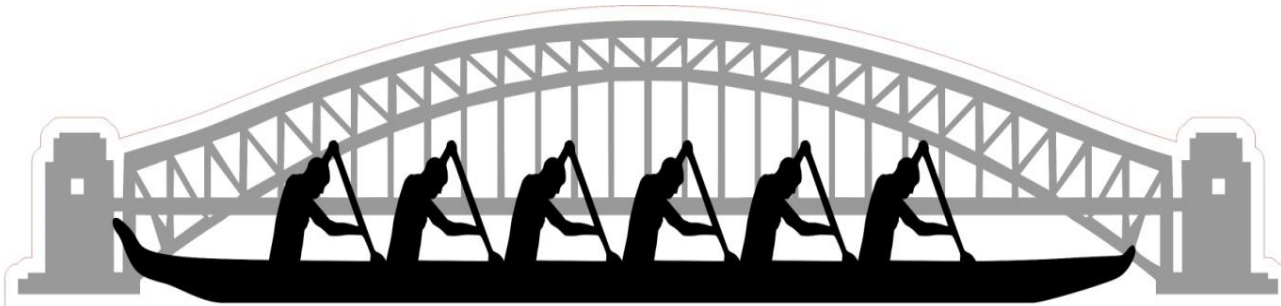


AOCRA INVITES YOU TO THE 2020



SYDNEY HARBOUR CHALLENGE

Saturday, 22nd February

Manly Wharf
Sydney, NSW



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President's Message

The Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association are delighted to host the annual Sydney Harbour Challenge. Now in its 7th year, this event is an integral part of the international race calendar welcoming paddlers from all over the world.

The event continues to grow bigger each year, with the combination of a stunning backdrop, challenging conditions and great prizes. It's no wonder paddlers return year after year. I look forward to seeing first-hand the enthusiasm, talent and sense of community of everyone involved.

Our sincere thanks to the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW and all of our partners.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the volunteers and other non-paddling attendees. You are integral to the success of sport at all levels. Without the coaches, managers and volunteers, events such as this would not be possible.

Best of luck to everyone competing and congratulations on being part of this incredible iconic event.

Katherine Birch-Cole

AOCRA President



Minister's Message

WELCOME FROM THE NSW GOVERNMENT

The Sydney Harbour Challenge has become synonymous with Manly.

Sydney's most recognisable and iconic landmarks will once again provide a fitting backdrop to Australia's flagship marathon outrigger canoe event on February 22, 2020.

More than 800 competitors will take part in the event, starting at Manly Wharf and travelling across Sydney Heads into one of the most beautiful natural harbours in the world.

Sydney is Australia's events capital and shines year-round with spectacular arts, cultural, sport and lifestyle events, from the largest festival of light, music and ideas in the Southern Hemisphere – Vivid Sydney – to the ICC T20 World Cup in 2020.

The NSW Government, through tourism and major events agency Destination NSW, is proud to support The Sydney Harbour Challenge.

No doubt the event will entice you to get out onto the water to see some of Sydney's most enjoyable highlights – and it's hard to imagine a better place to start and finish the day than the spectacular beaches, cafes and restaurants of Manly.

The Honourable Stuart Ayres MP

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney



Race Rules & Safety

All AOCRA rules and regulations will be enforced, as per the [AOCRA Regatta Rules](#)

Conditions of Eligibility

Competitors must be a financial member of an AOCRA affiliated club and a current registered competitor with AOCRA Inc.

International Paddlers must be a member of an IVF affiliated club, have travel insurance and sign an AOCRA [International indemnity release form](#).

U16 Junior Participation is allowed in the following divisions, Young Guns, U21 & Opens.

All U16's 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 supplied and sent to secretary@aocra.com.au

Women racing in Men's crews must ask for permission from AOCRA **prior** to online registration.

Registration

At the event all competitors must register individually with photographic ID and have your armband applied prior to competing. One nominated person will collect and sign for T-shirts for the team.

On race day the captain/steerer must register the team at the registration tent, with canoe number, prior to each race and collect your Yacht Bot.

