



SYDNEY HARBOUR CHALLENGE **2023**

Sydney Harbour Challenge: 25th February 2023

Rose Bay, Sydney NSW

Race Director Land: John Grimes 0448 366 032

Race Director Water: James Munzone 0419 989 797



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 our iconic Sydney Harbour Challenge event hosted in partnership with Bondi Outrigger Canoe Club.

We are thrilled to invite all AOCRA members and International paddlers to form teams for this world-renowned event and race 22 kms in and around one of the worlds most beautiful harbours with water views of big-name attractions. All teams must be prepared for the weather conditions on the day and negotiate the course with skill as the 22kms course is on a very busy path of communing ferries, recreational cruisers and sailing races.

We pay our respects to the Birrabirragal people the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, to their Elders, past, present and emerging. 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 everyone present enjoys the day. 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 race and experience everyone.



Michael Seay
President AOCRA

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.

Note:

- All competitors must be a financial member of an AOCRA registered club.
- All OCb canoes to be a minimum weigh of 130kgs unless in the unlimited class.
- All OCb canoes shall have storm covers, 1 lifejacket per seat, 2 bailers, a 25m safety rope attached, spare paddle and carry a mobile phone with GPS Tracking Activated.
- Canoe scrutineering will take place on Saturday for OCb canoes.
- International paddlers must be a member of an IVF affiliated association, have travel insurance and sign an AOCRA International Indemnity release form.
- Junior Participation is allowed in the J19 & 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 aocra.events@aocra.com.au
- Sydney harbour is an extremely busy waterway and tourist destination, and we ask all paddlers and spectators to be mindful and stay safe.
- There will be a designated first aid area on site and first aid response on the water.



Nomination Information

Nominations will be on-line via the www.aocra.com.au site. It is not possible to register on the day. If you are having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA please email support@aocra.com.au



Race Fees. \$120 per person \$720 per team.

Club Nominations due: 11:59pm (AEST) Sunday, 12th February 2023 (Late fee will apply)

Team Nominations due: Sunday 12th February 2023

Divisions - Age divisions are based on calendar year of competition.

OCb and Unlimited OCb: There must be 3 teams entered in a division to qualify for medals and 5 teams for prize money.

- Gender Male/ Female : J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, Platinum Master
- Mixed : J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, Platinum Master

Register unlimited entries under OCb OTHER 1 Unlimited Canoe

- Gender Male / Female: Open, Master
- Mixed : Open, Master

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



Race Registration

ALL Registration for outrigger competitors will take place on location. Club Managers will be required to represent their club competitors and facilitate registration process.

All competitors must wear a coloured wrist band. No wrist band, no racing.

All clubs will have a nominated Club Manager. The manager will collect the club list with wrist bands and pass wristbands on to all club competitors upon receiving their signature. The manager will also collect the club team's t-shirts.

It will be the responsibility of each club manager to ensure each competitor signs for and receives their wrist band.

Audit checks will be conducted by race officials throughout the event. Wrist bands must stay on for the duration of event while competing.

Team Registration

All team captain / steerers must sign in their crew before each race and confirm canoe number with the registration officials.

The team captain / steerer will be required to have a mobile phone on and signed into Safe Trx for their race to be eligible claim medals and prizes under the terms and conditions of this event.



Site Location and Map of Rose Bay.



WOOLLAHRA SAILING CLUB

2 Vickery Ave, Rose Bay,
Sydney, NSW, 2029

Google Map Link:

<https://goo.gl/maps/VmHrduJZXXWuBLw1b>



Starting Procedure

- The Lead Safety Boat will be the start boat and will be located to the left of the start line clearly visible for all steerers.
- When white flag is raised canoes will assemble behind the pre-start line indicated by two buoys (colour advised at race briefing)
- Red flag will be raised signals the canoes to move forward to the start line and hold the canoe stationary at the line
- Once all canoes are assembled in start zone the race director can start the race
- Green flag raise signals the start of the race
- Black flag raised during the start procedure signals a canoe/s is over the line.
- A verbal warning may be given to the offending canoe/s, but it is not mandatory
- There will be camera positioned at the start line to the monitor start of each race



Canoe Movement Safety Map.

When moving canoes from the rigging area in Lyne Park to storage area please be mindful to pedestrians on the footpath and all others when possible.

