

KRT Australia Race 2



The Cronulla OCC

"Nulla Nulla Downwinder"

Kurnell to Cronulla NSW

Date: 26 & 27 March 2022

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 KRT Australia Race 2 of the inaugural 2021/22 AO Ocean Downwind Series, hosted by Cronulla Outrigger Canoe Club in association with AOCRA. It is a great honour to host this inaugural event; which is the second of a six race series, in Sydney.

This event, is a significant 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 second of six races in this series. Bring on the weather for a great ocean downwind race.

We thank the Sutherland Shire Council and our Series sponsors: KRT Australia, Ozone Australia and MARGEN. 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 second race of six in the series and is a great location to run a 20 kms downwind event for outriggers and ocean ski competitors. 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 paddlers.

Enjoy the experience everyone.



Michael Seay
President AOCRA Ltd



Welcome from Cronulla Outrigger Canoe Club



Aloha.

On behalf of the Committee, the Cronulla Outrigger Canoe Club (COCC) is honoured to have been selected to host race 2 in the AOCRA Ocean Downwind Series.

Outrigger Canoeing in Southern Sydney is synonymous with the Kurnell downwinder route, with the regular North Easterly Winds and swell across Bate Bay to the Port Hacking River from the Birthplace of the Australian nation, Botany Bay, Kurnell.

The Kurnell downwinder route has been a rite of passage for paddlers from the area and we are eager to show off our coastline and “bumps” to all competitors.

The downwinder also works very well in reverse, when the Southerly winds show their faces.

Further, if the conditions are right, paddlers may also be treated to the infamous Port Hacking “Bay Rollers” which may prove the paddle downriver towards the finish line that much more enjoyable.

All conditions will be covered with our race!!!

Cronulla is derived from the Aboriginal (Gweagal) word “Kurranulla” which means “place of pink seashells”. The word “Nulla Nulla” is derived from the Aboriginal (Dharuk) word meaning hunting stick. Whilst we won't be hunting any animals during this regatta at our place of pink seashells, all competitors shall be hunting for downwind “bumps” with their modern day hunting stick – the paddle.

COCC is excited to show off it's breathtaking backyard to all local, interstate and international paddlers. May you all have a safe and enjoyable race.

Mahalo



Brendan Tynan-Davey
President COCC



AO Ocean Downwind Series - Event Information:



We are pleased to continue our brand new six 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 six 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 \$20K in the prize pool and more coming. We are awarding sponsored 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.

Series Prize Pool

Competing at all six 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 **Series Cash Prize Pool of \$10,000** so far and all competitors placed in the top 3 of each official leader board being eligible for a **Product Prize Pool of \$8,000** and some spot prizes. **A Total Prize Pool of \$20,000 so far.** You need to be present to draw a number and spin the wheel at Race 6 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:

- Race and Safety Boats including jet skis will separately support race participants.
- NSW Maritime, NSW Coastguard and Bate Bay Surf clubs will provide on water additional safety coverage
- 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.
- Compulsory Items for each Paddler
- Every paddler must wear a PFD (Level 50S or above "Vaikobi style" PFD) and leg rope in accordance with AOCRA Regatta Race Rules and NSW Maritime Laws and Regulations. Inflatable PFDs are not allowed in this race.
- Further, we will require the use of Hi-Visibility (Fluro coloured) clothing, such as a hat or a race shirt – a limited amount of hi-vis race shirts and hats will be for sale on the date of the event. We do still encourage all paddlers to wear their club colours where possible.
- The KRT Australia Race 2 will end with a finish chute and have cut off times applied.
- Safetrx GPS will be used for this event. Setup instructions will follow in an update memo.
- Competitors not able to continue the race can head to any beach in Bate Bay or request support boat assistance to be taken off the water.

**FIRST AID WILL BE ON THE WATER WITH SAFETY BOATS AND AT
BOTH SILVER BEACH KURNELL AND GUNNAMATTA PARK CRONULLA SITES**
There will be a designated first aid area at each site and first aid on the water.
This is a COVID-19 Compliant Event



This is a COVID-19 Safe Event



In this constantly changing COVID-19 landscape, the Nulla Nulla Downwinder will operate in accordance with the relevant NSW COVID safety requirements, to ensure that your participation in this event is as safe as reasonably possible.

For this reason, the event will be implementing guidelines to ensure a safe environment to prevent the spread of COVID -19 and asks all those attending to follow the below minimum requirements:

- Please do not participate if you are experiencing any symptoms relating to COVID-19 or feeling unwell;
- Individuals sign in at Rego to confirm and receive your race number
- This is an outdoor sporting event and all people over the age of 12 are encouraged to wear a face mask; and
- Please support 1.5m physical distancing where possible, including:
 - at points of mixing or queuing.
 - between seated groups.
 - between staff/volunteers.

