



# SYDNEY HARBOUR CHALLENGE WEEKEND

21 – 23 February 2025

## EVENT PROGRAM

**Sydney Harbour Mini Challenge:** Friday 21st February 2025

**Sydney Harbour Challenge:** Saturday 22nd February 2025

**Kurnell Downwinder:** Sunday 23rd February 2025

**SHC Race Director Land:** John Grimes 0448 366 032

**SHC Race Director Water:** Adam Rakowski 0402 320 797

**Kurnell OC1/2/V1 Race Director:** Colin Olive 0418 672 600



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# Welcome to Sydney

On behalf of the Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association (AOCRA), it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 11th annual Sydney Harbour Challenge! It's truly inspiring to see athletes, coaches, sponsors, officials, guests, and supporters again for this iconic event on one of the most stunning waterways in the world.

2025 will mark more than just another race; it represents the incredible journey and growth of outrigger canoe racing in Australia. Eleven years ago, the Sydney Harbour Challenge began as a vision to bring together local and international paddlers in the heart of Sydney. Today, it has grown into a premier event, drawing top talent from around the globe, and standing as a proud showcase of strength, skill, and the deeply rooted culture of outriggering.

We are thrilled to welcome participants who will travel from near and far. This year's line-up promises competition and a celebration of community, resilience, and shared passion. It's moments like these that remind us of the power of our sport to connect cultures, foster friendships, and build lasting memories. We're also proud to be collaborating with Bondi Outriggers and Kurnell Outriggers, whose partnership makes this event possible.

As we gather on the land and waters of the Birrabirragal people, the Traditional Custodians, let us honour their connection to this beautiful harbour. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging, and thank them for welcoming us to celebrate this event in such a sacred place.

To all paddlers: whether you are a seasoned competitor or joining us for the first time, I wish you an exhilarating, safe, and fulfilling experience.

Let's honour the spirit of outriggering together, embracing the thrill of competition and respect for one another and the ocean.

Thank you to everyone who has made Sydney Harbour Challenge 2025 an event to remember. Now, let's get ready to make history once again on this spectacular harbour! Thank you, and best of luck to all!

**Scott Cranfield**

President

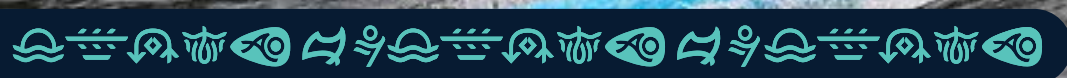
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# 1. Information

**Friday's Mini Challenge** welcomes paddlers to race 13kms in the harbour.

This has just the right amount of distance and ocean water to be challenging no matter your age or experience.

**Saturday's Challenge** is a gruelling yet spectacular race testing teams physically and mentally. Ocean racing along Sydney's cliffs requires confidence and experience so be prepared!

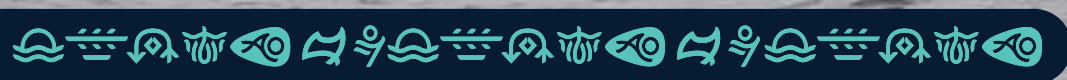
**Sunday's Classic & Downwinder** hosted with Kurnell Outriggers invites all OC1/2, V1 and Surf Ski downwinders to a morning 10km race and a 20km downwind run from Kurnell to Cronulla.

## 2. Online Entries

### International Teams

- Find the online entry [instructions here](#)
- Each International paddler to complete and sign this Indemnity Form

\*\*return as complete team via email to [aocra.events@aocra.com.au](mailto:aocra.events@aocra.com.au) \*\*







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## VISITNG PADDLER -INDEMNITY AND RELEASE Terms & Conditions

I, ..... (Please print FULL NAME)

DOB\*: ..... of .....

(ADDRESS) POST/ZIP CODE..... Tel\*: .....

Email\*: ..... Your Sport Governing Body.....

Membership number..... Participating Event\*: .....

Other paddling associated activities (ie training / clinics ) : .....