Canoes can be stored on the Rose Bay beach for race day only as this is tidal area. Each club is responsible to monitor and store their canoes.



Tide Times:

Low: 07:05 - 0:50m

High: 13:07 - 1:45m

Low: 19:11 - 0:52m

Sunrise 06:37am

Sunset 17:38pm

Canoe Scrutineering:

Canoe scrutineering will take place on Saturday for OCb

All OCb canoes shall have storm covers, 1 lifejacket per seat, 2 bailers, a 25m safety rope attached, spare paddle and carry a mobile phone with GPS Tracking Activated.



SHC 2023 Race Course - Saturday 25 February: *Distance 22km*



Shark Island Light House will be the cut off marker for slower canoes who have not reached this point by 1hr 40 minutes from the start of the race.

Attend race briefings for more course confirmation

Tide Times:

Low: 07:05 - 0:50m

High: 13:07 - 1:45m

Low: 19:11 - 0:52m

Sunrise 06:37am

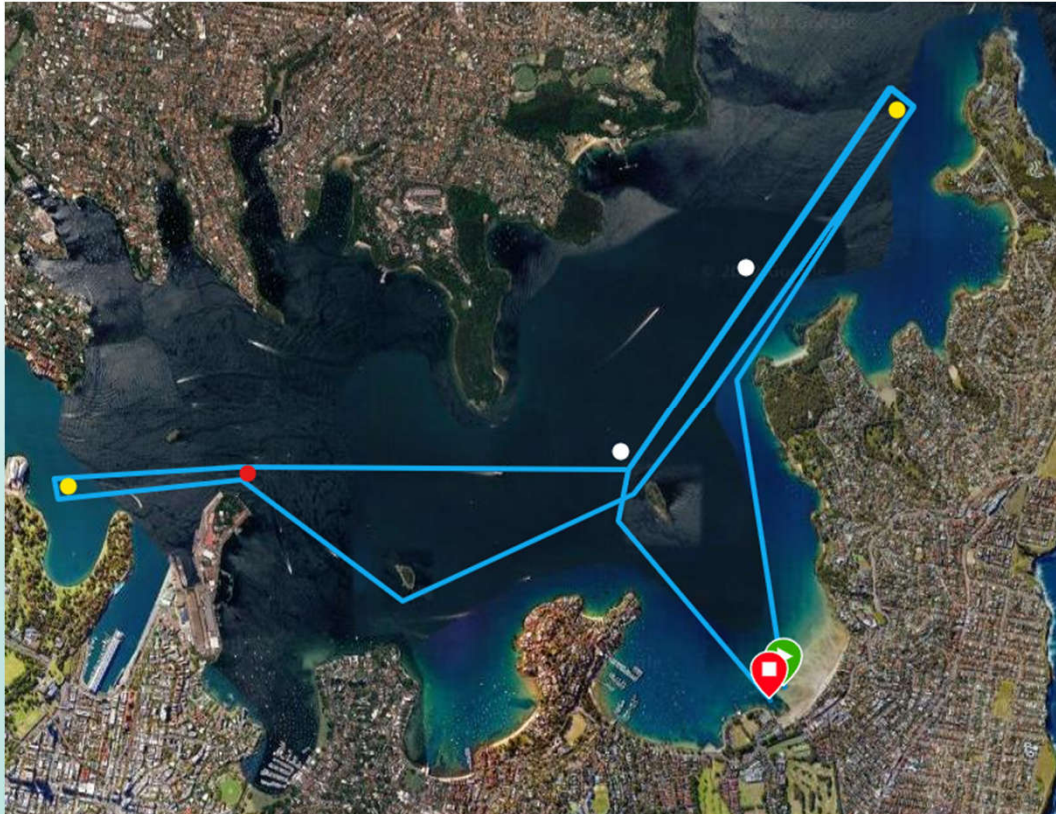
Sunset 17:38pm



Finish line is Rose Bay Jetty and Buoy



SHC 2023 Alternate Race Course - Saturday 25 February: *Distance 22km*



Shark Island Light House will be the cut off for slower canoes who have not reached this point (second passing) by 1hr 40 minutes from the start of the race.

Attend race briefings for more course confirmation

Tide Times:

Low: 07:05 - 0:50m

High: 13:07 - 1:45m

Low: 19:11 - 0:52m

Sunrise 06:36am

Sunset 17:38pm



Finish line is Rose Bay Jetty and Buoy



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.