For the most up to date information regarding NSW COVID-19 safety guidelines please refer:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/rules/people-in-nsw#toc-sport-exercise-and-outdoor-gatherings>



KRT Australia Race 2 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 & V1** - Open, Masters
 - **Ocean Ski** – Open, Masters
- **Race Fee:**
 - 20 kms race is **\$110 per paddler**
- **Nominations due:** by 11:59 PM (AEST) on **Monday 21 March 2022**. 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.
- Full Refund Policy at the end of the program.



How To Get There



Plane: The Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport, is Cronulla's domestic and international airport. There are regular flights to and from Sydney from destinations around the country.

Car: Cronulla is located 20 minutes South of the Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport, following the Grand Parade past Brighton and Ramsgate, turning left onto Rocky Point Road at Sans Souci, and following the road straight past the Captain Cook Bridge as it continues onto Taren Point Road. The next turn will be left onto Captain Cook Drive, which will take you to the Cronulla Beaches.

Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport has a variety of hire cars on offer.

Train: Cronulla is accessible by train by catching the airport link to Wollie Creek Station, and changing trains to the direct service to Cronulla. The trains run every ten minutes during peak hour, and every 15 to 20 minutes off peak. The journey will take between 30 and 45 minutes in duration.

The starting point for the Long Course Race will be Bonna Point Reserve, Kurnell, and the Finishing point will be Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla.



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 Cronulla Outrigger Canoe Club's Facebook.

Schedule of Events			
Day	Time	Location	Event
Saturday 26th March	8:30am	Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla	Registration - AO downwind 20km
	10:30am	Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla	Competitors briefing - all classes
	12:00pm	Bonna Point Res/Silver Beach, Kurnell	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)	Gunnamatta Park	Presentations
	Sunday 27th March	7:30am	Bonna Point Res/Silver Beach, Kurnell
8:00am		Opposite Cook @ Kurnell	Paddling Master Class Start
10:00am			Paddling Master Class Finish
10:01am			Post Master Class Coffee
CHECK THE LEADERBOARD ON WEBSCORER AND THANKS FOR RACING THE AO OCEAN DOWNWIND RACE 2 2021/2022			



KRT Australia Race 2: Nulla Nulla Downwinder 20km Course



This race will begin from the Eastern end of Bonna Point, Kurnell, heading North past the Oil Refinery Jetty and following Cape Solander.

The canoes will follow the coast line East around a turning buoy and then head South past Cape Solander (this 6 km stretch is the hardest out of the whole course), where following the Cronulla beaches in Bate Bay in a South Westerly direction to Bass & Flinders Point, where canoes will do a non ama turn on the channel marker heading West through the mouth of the Port Hacking River, following the channel markers until Gunnamatta Bay, where the canoes will make a non ama turn on the channel marker at the beginning of the bay, and a sprint to the Finish off the Gunnamatta Pavilion Baths.

In the circumstances where the wind is a Southerly, the race course shall be run in reverse.

Tide Times:

High: 3.37 AM – 1.65M

Low: 10.45 AM – 0.53M

High: 4.49 PM – 1.52M

Low: 10.15 PM – 0.74M

Sunrise: 7.02 AM

Sunset: 6.58 PM



Race Registration and Safety



Those wishing to compete in this race must be experienced enough to handle the conditions and to acknowledge that there is a significant part of the course where you are unable to paddle to shore.

PADDLERS MUST ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOL SO THAT WE CAN DETERMINE HOW MANY CRAFT START EACH RACE AND THEN ENSURE THAT ALL CRAFT ARE ACCOUNTED FOR AT THE FINISH OF EACH RACE:

1. All paddlers must sign on at the sign on desk PRIOR TO EACH RACE before entering the beach marshalling area.
2. All Paddlers must enter the beach through the marshalling area (the Marshall will tick you off the race list, provide you with a number and ensure that all compulsory items are accounted for).
3. All paddlers must return to the beach through the marshalling area (where they will again be checked off the race list).
4. Paddlers who fail to enter the beach via the marshalling area will be issued a DNS result.

All competitors are responsible to ensure that their craft is suitable for all possible conditions. All canoes may be subjected to scrutineering to ensure their seaworthiness.

Support Boats are there to ensure your safety. All paddlers MUST obey directives of support boat personnel.

All paddlers are expected to follow the race rules at all times or they may be Disqualified as a result.



Start location at Bonna Point Reserve, Kurnell, parking, rigging and marshalling



There is plenty of all day parking close to the Marshalling area on Prince Charles Parade, and there are public toilets nearby. Please note that some sections of parking are reserved for trailer parking and you will be booked if you do not have a trailer



Start line and navigation

The Start Line shall be off the Bonna Point Boat Ramp heading East toward Cape Solander – the South Head of Botany Bay. Paddlers should avoid any ships within the shipping lanes and shall keep the oil refinery dock at Kurnell to their right.



