



# Winter Series Race 1

**Port Geographe - Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Hosted by: Geographe Outriggers Juniors**



## Introduction

The Winter Series has been created by Western Zone Outrigger Association (WAZA) to grow the sport of Outrigging in WA. Introducing all year round racing, enabling paddlers to be race fit for the summer season and upcoming events nationally and internationally.

### Race Schedule

Time	Event	Distance
08:30	Registrations Open	
09:00	Welcome and canoe scrutineering	
09:15	All Races Briefing	
09:30	Women's and Women's Young Gun's OC6	10 km
	Men's OC1/V1/OC2	6 km
11:30	Men's and Men's Young Gun's OC6	10 km
	Women's OC1/V1/OC2	6 km
13:00	Presentations and Farewells	

**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.

### Paddlers Pool

If you want to paddle and don't have a team please make contact as we are encouraging maximum participation. Post on the event page attached to WAZA Outriggers Facebook or email the details to [owengroves23@gmail.com](mailto:owengroves23@gmail.com)

### Events

OC6 Mens	OC1/V1 Mens	OC2 Mens
OC6 Womens	OC1/V1 Womens	OC2 Womens

NOTE; a 'Young Guns' team is a minimum of 3 Juniors (U16-19) and a minimum of 2 adults. Juniors are invited to attend the Winter Series but must stick to their distance limits as set out in the Regatta and Training Rules Amendment C2.2.2. U14-16 must have a parent and coach permission form; Found at the end of this package.

U14 = OC1/2/V1 event up to 6km      OC6 event up to 8km  
U16 = OC1/2/V1 event up to 18km      OC6 event up to 20km  
U19 = OC1/2/V1 event up to 25km      OC6 event up to 30km

### Location

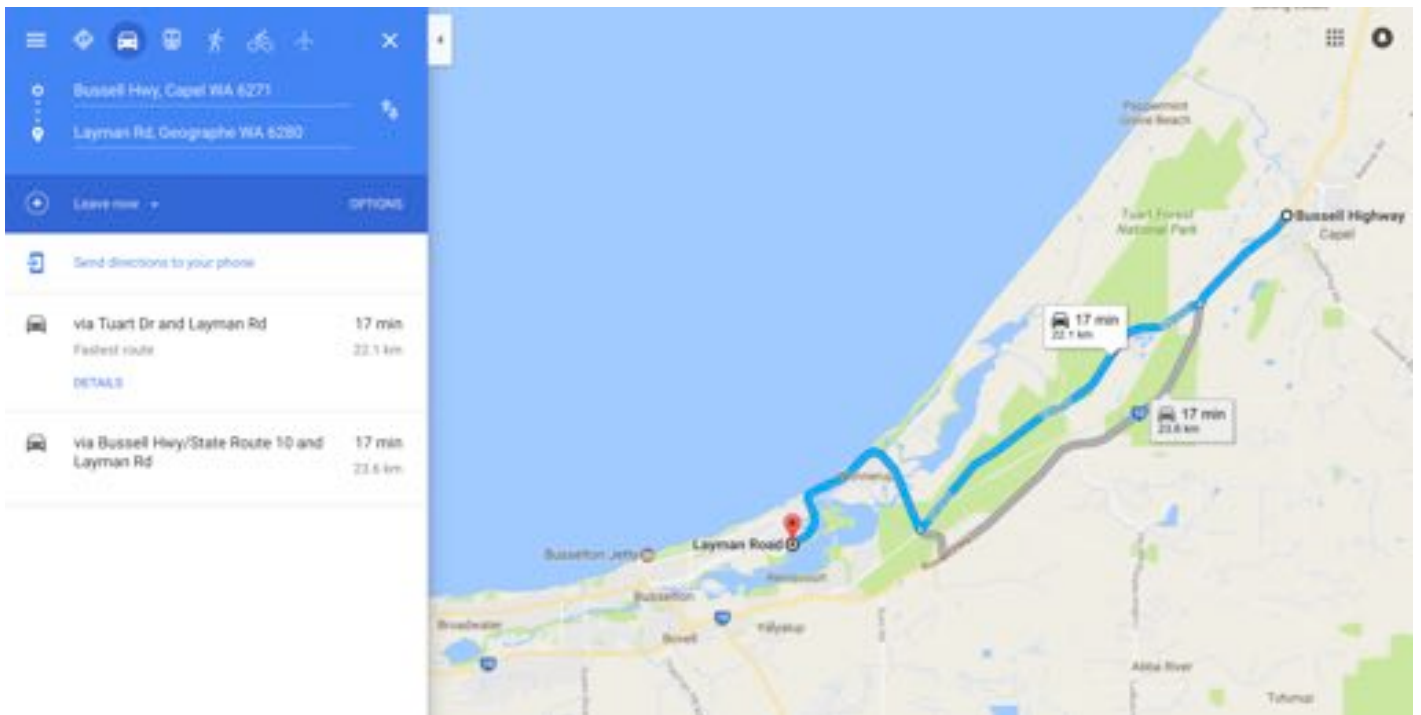
Launching from the Sensations Café beach, Freycinet Drive, Geographe - 4.5km east of Busselton inside Port Geographe. NOTE: THIS IS NOT PORT GEOGRAPHE MARINA.

