05, 16:10 and 17:35
- QANTAS has an early flight Saturday morning arriving 9:35
- REX and QANTAS have Sunday afternoon flights returning to Sydney at 14:40, 17:55 and 19:25 allowing time to attend the after party celebrations.

OC1/2 & V1 Canoe Transport to the event

We are working with a craft transport provider for your OC1 /2 & V1 to get there for the race safe and sound. A renowned safe pair of hands in covered transport from Sydney. North and south Sydney pick up venues and dates to be announced subject to demand. Details will be communicated soon.

Please email transport enquiries to Justin: 27justinthomas@gmail.com

Transport to race start

- For those flying in, or those without their own transport, arrangements have been made for you and your craft to get to race start from Coffs Harbour on Saturday morning after briefing. Competitors requiring this transport are to email Justin 27justinthomas@gmail.com to secure a spot on the bus.
- For those needing their own vehicle driven back from the start, a limited number of support staff may be utilized to transport your vehicle back to the finish upon request. See the Pacifica team on the day.

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 of Race Director to give the best race conditions for competitors. These announcements will be shared on [AOCRA | Facebook](#) and [Pacifica Canoe Club | Facebook](#) pages.

Schedule of Events			
Day	Time	Location	Event
Saturday 14th August	8:30am	Red C Events carpark area	Registration - AO downwind 25km
	10:30am	Red C Events carpark area	Competitors briefing - all classes
	12:00pm	Woolgoolga beach	Marshalling and safety gear checks
	12:30pm	Wave 1 start	Womens OC1, Womens OC2, All V1
	12:45pm	Wave 2 start	Mens OC1, Mens OC2 and Womens Ski
	1:00pm	Wave 3 start	Mens Ski
	4:00pm (approx)	Red C Events inside venue	Presentations
Sunday 15th August	8:00am	Red C Events carpark area	Registration - Short course 10km
	9:00am	Red C Events carpark area	Competitors briefing - all classes
	9:30am	Coffs Harbour jetty	All competitors start
	11:30am	Red C Events inside venue	Presentations
CHECK THE LEADERBOARD ON WEBSCORER AND THANKS FOR RACING THE AO OCEAN DOWNWIND RACE 2 2021			

AO Ocean Downwind Series 2021

Get ready for the remaining races in this series:

- Race 3 on 25th September 2021 in Brisbane
- Race 4 on 1st December 2021 in Perth , WA

Fantastic prize pool and trophies for series champions 2021.