Friday 25 February	
Approx. 12:00 Midday - 5 PM	Pre Registration Open - Bondi OCC @ Rose Bay
Saturday 26 February - Race Day	
6:00 AM	Registration Open
6:30 AM	Welcome to country & race blessing
7:15 AM	Briefing Mixed Race
7:45 AM	Start Mixed Race
10:15 AM	Briefing Womens Race
10:45 AM	Start Womens Race
1:15 PM	Briefing Mens Race
1:45 PM	Start Mens Race
Start: 5:30 - 6.30 PM	Presentation Rose Bay
6:30 PM	Bondi Party





OCb Canoe Hire

NSW Zone is currently compiling a list of available canoes for loan for the 2023 SHC.

If clubs have an available canoe they are able to loan for the event, go to our Facebook page and add the availability to loan and if you need a canoe to loan. Can you please email

bondioutriggercanoeclub@gmail.com with the following details: canoe type, race availability, contact name and details as well.

All canoes to be supplied with all safety gear.

While there is no set fee this year for canoe hire, in the spirit of encouraging participation, the Zone and AOCRA recommends a fee of no higher than \$150. This is to encourage those from interstate/overseas to participate in the race.

Those clubs hiring a canoe, we ask that you be available to assist the loan club in unloading, rigging and loading of the canoe after the event.

Presentations

Presentations will be held in the Club Rose Bay at approximately 6:30 PM <https://clubrosebay.com.au>

Facilities on the day.

There is a cafe on premises as well as a number of others cafes near the tennis courts (Sugar & Spoon) and across the park area (JEZ Ve).We encourage paddlers to Visit Club Rose Bay which is also an RSL Club

There will vendors on site including AO sponsors who will be selling merchandise.

Accommodation

<https://www.visitnsw.com/accommodation>

<https://www.meritonsuites.com.au> (Bondi Junction)

<https://www.qthotels.com/bondi-beach/>

Marriott Circular Quay -<https://bit.ly/3wp3Vwf>

<https://www.adinahotels.com/en/apartments/bondi-beach-sydney/>

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Trailer Parking, Canoe Rigging and Unrigging

We are under strict guidelines for the movement of trailers and boats in the Lyne Park, Rose Bay area. There will be traffic controllers managing this area along with key volunteers. All instructions given in this area by traffic controllers and designated volunteers must be followed.

Unloading Canoes:

This must be done on Friday between 9 AM - 6 PM

The only exception to this is local clubs who may be paddling their canoe from a location on the harbour. This may be completed via water without access any Woollahra Council boat ramps and public spaces.

Clubs must book in an unloading timeslot with Wesley Cramford 0406492423 in the week prior to event.

Traffic controllers/ volunteers will direct traffic. Trailers will be disconnected while canoes are unloaded onto grass area for rigging and then paddled to start area.

Clubs must have enough members to unload your own trailer. The driver will then drive club trailer to designated parking area.

NOTE: There is NO public access to the trailer area except to park and collect your trailer at pre arranged allocated times.

Loading after Race Completion:

Once again all instructions from traffic controllers and volunteers must be followed. Before your club can go on the loading schedule you must:

- * Have canoes de-rigged and ready to load and have enough paddlers/ people to assist with loading before you will be directed to collect trailer to bring to loading area.

- * Please be patient with traffic controllers/ volunteers. Abuse will not be tolerated. Delays can be expected as this is a popular high traffic area.



Cancellation / Refund Policy

AOCRA Refund Policy effective 30 November 2021

The Nomination Fee

Total Nomination Fee Sydney Harbour challenge	\$120.00
Host Club:	\$ 0.00
Zone:	\$ 0.00
AOCRA:	\$120.00

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 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@aoora.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.

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.

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 80% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

Cancellation more than 7 days before the event is at minimum a 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 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.



Thanks to our Sponsors:



Your support of the Sydney Harbour Challenge 2023 is greatly appreciated, and we wish all competitors a great day of ocean racing around the Sydney Harbour.

A special mention to:

V Insurance our new partner of Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association (AOCRA) offering a tailored insurance program that caters to the unique needs of outrigger racing.

The Woollahra Sailing Club who have been fantastic supporter of Bondi Outrigger Club providing Support Boats, facilities and onsite canoe trailer parking.

The Club Rose Bay for their financial support and making their facilities available for the prizegiving.