Date into Australia..... Departure date.....

do hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the warning and indemnity terms & conditions overleaf and agree to release and forever hold harmless from any liability, suit or action howsoever arising AUSTRALIAN OUTRIGGER CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION Ltd, an affiliated club, and their respective officers, employees, representatives, agents, volunteers, instructors, members, or servants from any liability including an affiliated club's acts of negligence to the fullest extent permitted by the law.

Signed: .....

Witness Signed\*: .....

Date: ..... / ..... /20.....

Witness Name\*: .....  
(Please Print)

### Signed on behalf of a junior person - under 18

I hereby acknowledge that I have the authority to sign on behalf of the above named person.

PARENT / PRIMARY CARE GIVER

Signed: .....

Witness Signed: .....

Name: .....  
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## VISITNG PADDLER -INDEMNITY AND RELEASE

### Terms & Conditions

Persons wishing to participate in an outrigger canoe event, who are not an AOCRA registered Member and are not a resident of Australia must complete this document.

This document and the cover it provides is valid between the entry date and departure date that has been applied for and the activities you have declared.

Once this document has been signed it has to be forwarded to AOCRA

I understand that participating in the event I have applied for and associated 'declared activities', I will be on the water and therefore I am required to be a competent swimmer and I also understand that outrigger activity carries with it the inherent risk of physical injury, including serious injury such as permanent disability, paralysis and even death and in undertaking such activities I do so at my own risk.

I am also aware that it is a condition to my participation in any official or sanctioned outrigger event that AOCRA, for either officers, employees, representatives, agents, volunteers, instructors, members, or servants are absolved from all liability to the extent permitted by law howsoever arising from injury or damage howsoever caused (whether fatal or otherwise) arising out of my participation in an event or in training, instruction or carriage in any vessel being used for or in connection with outrigger canoe racing or in any way whatsoever due to any negligent act, breach of duty, default and/or omission on the part of AOCRA, its respective officers, employees, representatives, agents, volunteers, instructors, members, or servants.

I am also aware that any person participating in outrigger canoe racing, learning to outrigger, training or being involved with any vessel being used for or in connection with outrigger canoe racing or participating in any activity carried out by AOCRA and the Club, are only allowed to do so on the distinct understanding that they do so at their own risk.

**This agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors, administrators, assigns and personal representatives.**

**Please note - AOCRA encourages all Athletes to take out private health, Travel, Life and Income Protection Insurance to their own needs**



### 3. Event Program & Entry Fees



- **Early Bird Entries open:**  
November 30th 2024 to January 19th 2025
- **Early Bird Entries close:**  
January 19th 2025
- **Standard Registration opens:**  
January 20th 2025 to February 9th February

**No Entries will be accepted after 9th February 2025**

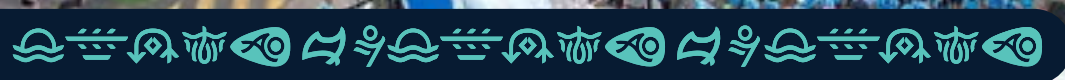
All competitors must be 16 years of age and older at the time of racing

Day	Race	Race	Detail	Location	Team Early Bird Fee Before 19/1/25	Team Standard Fee From 20/1/25
Friday	Sydney Harbour Mini Challenge	1	OC6 Women, Men & Mixed 13kms	Rose Bay	\$390	\$450
	<i>Presentations</i>		<i>End of Day Racing</i>	<i>Rose Bay</i>		
					<b>Team Early Bird Fee</b>	<b>Team Standard Fee</b>
Saturday	Sydney Harbour Challenge	1	OC6 Mixed 22kms	Rose Bay	\$750	\$810
	Sydney Harbour Challenge	2	OC6 Women 22kms	Rose Bay	\$750	\$810
	Sydney Harbour Challenge	3	OC6 Mens 22kms	Rose Bay	\$750	\$810
	<i>Presentations</i>		<i>End of Day Racing</i>	<i>Rose Bay</i>		
Sunday	Kurnell Downwind OC1/OC2/V1/Ski	1	Kurnell Downwinder 20kms	Kurnell	\$75	\$85
	<i>Presentations</i>		<i>End of Day Racing</i>	<i>Kurnell</i>		





## 4. Site Map



## 5. Club/Team Race Registration



### Registration Dates and Times

Date	Time	Event
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am to 11.30am 12pm to 5pm	13km Teams ALL 22km Teams
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6am to 6.30am	Mixed Teams ONLY
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7am to 12.30pm	Women & Men's Teams

Club Manager to confirm canoe number(s), sign and pick up caps OR Tshirts.