Race course details and navigation

Paddlers should note that the cliffs of Cape Solander (Kurnell) for the first 6klms are unable to be scaled/accessed from water, and that swell can be generated from waves crashing against these cliffs. A buoy shall be dropped off East off the Southern Head to assist with the best lines and to take paddlers away from the cliffs somewhat.

Once you are outside the heads, you will not be able to reach land until the Southern end of Cape Solander, at Boat Harbour. From this point there should be a good downwind section right up until the mouth of the Port Hacking River, where you shall traverse on the non-ama side of a buoy at Bass & Flinders Point, hug the Northern Shoreline and turn once past the green channel marker at Gunnamatta Bay. If this last turn is ignored, you will not only be Disqualified, but you will most likely become stuck on a sand bar.



Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla finish line and navigation

Gunnamatta Park has plenty of parking on both Nicholson Parade and Taloombi Street.

Toilets and Showers can be found at the Gunnamatta Park Pavilion.

Marshalling and Sponsor tents shall be set up adjacent to the Pavilion.

A Bus will be available to transport paddlers and spectators to and from Bonna Point Reserve.



Alternate Course – Southerly

If the winds turn Southerly on the day, the Alternate Reverse Course will be used, which Starts at Gunnamatta Bay and shall finish at Bonna Point Reserve, Kurnell.

The race shall head out East to Jibbon Point, watching out for the Bombora on the point. Then paddlers shall do an AMA turn around a turning buoy to head to Kurnell.

The last section will be the hardest in this course and another turning buoy shall be dropped East of Cape Solander (Kurnell) so that paddlers avoid the cliffs before heading West towards Bonna Point Reserve.

A Bus will assist in transport to and from the start and finish lines.