Race Course Information

OC6 25km Course - 3 Races (Mixed, Women & Men)

Team's will start off Manly Cove, following the western shore of Sydney Harbour passing Bradley's Head, Taronga Zoo, Sydney Opera House, Kirribilli House then under the Sydney Harbour Bridge to a marker buoy off Luna Park. The reverse for the return leg. In the event of rough seas the course will be changed at the race director's discretion to comply with AOCRA and RMS rules.

Mandatory for all Races

All OC6 canoes must have storm covers, 6 life jackets, 2 bailers, 25m tow rope and a spare paddle.

All canoes must be 130+kg – no Ultralights

Nomination Information

All Australian teams: nominations must be done by a **CLUB, not an individual**, at www.aocra.com.au by 9th February 2020. Note: It is **not** possible to nominate on the day. If you are having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA please email support@aocra.com.au

International teams requiring help with the [registration process](#) and hire of canoes please contact Connie on aocra.ops.team@gmail.com

Club Nominations due: 11pm Sunday 9th Feb. 2020 AEST (Late fees will apply)

Team Nominations due: Wednesday, 12th Feb. 2020

Race Fees

OC6 = AUS \$540 per team/canoe (equivalent to \$90.00 per paddler)

Race shirts are included in price.

Once nominations have been received you will be sent forms that must be filled out. This will include canoe numbers for Yacht Bot preparations, information (Bios) on crews for Live Steam broadcasting and shirt sizing. Please Note: shirts have been preordered and we will do our best to supply you with your requested size. First in best dressed!

Age Divisions

The age divisions are based on calendar year of competition.

Mixed races- U21, Open, Master (40's), Senior Master (50's), Golden Master (60's) & Platinum Master (70's).

Men & Women races – Young Gun, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master & Platinum Master.

Note: there must be 2 teams to make a division for medals. 3 teams to win prize money.

Canoe Loan

An option to hire a canoe will be available via the website nomination process for a cost of \$250 per canoe per race. We will be creating a 'pool' of canoes from clubs willing to hire and will do our best to accommodate teams – priority will be given to International teams and those clubs travelling from outside the NSW Zone.

Event Schedule

Times are approximate and we ask paddlers to be ready prior to briefing times indicated.

Race Officials reserve the right to change any factors of the event for operational requirements.

ALL PADDLERS MUST ATTEND RACE BRIEFING

Friday 21st February

Approx. 11.30am to 5pm	Armband Registration open – Manly wharf promenade – ID required
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Saturday 22nd February – Race Day

6.00 am	Registration open – Canoe numbers req'd
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6.30 am	Welcome to Country & canoe blessing
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7.15 am	Briefing Mixed Race
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7.45 am	Start Mixed Race
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10.15 am	Briefing Women's Race
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10.45 am	Start Women's Race
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1.15 am	Briefing Men's Race
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1.45 pm	Start Men's Race
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Approx. 6.30 pm	Presentation Manly Wharf Marquee
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\$15,000 IN PRIZE MONEY !!

Prize: Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings where the following criteria is met:

- Minimum of 3 teams in a division.