KRT Australia Ocean Downwind Race 2: 25km Course



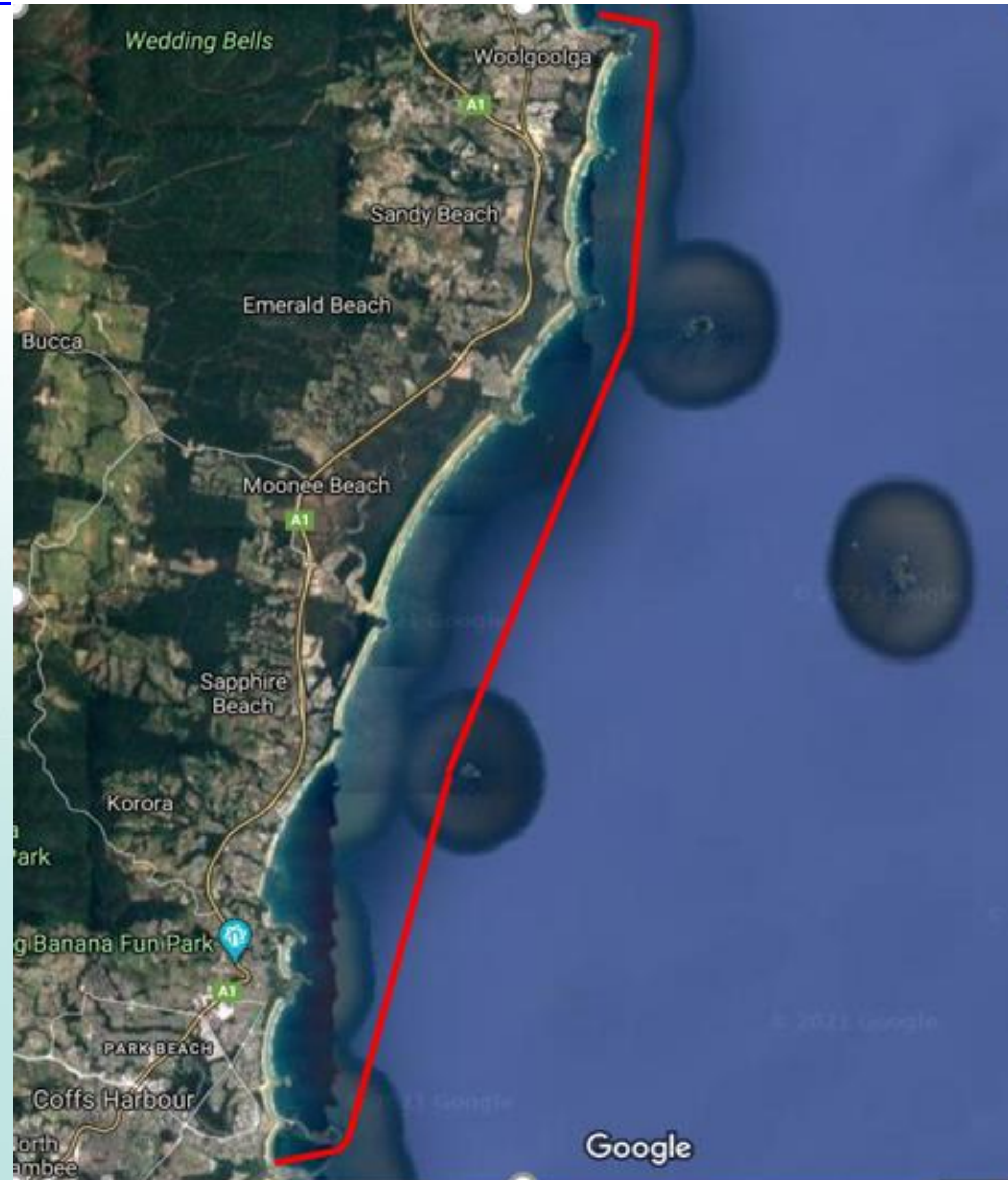
Click here for course points of interest: [Pacifica POI](#)

Saturday 14th August 2021 Woolgoolga to Coffs Harbour

We intend to provide for the best downwind conditions to conduct the race. The start time of the race and direction may be altered to maximise downwind conditions.

This course can be run in reverse and conditions on the day will determine best course as determined by the Race Director.

Attend race briefing for more course confirmation.



Tide Times:

