



SQ Zone Club Challenge 4
Scarborough Outrigger Canoe Club

Saturday 29th March 2025

Pelican Park, Bells Beach
Clontarf

Nominations Close: Sunday 23rd March 2025 (midnight QLD Time)

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WELCOME:

On behalf of the Scarborough Outrigger Canoe Club, we would like to invite you to join us on the Redcliffe Peninsula at Bells Beach, Clontarf on Saturday 29th March 2025.

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and waters where we will race, and pay our respects to their elder's past, present and emerging.

There is plenty of parking and lots of space on the beach to accommodate everyone, please do not park on the grass area. Throughout the day to satisfy your pre- and post-race refuelling needs SOCC will have food, drink, and coffee available for purchase.

The program will be run in accordance with AOCRA's regatta rules. This document is located on AOCRA's Administration page at www.aocra.com.au. All registrations for this regatta must be completed on-line through the AOCRA website regatta entry page at www.aocra.com.au. Registrations close at midnight Saturday 22nd March 2025. It would be greatly appreciated if you could register your entry as soon as possible so that we can plan and cater for the day.

We will endeavour to run as close to time as possible, so competitors will need to ensure they are ready to go to their canoe well before the scheduled race time. SOCC gives notice we will reserve the right to amend or withdraw races subject to conditions on the day. It is unlikely this will occur; however, we strongly stand by the promotion of a safe environment for all paddles and their safety will always come first.

We look forward to seeing you, for what is planned to be a great day of racing on the Peninsula.

Kind Regards,

Armand Eketone

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Eketone".

President
Scarborough Outrigger Canoe Club

REGATTA SITE: BELLS BEACH, HORNIBROOK ESPLANADE, CLONTARF



The beach is adjacent to Pelican Park at the Southern End of the Redcliffe Peninsula. There is plenty of parking available along the Esplanade and at Pelican Park. Hornibrook Esplanade is a busy road, please take extra care when parking.

OC6 Trailers are advised to utilise available parking in Pelican Park carpark. **Please do not park trailers on Hornibrook Esplanade or in the area marked with cones**, there is ample trailer parking in Pelican Park close to the boat ramp. OC6 craft can be rigged and unrigged here, it is a short paddle from the boat ramp to Bells Beach where the regatta is located.

Small craft can be rigged and unrigged on the grassed areas in Pelican Park. Please note Gazebos must be weighted; no pegging or staking is permitted.



RACE PROGRAMME:

High Tide: 9.00am Low Tide: 3.00pm					
6.00am		Registration Opens for Races 1 – 3 (Priority)			
6.15am		Support Boat Briefing			
6.30am		Opening and Welcome			
6.45am		Race Briefing for all Short Course Races			
Race 1	7.00am	Women & Mixed (inc. Novice, Under 16/19, Young Guns)	OC6	SHORT	8km
Race 2	7.15am	Under 12 /14, Novice	OC6	DASH	4km
	7.30am	Men, Women, Mixed, Novice (All Ages)	OC1, OC2, V1	DASH	4km
7.30am		Race Briefing for Women's OC6, OC1, OC2, V1			
Race 3	7.45am	Men, Mixed (All Ages)	OC1, OC2, V1	LONG	12km
8.45am		Race Briefing for all Junior Races			
Race 4	9.00am	Minnows with Senior Steerer	OC6	JUNIORS	1km
Race 5	9.05am	Under 12 (2km) Under 14 (4km) Under 16 (4km)	OC1, OC2, V1	JUNIORS	2km / 4km
9.00am		Race Briefing for Women's OC6, OC1, OC2, V1			
Race 6	9.15am	Women (All Ages)	OC1, OC2, V1	LONG	12km
9.45am		Race Briefing for Men's Short Course			
Race 7	10.00am	Men, Novice, Under 16/19, Young Guns	OC6	SHORT	8km
JUNIOR / NOVICE SHORT COURSE MEDAL PRESENTATIONS					
LUNCH BREAK					
11.45am		Race Briefing for all Long Course Races			
Race 8	12.00pm	Women, Mixed (All Ages)	OC6	LONG	16km
Race 9	2.00pm	Men (All Ages)	OC6	LONG	16km
NOVICE LONG COURSE MEDAL PRESENTATIONS					

Times for all races on this programme are approximate and are subject to change depending on nominations / conditions etc. On the day, please heed all announcements from the Race Director in relation to times of your events, as race times can change and will start earlier if running ahead of

scheduled times. Registrations must be checked prior to racing. The programme will run in accordance with AOCRA Rules, these can be found on AOCRA's website under Administration. Any enquiries regarding the programme please contact the Race Director.