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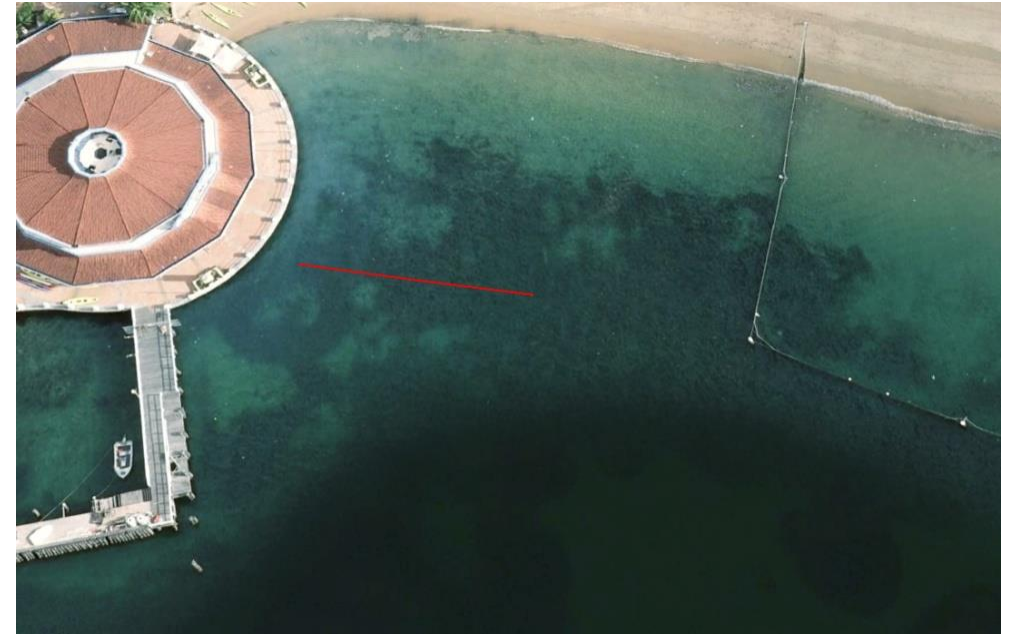
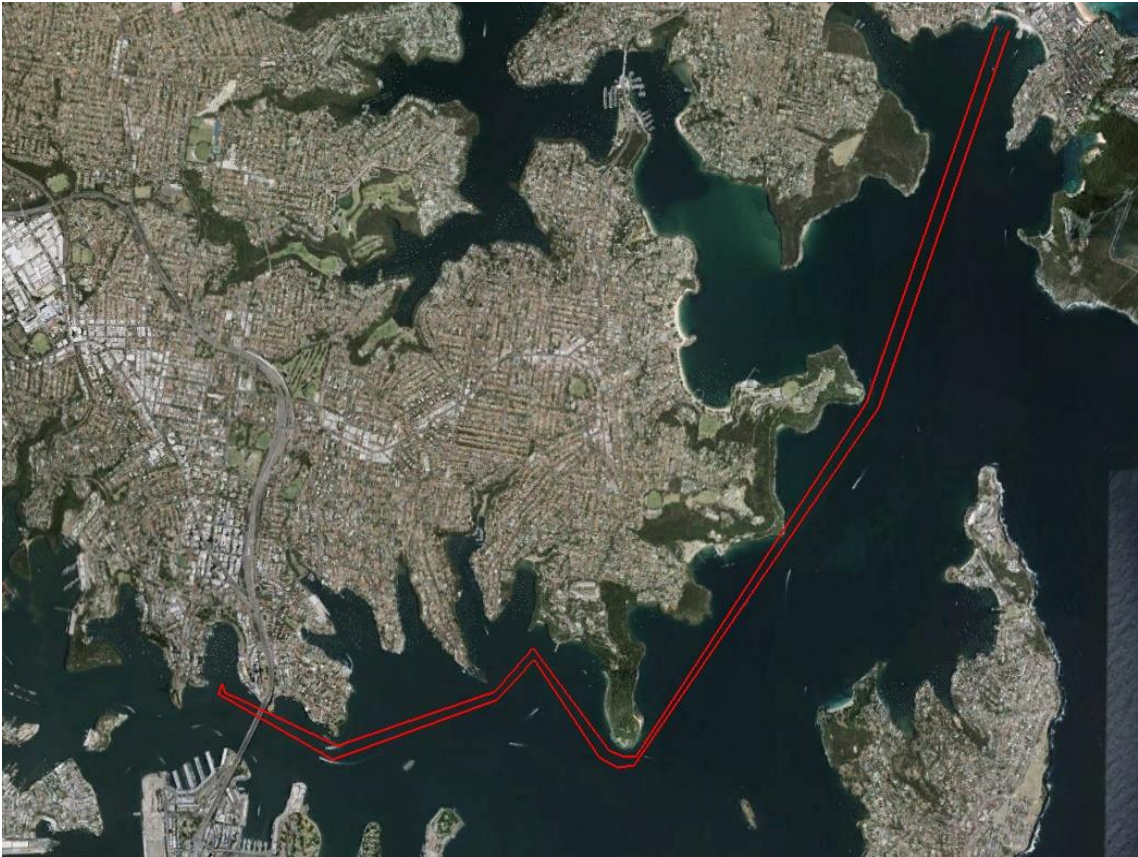
Manly Harbour is an extremely busy tourist destination and we ask all competitors to be mindful and stay safe.