Low: 6:01am

High: 12:20pm

Low: 6:24pm

Sunrise 6:23am

Sunset 5:22pm



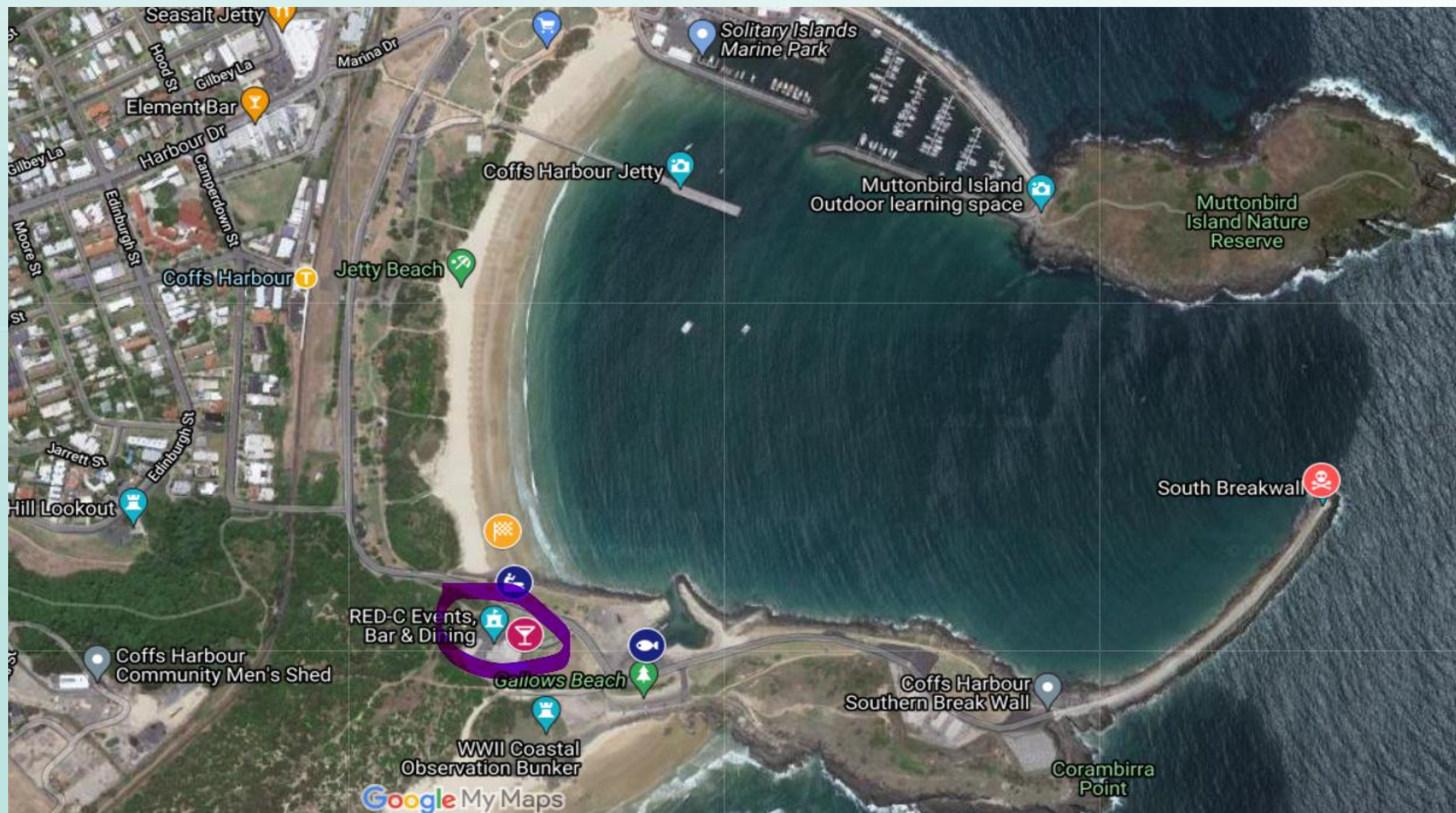
Race Registration and Safety - Coffs Harbour

Southern jetty area of Coffs Harbour on Jordan Esplanade is where you will find Red C Events.

All Registration for this event will take place at Red C Events foyer overlooking the harbour (old deep sea fishing club)

Competitors must register in person at the registration area at rear of the venue to sign-in and receive their Yacht Bot and 3 digit ID number for the finish chute.

The registration team will allocate Yacht Bots as well as a 3 digit ID number written on the wrist of competitors. All competitors must show their ID number at the finish chute and return their Yacht Bot to record a result.