COURSE MAPS: LONG AND SHORT COURSES



- Race starts will be on the water
- The short course is once around the 8km course
- All non ama turns
- Finish line is the rock wall and buoy at the Pelican Park end of Bells Beach
- Alternative course will be in the opposite direction



- The smaller 1km, 2km & 4km courses will run within 10km course.

REMINDER: RIGHT OF WAY RULE

Figure 1 Diagram:

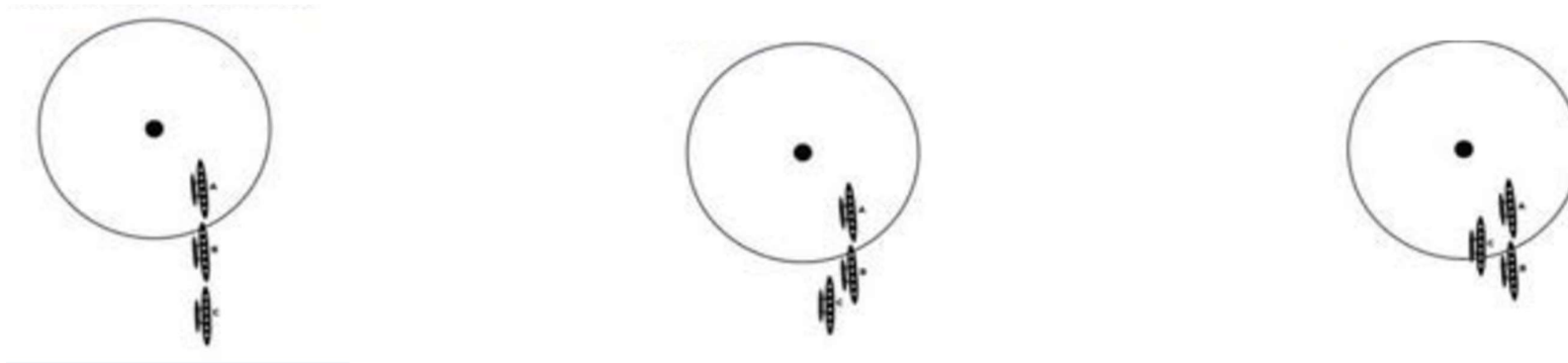
Depicting examples of “right of way” rules with the circle depicting two canoe lengths.

Please note: In the second example canoe C does not get right of way until they are within 2 canoe lengths of the turn

Boat **A** has right of way over **B** and **C**
 Boat **B** has right of way over Boat **C**

Boat **A** has right of way over Boat **B** and **C**
 Boat **B** must not impede **A** nor can Boat **C**
 Boat **C** has right of way over Boat **B**
 Boat **B** must not impede **C**

Boat **C** has right of way over both **A** and **B**
 Boat **A** has right of way over **B**
 Boat **A** must not impede **C**
 Boat **B** must not impede either **A** or **C**



NOMINATION INFORMATION:

All nominations must be registered online at www.aocra.com.au before the cut-off date including Team Sheets and Canoe Number. It is not possible to register on the day. If you're having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA please email support@aocra.com.au

RACE FEES:

Race Fee Per Paddler Entry	Seniors Long Course	Seniors Short Course	Juniors	Minnows / Dash
Total Fee:	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Host Club:	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Zone:	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
AOCRA:	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00

REGISTRATION:

Registrations must be completed by midnight Sunday 23rd March 2025 via online at www.aocra.com.au Any queries registering please email scarboroughoccregistrar@gmail.com

LATE REGISTRATION:



Club registrations after midnight (AEST) of the advertised cutoff date, will incur a \$100 late fee for Seniors and \$50 late fee for Juniors in addition to the advertised race fee at the Race Directors discretion.

RACE DAY REGISTRATIONS:

Registration and event queries please contact SOCC Race Director Lawrence Taniwha mobile: 0404 262 05 or email scarboroughoccsecretary@gmail.com Registration opens at 06:00am and we ask for the Team Steerer or Captain to sign in on behalf of the team. Junior Coaches to sign in for their Junior Races. Canoe numbers will not be accepted on the day and can only be changed due to a canoe malfunction.

Club registrations after midnight (AEST QLD) of the advertised cut-off date will incur a \$100 late fee (\$50 for juniors) in addition to the advertised race fee and the Race Director's discretion.