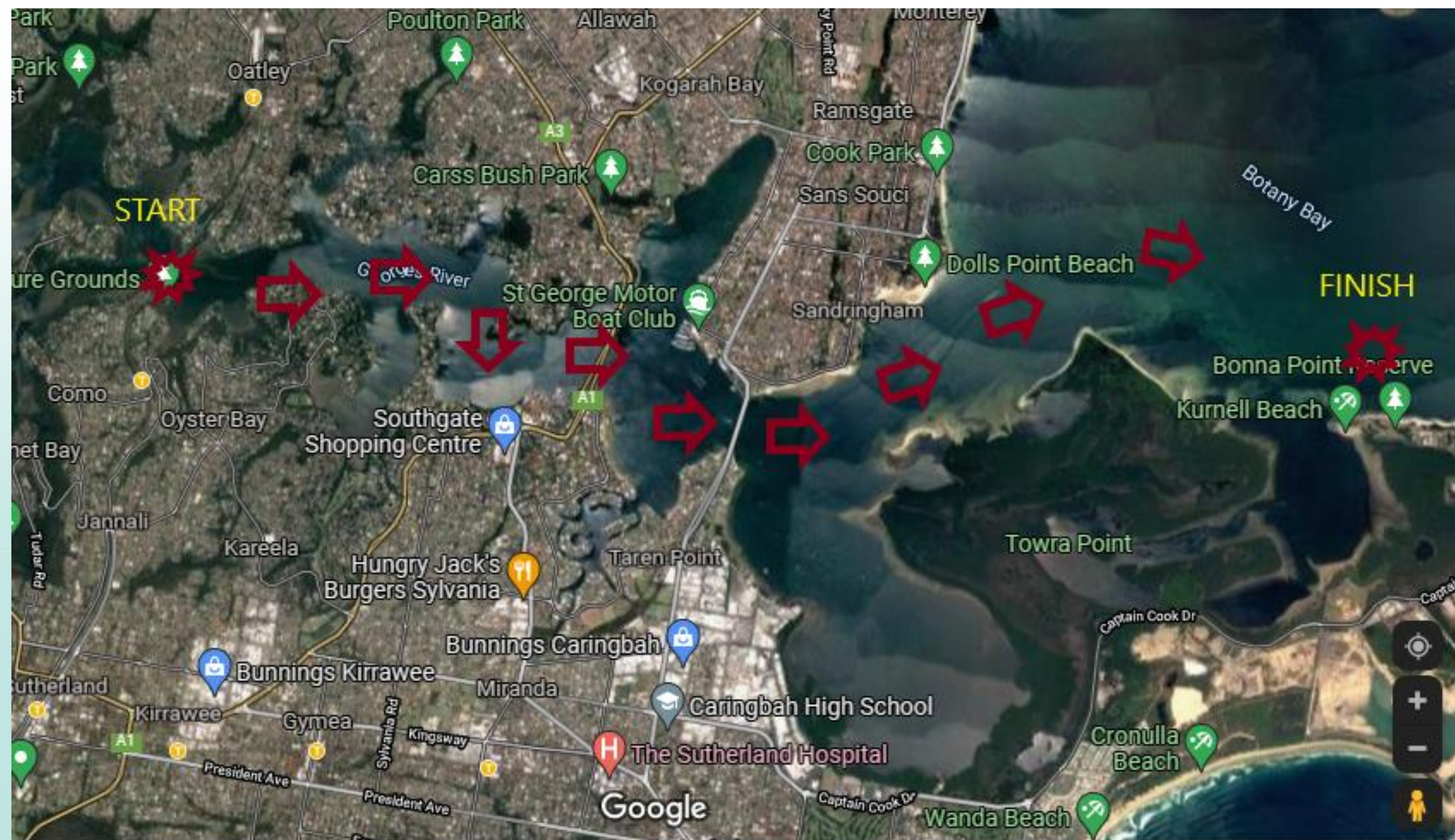


Alternate Course – “Hamburger Run”

If the winds turn Westerly on the day, the Alternate Course the “Hamburger Run” will be used.

This Starts at Scylla Bay, Como and shall finish at Bonna Point Reserve, Kurnell.

A Bus will assist in transport to and from the start and finish lines.



Accommodation Options

Cronulla has several hotels and accommodation within walking distance to Gunnamatta Park, including Rydges Hotel, Quest Apartments and Cronulla Motor Inn at Cronulla.

Other major hotels in the area include the Metro Hotel Miranda (which is a short drive or train ride to Cronulla), Nightcap at Caringbah Hotel (which is a short drive or train ride to Cronulla), Abcot Inn Sylvania (which is a short drive or bus ride to Cronulla), the Novotel at Brighton, (which is a short 25 min drive to Cronulla) and the various hotels located at the Sydney Airport (which is a short 30 min drive or hour train ride to Cronulla).

There are also plenty of AirBnB and Stayz options available through the relevant accommodation apps and websites located at Cronulla.

Billeting with local paddlers and their families may be available on a first in first served basis, please contact the Race Director to discuss.

We will endeavour to work with accommodation businesses to try and secure cheap accommodation for paddlers entering in an event.

For more information, please visit [Accommodation - Sutherland Shire \(sutherlandshireaustralia.com.au\)](https://sutherlandshireaustralia.com.au)

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
- All competitors shall wear fluorescent clothing on their person.
- All Competitors shall wear legally required PFD's on their person.



Presentations

The event presentation shall be held at the Gunnamatta Pavilion in Gunnamatta Park. Further details of this event including pricing is TBC.

Facilities on the Day

Public toilets are available at both Bonna Point Reserve (Kurnell) and Gunnamatta Park (Cronulla).

Gunnamatta Park has public shower facilities and changing rooms available for use.

Both locations shall have first aid facilities and both are located nearby to cafés and supermarkets.

A bus service providing transport between Gunnamatta Park and Bonna Point Reserve shall be available both before and after the race for competitors and spectators.

AOCRA Refund Policy in the event of Postponement and or Cancellation

Refund policy may vary depending on the type of event and the Host or Organiser. The Host of each event must include a Refund Policy in the approved Regatta / Event Program outlining the terms for eligibility to request a refund. The Refund Policy must be the same wording as outlined in the AOCRA Rules, otherwise, the Host must seek approval from AOCRA Events for any changes prior to publishing a Refund Policy in the approved Regatta / Event program. The Refund Policy applies to nomination fees paid to enter a sanctioned AOCRA event only.

Nominee Cancellation Prior to the Event Date, Change of Mind or Unable to Attend

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, this is at their discretion 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.

Host Postpones or Cancels the Event, Host Giving Notice of Postponement or Cancellation

The Host must follow the AOCRA Rules to postpone or cancel an event and give notice in writing by: email, SMS alert notification or text message to your mobile device, Host Facebook post, written announcement on the AOCRA website. The effective date is the date of dispatch.

Event Postponed

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.

Refund Policy

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Event Cancelled

The Host, Zone or AOCRA may cancel an event inline with the AOCRA Rules.

Cancellation more than 30 days before the event is at minimum a 90% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

Cancellation more than 7 days before the event is at minimum an 80% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

Cancellation more than 1 day before the event is at minimum a 70% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

Cancellation on the day of the event is at minimum a 50% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

The Host reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above.

The Zone reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above.

AOCRA reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above.

Refund Payment

Refunds will be processed within 30 days of cancellation via the same method used for payment.



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