Safety

Please note the minimum safety requirements for this event include but are not limited to:

- Spare paddle to be carried for all canoe paddlers
- PFD to be worn by all competitors for the period of the race. **No inflatable PFD's allowed.**
- Leash attaching paddler to craft to be worn by all competitors for the period of the race



Start location at Woolgoolga, parking, rigging and marshalling



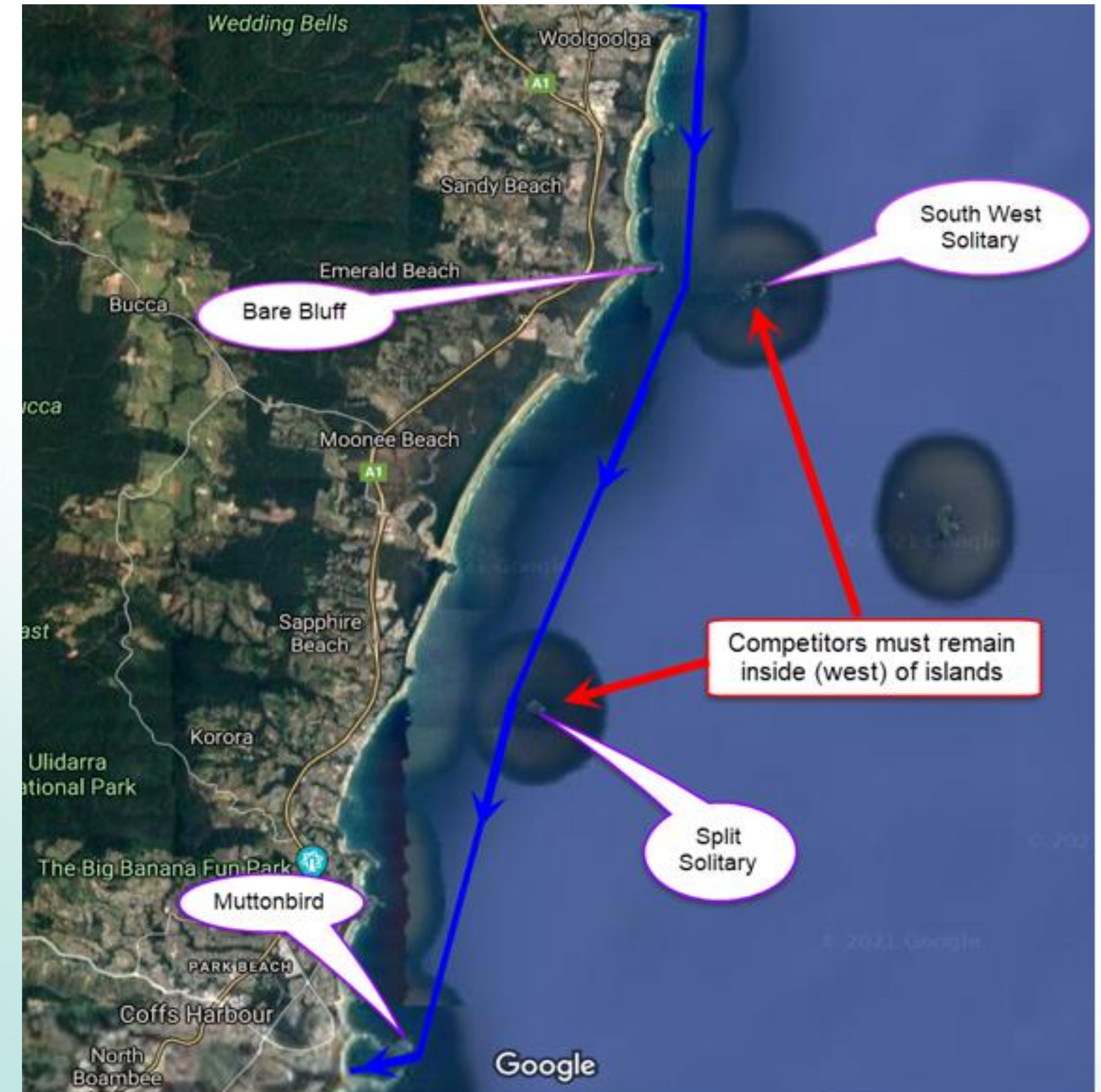
Woolgoolga start line and navigation



- Competitors to marshal on the beach prior to getting on the water
- Race Director and safety team will check safety gear and mark competitors off before getting on the water
- Race Director will be in one IRB and organise craft to line up between IRBs for a fair start
- Race Director will hold start until a suitable line is formed
- All competitors are to paddle east and around a safety boat marking the hazard at Woolgoolga headland

