

# Kurnell Outrigger Canoe Club



## hosting the Kurnell Downwinder



**NSW**

**Sunday 23 February 2025**

## Welcome from Kurnell Outrigger Canoe Club

On behalf of the members of Kurnell OCC it is an honour to host the Kurnell Downwinder again.

I would like to welcome you back to Kurnell for this annual downwinder event.

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 located in the traditional Aboriginal lands of the Dharawal people. The Downwinder also works very well in reverse, if the winds blow from the south on the day.

The Kurnell Downwinder route has been a rite of passage for paddlers from the area. Kurnell Outriggers are excited to show off its breathtaking backyard, with its amazing coastline and 'bumps' to all local, interstate and international paddlers.

May you all have a safe and enjoyable race.

**President – Kurnell OCC**

# Race Rules and Safety

## Please note:

This regatta will be run in accordance with the [AOCRA Rules 2024](#)

It is the competitor's responsibility to be familiar with the AOCRA rules for everyone's safety.

- All OC1, OC2, V1 and Ski paddlers must carry a mobile phone with Webscorer activated. (DOWNLOAD Webscorer App)
- All OC1, OC2, V1 and Ski paddlers must **wear** a PFD (Level 50S or above "Vaikobi style" PFD) and leg rope, and a spare paddle in accordance with AOCRA Regatta Race Rules and NSW Maritime Laws and Regulations. Inflatable PFDs are not allowed in this race.
- All OC1, OC2, V1, Ski paddlers to wear Hi-Visibility clothing, such as a hat or a race shirt. We encourage all paddlers to wear their club colours where possible.
- Juniors may race in Open division if a) are 19U division or b) are aged 14 years and above with [parental/guardian permission](#) and written approval of a qualified outrigger specific coach. These juniors must have completed the senior swim & tread water tests. Email completed forms to [secretary@kurnellocc.com](mailto:secretary@kurnellocc.com)
- The Downwinder Race may start in waves at both locations to allow for safe starts and timely finishes.
- The Downwinder Race will end with a finish buoy and have cut off times applied.
- Competitors not able to continue in the race must raise paddle and request support boat assistance/ direction for safe passage off the water.
- Safety Boats and Jet Skis will provide support for all race participants.
- First Aid will be at start and finish line and on the water.

## Race Rules and Safety (continued)

- 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.

### **There are several Risks and Safety considerations that paddlers need to be aware of:**

- Wharf Kurnell – Paddlers are required to keep 100 meters away from this wharf and outside of the new wharf structure where the yellow buoys are placed.
- There is a ferry that runs between Cronulla Wharf (Gunnamatta Bay) and Bundeena that paddlers need to be aware of and give way to.

### **Paddlers must adhere to the following so start numbers for each race can be determined.**

#### **OC1/2/ V1/Skis paddlers**

- All paddlers must sign on at the registration desk **prior to their race and confirm canoe number** before entering the beach marshalling area.
  - All Paddlers must enter the beach through the marshalling area (the scrutineers will mark you and your craft off as race compliant)
  - Paddlers who fail to enter the beach via the marshalling area will be issued a DNS result.
- Support Boats are there to ensure your safety. All paddlers MUST follow Race Director and support boat officials directives.

#### **Core Safety Team**

- First aid volunteers will be both on the water with the safety boats and at the start and finish lines
- There will be a designated first aid area at the finish.
- The Race Director will be land based and will be in contact with **Jason Prosser the race director assistant** that will be on the water and at the start lines.
- **All paddlers are expected to always follow the AOCRA race rules and the directions of the Race Director and support boat officials. or they may be disqualified as a result.**
- The RACE DIRECTOR will have the discretion to not allow late registrations to paddle if there is concern regarding the paddler/support boat ratio.

# Registration Information

## Registration

- Registration to be completed via AOCRA website. This race will be loaded as a combined event.
- NO registrations on the day. Please contact [support@aocra.com.au](mailto:support@aocra.com.au) if club registrar is having issues with registration.