- Friday competitors receive a limited edition racing cap –wearing the cap is optional in the race.
- Saturday competitors will receive a limited edition race tee –must be worn in all Saturday races.

### Team Captain registration before EACH race briefing

Team Captain is responsible for having the Canoe scrutineered

**Team Captain – please download Webscorer app on the mobile phone to be used as a GPS tracker in each race**





## 6. **FRIDAY**

### **– 13km Sydney Harbour Mini Challenge Timetable**



#### **Tide Times:**

**Low Tide:** 09:46am & High Tide: 15:21pm

**Sunrise:** 06:35am & Sunset: 19:41pm

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025 - Mini Challenge	
9.00am	Registration Opens (13km only)
11.30am	Race Briefing (13km teams)
12.00noon	Race Start Mixed, Women & Mens Teams
Presentations onsite, will start 1 hour following race finish	

**Team Captain or Steerer – please download Webscorer app on the mobile phone to be used as a GPS tracker for this race**





## 7. Race Start Procedure & Finishing Line for Friday and Saturday Racing



**Sydney Harbour Challenge Pre Start and Race Start Lines at Rose Bay**



## 8. SATURDAY

### – Sydney Harbour Challenge Timetable



SATURDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> February 2025	Distance: 22km	Information
06.00 am	Registration for Mixed Teams Only	
06.30 am	Welcome to Country & Race Blessing	
07.15 am	Race Briefing – Mixed Teams	Last Registration for Women's Teams
07.45 am	Start – Mixed Race	
10.15 am	Briefing – Women's Teams	Last Registration for Men's Teams
10.45 am	Start – Women's Race	
1.15 pm	Briefing – Men's Teams	
1.45 pm	Start – Men's Race	
5.30 pm	PRESENTATIONS	

ON Friday 21st – Club Manager to confirm canoe number(s), sign and pick up all T-shirts.

Saturday competitors will receive a limited edition race tee –must be worn in all races.

### Team Captain registration before EACH race briefing.

Team Captain is responsible for having the Canoe scrutineered (for each race)