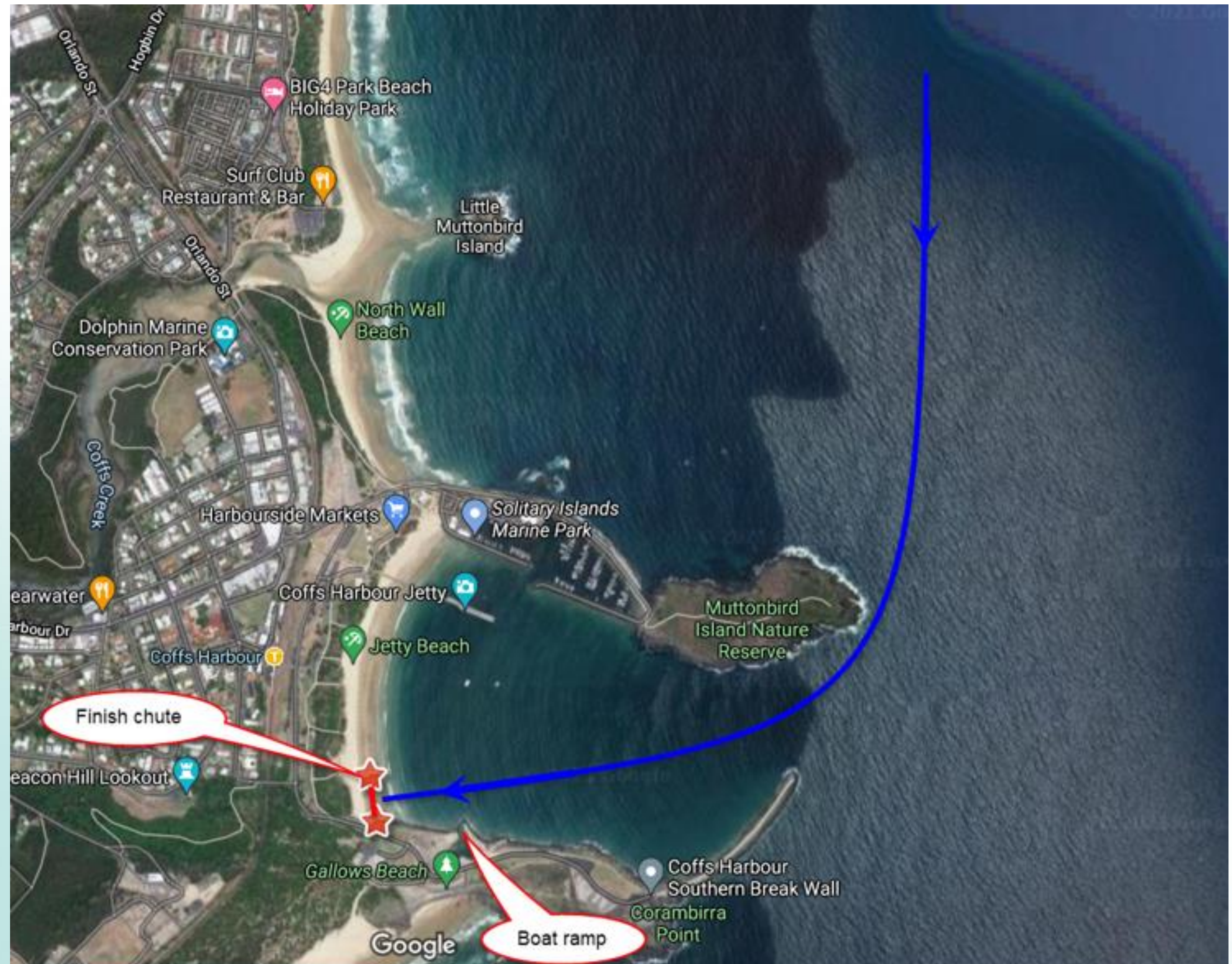
Race course details and navigation

- After the start and first turn south from Woolgoolga headland competitors should navigate slightly right-of-centre between Bare Bluff and (the closest) South West Solitary Island.
- There is a hazardous reef approx. 50m directly east of Bare Bluff
- Distance from start and between South West Solitary / Bare Bluff is approximately 6.5km.
- The next major island will be Split Solitary. Aim to be close to the inside (west side) of this island which is approximately 16km from the start. Being close to this island is the optimum racing line. You will see yellow marine park markers around this island.
- Competitors are always to remain inside (west) of the major islands of South West Solitary and Split Solitary Islands.
- Upon paddling past the second major island of Split Solitary heading south, paddlers will be able to line up the mainland-connected Muttonbird Island which is the northern entrance to Coffs Harbour. Muttonbird is the eastmost point you can see from Split Solitary.
- As you round the tip of Muttonbird Island, aim for the southern end of the beach area of the harbour.
- As you hit the beach you will have paddled approximately 25km.



Coffs Harbour finish line and navigation

- As you round the tip of Muttonbird island and enter the harbour, be aware of local commercial and recreational marine traffic.
- You will be aiming for the southernmost end of the jetty beach, ie, you need to veer across the harbour to go to the furthest side.
- Be aware just before you hit the beach is the entrance to Coffs Harbour boat ramp on LHS which is often busy with recreational craft.
- Be also aware of swimmers in this well-protected jetty beach area as you near the beach.
- The finish line will be onto the sand and run up a chute marked with flags.
- There are plenty of grassed areas away from vehicle and pedestrian traffic to load, rig and derig craft at the southern end of jetty beach, foreshores area and around the Rec C venue.