## Craft Number

OC1, OC2, V1 must have a number, if you do not have a number, please contact AOCRA secretary [secretary@aocra.com.au](mailto:secretary@aocra.com.au)

## Divisions per Canoe discipline:

- **OC1** Open, Masters, Senior Masters, Golden Masters, Platinum (male and female).
- **OC2, V1** Open, Masters.
- **Ski** Open, Masters. *Non AOCRA Member Ski Paddlers* may enter as an international paddler - [Instructions can be found here](#)

## Race Fee:

- Race Fee \$75.00 per paddler
- Refunds – please see final page

## Loan Canoes:

There will be a small number of loan OC1s that will be available. Please email [juniordev@aocra.com.au](mailto:juniordev@aocra.com.au) to arrange.

We cannot guarantee that everyone who needs a loan canoe will be able to have one available.

Loan canoes may require a fee to secure them, this is up to the individual canoe owner.

**Registration Due:** 11:59 PM (AEST) on **Wednesday 12 February 2025**. A late fee will be charged.

# Schedule of Events

Please note times are approximate and we ask paddlers be ready prior to times indicated. Event time and course may change at discretion of Race Director to allow best race conditions. These announcements will be shared on [AOCRA | Facebook](#) and Kurnell Outrigger Canoe Club's Facebook.

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EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	Required
Registration	8.00am – 9.45am	Silver Beach Kurnell, under tent in front of Café K	Competitors
Briefing	10.00am	Silver Beach Kurnell, near registration tent	Competitors
Marshalling & Safety Gear Check	11.30am	Silver Beach Kurnell, grass area near registration tent	Competitors
Race Start	12.30pm	Silver Beach Kurnell	<p>If waves are required, it will be as follows:</p> <p>Wave 1. Women OC1, OC2, all V1 Golden and Platinum Men</p> <p>Wave 2. Men OC1, OC2 and Women Ski. Men Ski</p>
Presentation	3.00pm –5.00pm	Sports and Recreation Club, Kurnell	Competitors, Officials, Volunteers and Supporters

## Course Details

Paddlers should note that the cliffs of Cape Solander (Kurnell) for the first 6 kms are unable to be scaled/accessed from water, and that swell can be generated from waves crashing against these cliffs.

### Start in Kurnell

From Kurnell beach located on the EAST side of Ampol Kurnell Wharf. Canoes will line up between groynes paddle out pass Ampol Kurnell Wharf keeping 100meters from Wharf and outside the new Wharf structure where the yellow buoys are placed. From Botany Bay keeping on your RIGHT pass the whale sculpture, Cape Solander and Cape Baily Lighthouse. Heading right out of Botany Bay towards Voodoo Point. Following the Cronulla beaches in Bate Bay in a SOUTH WESTERLY direction to Bass & Flinders. Canoe will do a non-Ama turn on the channel marker at the beginning of Gunnamatta Bay, and a sprint to the finish line, located at the end of the netted swimming area.

### Start in Cronulla

From Gunnamatta Bay beach located on the Northern side of the baths. Canoes will line up between the channel markers west of the Ferry line at the end of the ramp.

Paddle to the end of the channel Ama turn to head East then North towards Voodoo Point to turn left into Botany Bay. Make your way around the headland past Cape Baily Lighthouse and Cape Solander keeping on your LEFT and pass the whale sculpture around the yellow buoy and into beach at Kurnell EAST of the Ampol Kurnell Wharf.

**Tides:** Low 12.23pm  
High 6.09pm



# General Information

## Parking

- **Kurnell** - There is plenty of parking close to the Marshalling area on Prince Charles Parade.
- **Gunnamatta** – Has plenty of parking on both Nicholson Parade and Taloombi Street.

## Facilities

- **Gunnamatta** - Toilets and Showers can be found at the Gunnamatta Park Pavilion at the completion of the race.
- **Kurnell** – Toilets can be found in Kamay Botany Bay National Park or at Bonna Point (western end of Silver Beach)

**Presentations** The event presentation will be held at the Kurnell Sports and Recreation Club Kurnell.

**General Enquiries.** Please email [secretary@kurnellocc.com](mailto:secretary@kurnellocc.com)





## **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@acra.com.au](mailto:support@acra.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 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 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.