**Team Captain – please download Webscorer app on the mobile phone to be used as a GPS tracker in each race**



## 9. 22km Race Course – Saturday 22nd February 2025



**Please attend race briefings for detailed and any updated information**

*OC6 Course:*



### **Tide Times:**

**Low Tide:** 11:05am

**Hlgh Tide:** 16:48pm

**Sunrise:** 06:36am

**Sunset:** 19:39 pm



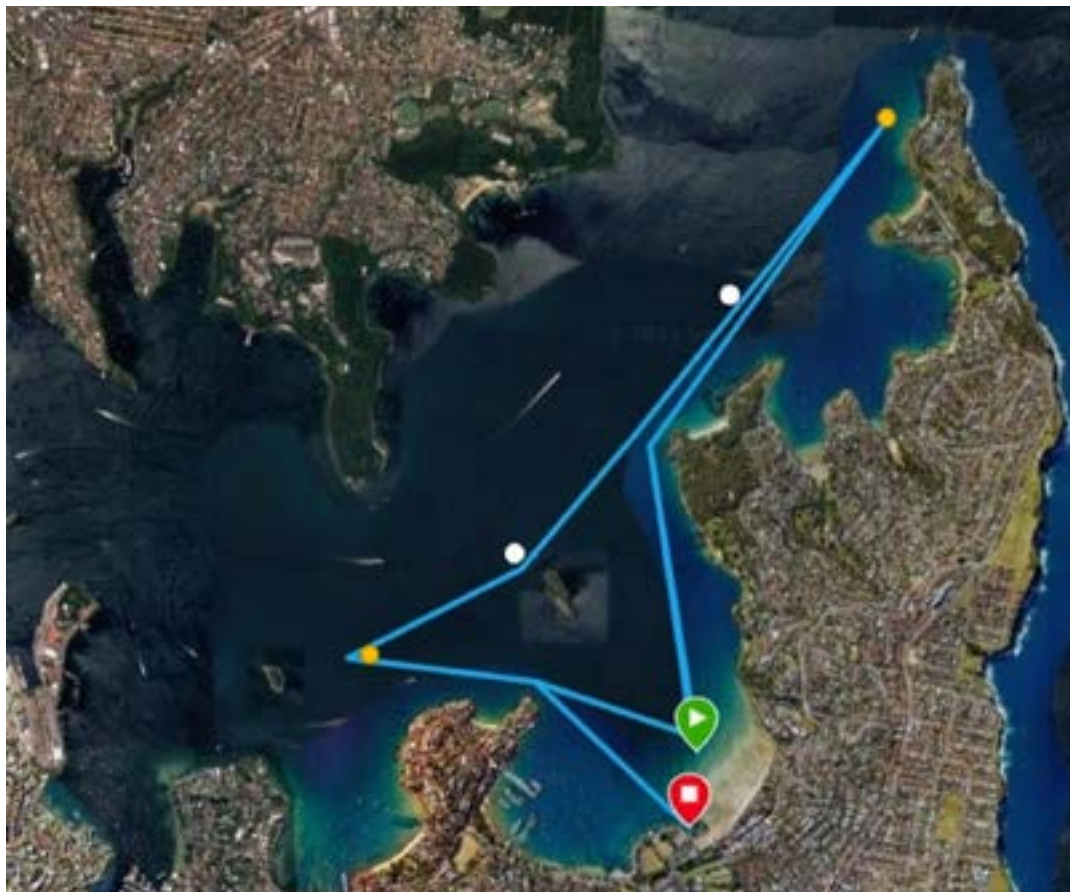


## 10. SHC Adverse Weather Course – Saturday 22nd February 2025



**Please attend race briefings for detailed and any updated information**

*OC6 Alternate Course:* Two laps, and return to Rose Bay (finish) on second lap



### **Tide Times:**

**Low Tide:** 11:05am

**Sunrise:** 16:48pm

**Sunrise:** 06:36am

**Sunset:** 19:39 pm



## 11. GPS Trackers

### WEBSCORER GPS Tracking

**Please ensure the Team Captain or Steerer has downloaded the Webscorer App**

<https://www.webscorer.com/resources/getapp>

Your safety is paramount, so all teams are required to be using Webscorer GPS tracking for the entire race. You will be asked to start your Webscorer App before leaving the land. Correct and complete setup will allow the Race Director to track all teams racing and notify authorities team location in the event of an emergency. Thank you for doing your part.

### Canoe Hire

Bondi Outriggers is currently compiling a list of available OC6 canoes for loan for Friday and Saturday events on the Sydney Harbour. If you are wishing to borrow a canoe, please email [shcboathire@gmail.com](mailto:shcboathire@gmail.com) with the following details: canoe type, race availability, contact name and details. You will be introduced to the loaning club. All canoes to be supplied with all safety gear.

Those clubs and teams hiring a canoe, we ask that you be available to assist the loan club in unloading, rigging and loading of the canoe after the event.





## 12. Transport to/from Woollahra Sailing Club



**2 Vickery Avenue, Rose Bay, NSW 2029**

### By Bus

- To Woollahra Sailing Club: New South Head Road Rose Bay RSL
- Use this as your destination: Rose Bay RSL Club, New South Head Rd, Rose Bay
- Stop ID 202947
- [Public Transport Link](#)

### By Train

- Link to CityRail website: Closest train station to Woollahra Sailing Club is Edgecliff
- Use this as your destination: Rose Bay RSL Club, New South Head Rd, Rose Bay
- Stop ID 202947
- [Public Transport Link](#)

### By Ferry

- Link to Sydney Ferries: Closest ferry wharf to Woollahra Sailing Club is Rose Bay
- [Sydney Ferries](#)
- [Sydney Harbour ferry map](#)





## 13. Car and Trailer Parking



Car Parking is premium – first in, first served.