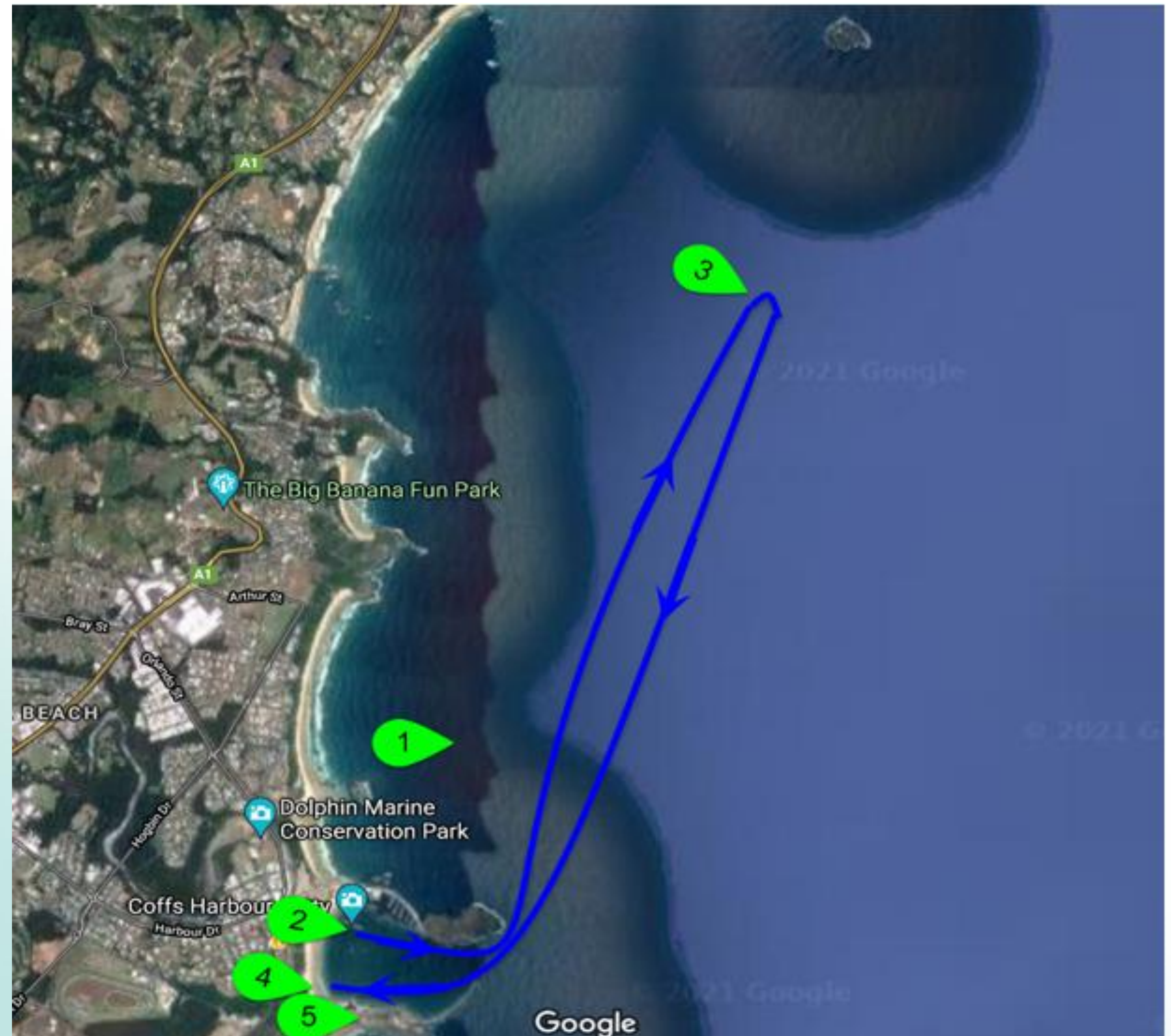
Short Course – Sunday at Coffs Harbour

Sundays short course of 10km is a fantastic opportunity for beginners and those wanting to try their hand at open ocean racing under relaxed and safe conditions.

Favourable entry/exits points on the protected beach will enable all skill levels to attempt this course.

The course also offers spectacular views of Coffs Harbour coastline, hinterlands and the Solitary Islands Marine Park

1. The course is an out and back course of 10km starting beside the famous Coffs Harbour jetty and finishing on the southern end of jetty beach again
2. The Race Director will be in an IRB and start will be between the IRB and end of the jetty
3. Competitors will paddle east, around Muttonbird island and north to a turning boat, around this and back to the jetty
4. Finish as per Saturdays race at south end of jetty beach up a finish chute
5. There are plenty of grassed areas away from vehicle and pedestrian traffic to load, rig and derig craft around the Rec C venue



Safety Plan and Personnel

- All safety boats will have first aid and CPR personnel on board
- All safety boats will have emergency communication on board
- St Johns Ambulance personnel will be available at the finish
- AED Defibrillator will be readily available on safety boats

Presentations

Saturday: 4:00pm after race at Red C

Sunday: 11:30am after race at Red C

Facilities on the Day

- Woolgoolga: shops, cafés and bakery within 100m of the race start area at Woolgoolga right beside beach access including a café at the surf club.
- Coffs Harbour: Red C events is a licenced venue and will have food and drinks available throughout the weekend. The Coffs jetty precinct boasts cafés, popup coffee vans, restaurants and takeaways outlets.

Cancellation Policy



- Inline with the current AOCRA Rules: 7.1.2.3:
 - In the event of postponement to another time in the day and or another day, there are no refunds.
 - In the event of cancellation of the event, Pacifica Canoe Club have the right to recoup all event costs and it is at their discretion to offer a partial refund.
 - Likewise in the event of postponement and or cancellation it is at the discretion of the Zone and AOCRA to refund their portion of the race fee.

Thanks to our sponsors:

Your support is greatly appreciated by all for this Ocean Downwind race event. A special mention to:
[RED-C Events](#), and [Mills Thoms Mechanical Repairs](#)

