



2017 State Titles

Bunbury, Koombana Bay



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Introduction

The 2017 WA State Titles to be held over two days on the 29th and 30th April will be run from Koombana Bay in Bunbury.

WAZA will be hosting the event utilising volunteers from across all clubs.

This years program will include all divisions in both junior and senior OC1, V1 and OC2 events with two divisions to be included in the OC6 events. Open division will essentially be under 50 with Senior Masters being over 50.

Race Events

OC6 Mens	OC1/V1 Mens	OC2 Mens
OC6 Womens	OC1/V1 Womens	OC2 Womens
OC6/OC2 Mixed	OC1/V1 Juniors	OC2 Juniors

Location

WAZA are hosting the event from Koombana Bay in Bunbury.

NOTE: Trailer parking area must be left in a manner not to impede traffic and other beachgoers at all times.

Venue Facilities



Toilets and Showers

There are public toilets located next to the café on Koombana Bay. Showers are limited so please make other arrangements where possible.

Food and Refreshments

As per Regatta and Safety Rules all competitors and supporters are asked to please bring their own drinking water.

The Bunbury CBD is only a five minute drive from the location with all food and beverages available close by. A café is located within walking distance on Koombana Bay

General Safety

Life Jackets

Must be carried or worn by all paddlers on OC1, V1 and OC2 craft with six to be available in each OC6.

Water Safety Requirements

A beach coordinator, first aiders and the first aid tent will be located on the beach next to the WAZA tent during the entire event.

Tender craft with drivers and crews will also be tracking the races to assist paddlers that find themselves in any difficulties.

Weather Conditions

Clubs are advised to bring their own tents and gazebos for shade. Ensure paddlers have sun block and hats. Umbrellas are great for sun as well as rain.

Paddlers Ability

Paddlers are reminded that adequate training for this race is recommended and that all paddlers must be familiar with 'huli' procedures and have an appropriate level of fitness.

Canoes and Equipment

All canoes to comply with AOCRA specifications. Canoes will be checked on the beach prior to the race briefing.

Please ensure your canoe has the following:-

- Appropriate rigging;
- Tow rope attached;
- Spare paddle (s);
- At least two bailers attached;
- Safety Pack – flares;
- PFD for each paddler;
- Spray covers (if necessary);
- Positive buoyancy device; and
- Leg leashes are mandatory and must be worn at all times for all OC1/V1/OC2 events.

Safety

All OC6 canoes must carry two (2) bailers at all times with one (1) bailer for a V1.

Canoe Availability

All canoes to be supplied by clubs or individuals. It is up to each club to arrange for transport or loaning of canoes and is not the responsibility of WAZA to arrange.

Race Specifics

Rules

The regatta will be run under AOCRA marathon racing rules.

Race times may change at the discretion of the race director and / or shipping movements, weather / water conditions dictate a necessary rescheduling.

The intention is to have the longer legs of the race with the downwind, which is normally south-west. However if the wind does change then it is up to the discretion of the Race Director to change the direction of the following races.

All Clubs and individuals must register online at www.aocra.com.au no later than seven (7) days prior to the event (22nd April 2017). For assistance in registering please contact Owen Groves at owengroves23@gmail.com or on 0417 090 897.

To compete all paddlers must be current financial AOCRA and CLUB members.

Next Races

Competitors must be present at the marshalling area with enough time to prepare canoe and enter the water. Races will not be held for latecomers and will start on time.

Starts

Competitors must be present at the start line for their event as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.

The order of the start is:

1. Raising the white flag – indicates two minutes to the race start. The race shall start any time within that two minutes.
2. Raising of the red flag – canoe move to a starting position behind the start line.
3. Raising of the green flag indicates the start of the race.

Crossing the start line at any time after the red flag and just before the raising of the green flag will result in a black flag being raised. It is up to the offending craft to move back behind the start line. Not following starter orders will result in disqualification.

Course Markers

Buoys will be used to indicate the course turns and distances for the races.

An area shall be designated so that the contestants may proceed safely to the starting line without interfering with the racecourse. When a race is in progress paddlers who are not racing will not be permitted on or near the course unless so directed by the Race Director.

A lead boat will be utilised to highlight the course direction and provide assistance in the event of any incidents.

Turns

If your crew is ahead into the turns and have the line, the other crew must give way otherwise you will be disqualified or cause damage to the canoe and may become a hazard.

Champion Club

Points will be accumulated throughout the competition for all events (including juniors) to determine the 2016/2017 Champion Club. Points will be awarded as per the AOCRA Rules but on a paddler level. If a crew is made up of paddlers from multiple clubs then points will be awarded to all clubs who were in the canoe.

Entry Fees

Per senior/junior paddler for all events raced	\$10.00
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Entries and payment are to be completed online via the AOCRA website.

AOCRA online registration must be completed on or no later than seven (7) days prior to the event.

Please note for this years event we are encouraging participation. If you are available to paddle but your club cannot field a team please make contact with either WAZA or the other clubs to offer your self to make up a team. We will have a field available within the registration process to enable this to be entered individually.

Race Schedule

Saturday

Time	Event	Distance
08:00	Welcome and canoe scrutineering	
08:30	Mixed OC2 briefing	
09:00	Mixed OC2 (All age divisions)	10km
10:30	12U OC1/V1	2km (1 lap)
	14U OC1/V1	4km (2 laps)
	16U/19U OC2	6km (3 laps)
11:30	Womens OC1/V1 (All age divisions)	10km
	Mens OC2 (All age divisions)	14km
13:00	16U/19U OC1/V1	10km
	12U/14U OC2	2km/4km
14:30	Mens OC1/V1 (All age divisions)	14km
16:30	Presentation	

NB: Race times are a guide only and may be varied due to weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. Please ensure you check with race officials on the day and attend all race briefings for updates. ***Briefing for all events to be held 30 minutes prior to event start time.***

Sunday

Time	Event	Distance
08:00	Welcome and canoe scrutineering	
08:30	Mixed OC6 briefing	
09:00	Mixed OC6	10km
11:00	Womens OC6	12km
13:00	Mens OC6	16km
15:00	Presentation	

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Course Map