- There is FREE 12 and 2 hour car parks by the tennis club and on surrounding streets
- It is recommended to get in early or get an Uber

**\*\* NO PARKING ON THE GRASS AREAS – Council fines will apply \*\***

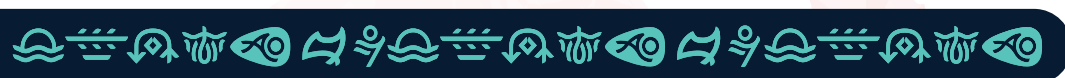
CANOE TRAILER DRIVERS PLEASE email [bondioutriggercanoeclub@gmail.com](mailto:bondioutriggercanoeclub@gmail.com) to reserve a trailer park

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Drive along New South Rd turn left at the lights into the parking area near Rose Bay Boat Ramp
2. Google Map directions [Rose Bay Boat Ramp](#)
3. **GPS Catalina Restaurant** into LYNE Park and follow the signs to your reversed parking space
4. **Remove canoes** and once rigged they are best left on the hill area which will be marked.
5. DONT leave canoes on the Rose Bay beach Friday night as the high tide may wash them away.
6. Saturday morning all canoes can be trolleyed along the footpath waterside to the ramp and loaded onto trailers. **TRAILERS and Canoes NEED TO BE REMOVED OFFSITE following the last race on Saturday**
7. There is overnight trailer parking Saturday night on O'Sullivan Rd & Newcastle St adjacent to the Golf Course marked on map **13d**.

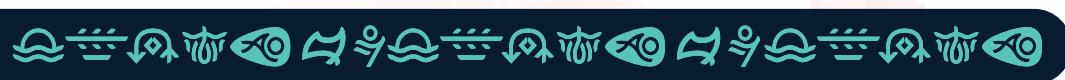


## 13a. Sydney Harbour Challenge Trailer Parking Information - Lyne Park Rose Bay



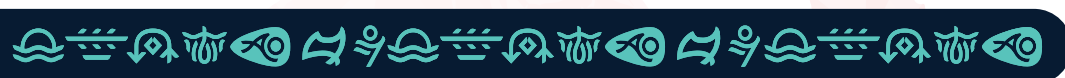


## 13b. Sydney Harbour Challenge Trailer Parking Procedures Lyne Park Rose Bay

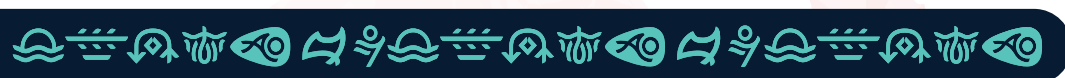




## 13c. Sydney Harbour Challenge Trailer Parking Procedures, Lyne Park Rose Bay



## 13d. Sydney Harbour Challenge Trailer Parking Procedures, Lyne Park Rose Bay





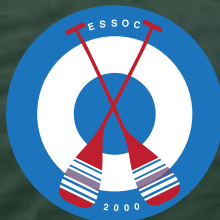
## 14. Presentations & Prize Giving

- **Friday Presentations** – Onsite, an hour after the last race
- **Saturday Night Presentations** – Starting at 5.30pm, onsite

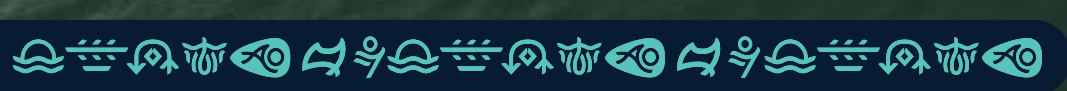
### PRIZE MONEY

Prize Money will be awarded where the following criteria is met:

- Minimum of 5 teams per age category in each race
- No prize money for unlimited canoe categories



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# Cancellation / Refund Policy



## AOCRA REFUND POLICY EFFECTIVE 30 NOVEMBER 2021

### 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@aocra.com.au](mailto:support@aocra.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.





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