Site Map



Course Maps

Attendance at briefings is mandatory for confirmation of the final race courses.



The finish line is between the aquarium and the pool.

Boat Trailer Parking Unloading/Loading/Rigging

UNLOADING TRAILERS

We are under strict guidelines for the movement of trailers and boats in this area.

FRIDAY 21st Only – Trailers will need to be booked in with the coordinator the week prior. Details to follow.

Canoes paddled in from local clubs can be done without accessing any of Manly Council boat ramps or public spaces on Saturday morning.

THE SITE: There will be traffic and pedestrian controllers with a drop off space for trailers. Ideally we would like you to drop your trailer off and disconnect your car while unloading canoes. Canoes will then be unloaded on the grass for rigging then paddled around to start area. ***You will need to make sure you have enough people to unload your own trailer.*** You will then need to drive your trailer up to the parking area.

NOTE: There will be NO public access to the trailer parking area except to park and collect your trailer at allocated times given by Coordinator and Traffic Controllers.

LOADING TRAILERS

The event organizers will provide clearly visible marshals to coordinate the orderly loading and removal of canoes from the event area in Manly.

Before your club can go on the loading schedule you must :

- 1. Have canoe's de-rigged and ready to load**
- 2. Have enough people to assist loading**

Then you will be allowed to collect your trailer and bring it to the loading area.

Please be patient and cooperative with traffic controllers.

Expect delays as you are in a popular, high traffic location.

Abuse of volunteers will not be tolerated.

Instructions given in this area from the traffic / pedestrian controllers must be followed!!.

Towing Assistance

AOCRA Towing Assistance will be available where criteria is met:

- A minimum of one lightweight OC6 (130kg) being transported is made available for hire to other clubs.
- Transportation of canoes is from a location that is greater than 200km from the event.
- Forms are due no later than 2 weeks after the event and payments will be based on 40c per km if one canoe is for hire, 50c per km if two or more canoes are for hire (payments will be capped at a maximum of \$500 per trailer).

Canoe Loan – Hirers and Lenders

Hirers – Teams wishing to hire a canoe can do so via the Club nomination process under Club Extra at a cost of \$250 per canoe per race. We will do our best to accommodate your request. However, we cannot promise the type of canoe you request will be available. Priority will be given to international crews and clubs travelling from greater distances outside the NSW Zone.

You will be expected to help with the unloading, rigging or loading of the canoes that you use. Please respect the craft and take extreme care while it is in your possession.

Lenders – As well as receiving \$250 per canoe per race, loaning your canoe can also help you qualify for towing assistance if you are travelling more than 200kms (as per above). You will need to supply the canoe with covers, bailers and lifejackets (these should be clearly marked with your club name). If your club loans a canoe directly to a team for a race could you please notify us so we take this canoe out of the canoe pool for that event.

What to see and do in Sydney

Excite the senses in the heart of Sydney

From blockbuster [events](#) to mouth-watering dining experiences, Sydney's centre is a pleasure spot. Take a cruise past the [Sydney Opera House](#), climb the [Sydney Harbour Bridge](#) for spectacular views or cool off with a cocktail at a waterfront [bar](#) or [restaurant](#). Next to the Sydney Opera House is the [Royal Botanic Garden](#), a tranquil oasis. The palatial [Queen Victoria Building](#) and stylish [Strand Arcade](#) are a shopper's paradise and you'll find unforgettable [exhibitions](#) in the nearby [galleries](#) and [museums](#). You can also explore cobblestone lanes in [The Rocks](#), where you will find Australia's oldest [pubs](#) or visit [Chinatown](#) for succulent dumplings.

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