The location has been chosen for its wind and weather protection to assist in the race start. Should the weather be deemed unsafe to enter Geographe Bay then an alternative sprints course will be set within the waters of Port Geographe.



## How to get there

Turn off Tuart Drive or Bussell Highway (alternate route) at Layman Road to Port Geographe and continue on Layman Road past Wonnerup and the Port Geographe Marina and adjacent to the wetlands. Turn right at the roundabout marked on the Google Earth map then make your way in to the Sensations Cafe Car Park on Freycinet Drive.



**Sensations Café beach**

**Canoe launching**

**Café**



**Toilets**

The toilet block is at the northern end of the carpark.

## Trailer Parking

Please park trailers at the northern end of the carpark towards the toilet block.



## Carry Canoes down to the beach past Sensations Café



## Sensations Cafe



## **Food and Refreshments**

Bread and soup will be provided at registration.

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

Sensations Café has a very good reputation in Busselton and will provide a great coffee!

The Geographe Juniors will be fundraising for the Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi Waka Ama late September. Please come prepared to assist their endeavours.

## **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.

### **Leg Leashes**

Must be worn by all paddlers on OC1, V1 and by 1 paddler on OC2 craft.

### **Water Safety Requirements**

A beach coordinator, first aiders will be located at the registration desk in the carpark.

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 shelter. 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 (2) bailers tied into OC6
- With one (1) bailer for a V1
- Safety Pack – flares (This is a requirement as the course is more than 400m offshore)
- Spray covers (if necessary)
- Positive buoyancy device

### **Canoe Availability**

Geographe Juniors can supply two OC6 canoes. Clubs are requested to bring their own OC6's as our club can only supply two. OC1/V1/OC2 canoes to be supplied by the individual.



## Race Specifics

### Course Map

The course has been set to allow for the predominant W/NW wind and swell in the winter months. With this triangle course you can expect one leg into the wind, one across the wind, and one downwind leg. The course direction will be determined on the day depending on wind and swell.



### 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.

All Clubs and individuals must register online at [www.aocra.com.au](http://www.aocra.com.au) no later than seven (7) days prior to the event (17 June 2017). For assistance in registering please contact Owen Groves at [owengroves23@gmail.com](mailto: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 on the beach with enough time to prepare canoe and enter the water. Races will not be held up 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

The crew with the inside line has right of way at a turn. If your canoe is on the outside and in front, you can not cut the line of the inside canoe. There will be disqualification or time penalties at the discretion of the Race Direction and representative from WAZA.

### Winter Series Champion

Points will be accumulated throughout the competition for all events (including juniors) to determine the Winter Series 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 per below table.

Place	OC1/V1/OC2	OC6	
1 <sup>st</sup>	9	14	2.33 pp
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7	12	2.00 pp
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	10	1.66 pp
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	8	1.33 pp
5 <sup>th</sup>	2	7	1.16 pp
6 <sup>th</sup>	1	6	1.00 pp
7 <sup>th</sup>	-	5	0.83 pp
8 <sup>th</sup>	-	4	0.66 pp
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	3	0.50 pp
10 <sup>th</sup>	-	2	0.33 pp
11 <sup>th</sup> +	-	1	0.16 pp

### Entry Fees

Per paddler (senior and junior) for each event raced	\$15.00
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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.***