CATERING / FOOD: Card/Phone tap payments preferred

Bacon and Egg Rolls, Burgers, Sausage and Onion on bread and Cold Drinks will be available to purchase from the catering tent and there will be a coffee van onsite.

Raffles will be sold near the catering tent

REGATTA INFORMATION:

PARTICIPATION RULES:

Paddlers are reminded of AOCRA's rules and regulations regarding participating in AOCRA sanctioned events. Infringements on the start line and turning buoys will receive time penalties. You are only permitted to take part in the event if you are a recognised competitor, which means:

- You have registered and paid for this event through the AOCRA website
- You are a current financial member of an AOCRA affiliated club
- You are a current financial member if AOCRA
- You have signed in at the registration desk and provided your canoe number

Due to insurance implications, if you do not meet **ALL** of these requirements you are to stay off the racecourse. Nonregistered paddlers are not to use the event courses for training, coaching or recreational paddling in club or personal craft while competitors are on the course.



RULES FOR CLUB EVENTS:

As this is an AOCRA sanctioned club event all team paddlers i.e. OC6 (excluding Juniors, Goldens and Platinum) **MUST** be members of the same club as recorded in the AOCRA database as recorded in the AOCRA membership database prior to registering for the race. To ensure competitors abide by this rule, and to foster a spirit of fair competition between competing club crews, action will be taken by the event officials and the SQ Zone committee for any breach of this rule.

AGE DIVISIONS:

ALL CANOES & UNLIMITED	WOMEN, MIXED & MEN	ALL CANOES & UNLIMITED	MEN, WOMEN & MIXED - COMBINED AGES
Juniors Seniors	Minnows, U12, U14, U16, U19 Novice, Open, Master, Senior Master Golden Master, Platinum Aggregate	Open Master Senior Master Golden Master Platinum Juniors Young Guns	-240 years 240+ years 300+ years 360+ years (may be from different clubs) 420+ years (may be from different clubs) Minnows, Mighty Minnows, U12, U14, U16, U19 120 years (must be min 3 jnrs (U16-U19) + min 2 adults all the same gender)

COMPOSITE CREWS:



Adult Teams: Golden Master and Platinum from various clubs are permitted in this Club Point Series race and must wear their club uniform. Open, Masters and Senior Master teams will be accepted from the same club only.

Junior Teams: Requests to race made up of paddlers from various clubs is acceptable and requests for additional exemptions must be emailed to secretarysqzone@aocra.com.au within 14 days if any Regatta.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS:

Transfers from a losing club to a gaining club must be completed online by both clubs before the nominations close for this Regatta. A losing club will not, without good cause, fail to complete an online transfer.

MEDALS:

SOCC will award the winners of the Junior Races (by age Division) medals, along with a food / drink voucher to be used at our catering tent. Novice Paddlers will also receive medals.

WATER SAFETY AND FIRST AID:

There will be first aid onsite for the duration of the regatta. A fleet of support boats will operate during the event with standard first aid kit, tow rope and defibrillator.

Mandatory safety regulations apply. Please note the following safety requirements: **All craft are scrutinised prior to the race and small craft must have all required equipment in and on their craft to be signed off prior to the race. Non-Compliance will result in DNS.**

OC6:

- X6 PFD's
- X2 bailers
- X1 spare paddle
- Racing covers

OC1, OC2, V1

- X1 leg leash or waist leash
- X1 spare paddle
- X1 bailer for V1
- X1 PFD worn or attached



CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:

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 Programme outlining the terms for eligibility to request a refund. The Refund Policy must be the same wording as outline 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 programme. 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 a 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@aocra.com.au giving details of the reason for requesting a refund.

The Host, Zone and AOCRA are not obligated to refund their prospective portions of the nomination fee. If a refund is approved, it will be processed in full less an administration fee up to \$10 for processing 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 event start date.

Host Postpones or Cancels Event:

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 of 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 a 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 post, written announcement on the AOCRA Website. The Host reserves the right to postpone the event (where no refund will be issued). The rescheduled event programme content / format may change including scheduled times which is at the discretion of the Host, and they reserve the right to do so 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 in line with the AOCRA Rules
- Cancellation more than 30 days before the event is at a 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 a 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 a minimum a 60% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee
- Cancellation on the day of the event is at a minimum a 40% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee
- The Host reserves the right to refund a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above
- The Zone reserves the right to refund a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above
- AOCRA reserves the right to refund a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above

Refund Payment:

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