

COFFS COAST OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

OC6 Marathon Regatta

25 February 2012

RACE PROGRAM





Coffs Coast Outrigger Canoe Club

Dear Paddlers

On behalf of our Executive Committee and the members of the Coffs Coast Outrigger Canoe Club, we take great pleasure in inviting your club members to participate in our Regatta on the 25th February 2012.

This event will be run from the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club. The course will be out and back from the Harbour.

Our program has been designed in accordance with AOCRA requirements and as the 1st regatta for the marathon season, all long course events will be 12km. We will also be hosting short course/novice and junior events.

All nominations for Saturday 25th Feb 2012 are to be completed on-line. Please ensure your club's early entry of nominations so that we can plan for your requirements.

We look forward to having you and your team members join us for some challenging racing for the start of the 2012 OC6 paddling season

Warm regards

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Coffs Coast Outrigger Canoe
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Saturday 25th Feb 2012

Please be advised that **RACE TIMES** are subject to change depending on the number of nominations received. **RACE COURSE** is subject to change depending on prevailing or anticipated weather conditions.

TIME	EVENT	DIVISION	LENGTH
6.30AM	BRIEFING FOR ALL SHORT COURSE RACES (8KM)	MEN, WOMEN, NOVICE, 19U, YOUNG GUNS, MIXED, PLATINUM	
6.45AM	RACE COMMENCES	ALL MEN, MIXED & NOVICE SHORT COURSE	8K
7.45AM	RACE COMMENCES	ALL WOMEN, NOVICE & U19'S SHORT COURSE	8K
8.45AM	BRIEFING FOR ALL JUNIOR RACES		
9.00AM	RACES COMMENCE	9.00AM JUNIORS U16 10.00AM JUNIORS U14 10.30AM JUNIORS U12	6k 4K 2k
10.45AM	BRIEFING FOR ALL LONG COURSE RACES (12KM)	MEN, WOMEN, MIXED	
11.00.AM	RACE COMMENCES	WOMEN	12km
1.00.PM	RACE COMMENCES	MEN, MIXED	12km
3.00.PM	REGATTA DAY CLOSES		

RACE DIVISIONS

Short Course

Young Guns Men	Young Guns Women	
Novice Men	Novice Women	U19 Mixed
Open Men	Open Women	Open Mixed
Master Men	Master Women	Master Mixed
Senior Master Men	Senior Master Women	Senior Master Mixed
Golden Master Men	Golden Master Women	Golden Master Mixed
Platinum Men	Platinum Women	Platinum Mixed

Long Course

Open Men	Open Women	Open Mixed
Master Men	Master Women	Master Mixed
Senior Master Men	Senior Master Women	Senior Master Mixed
Golden Master Men	Golden Master Women	Golden Master Mixed
Platinum Men	Platinum Women	Platinum Mixed

*The **Platinum** division caters to paddlers in the 70+ age group. Paddlers must turn 70 in the 2012 race year to be eligible for this division.*

*The **Young Guns** division is a combination of 3 experienced and competent junior paddlers from the age 16U and 19U divisions plus 3 senior paddlers, although each crew can have up to 4 juniors and 2 senior paddlers. Either senior or junior paddlers may steer.*

The juniors must be granted approval by their parents and coaches to have the ability to compete in the senior race divisions.

*Age rules for all **Other** divisions are listed in the table on page 8 of this document.*

FEES & NOMINATION INFORMATION

Club Nominations close: 15th Feb 2012
Team Nominations close: 18TH Feb 2012

Senior OC6: \$120 per team
Junior OC6: \$60 per team

Club and Team Nominations must be lodged on-line at www.aocra.com.au.

Sausage Sizzle

Race fee includes 1 free sausage sizzle during the day.

Medals

Medals will be awarded for placings in all Junior and Novice races.

Race Series Points

Senior teams will be awarded points in the OC6 Marathon Race Series.

1 st place =	14 points	6 th place =	6 points
2 nd place =	12 points	7 th place =	5 points
3 rd place =	10 points	8 th place =	4 points
4 th place =	8 points	9 th place =	3 points
5 th place =	7 points	10 th place =	2 points

PLUS 1 point will be awarded to all other teams completing a marathon event from and including 11th place.

These points will be applied to a particular division – not necessarily the same composition of that team within that division.

CANOE UNLOADING AND TRAILER PARKING

Canoe unloading and trailer parking are located on the WESTERN side of the Yacht club. Canoe unloading will take place in front of the Yacht club. As soon as the trailers are empty they will need to be moved to the large grassy area on the left hand side of the last roundabout when you enter the harbour area.

For any further questions about trailer parking please contact Gordon Polkinghorne.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

REGATTA RULES

Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association rules, as amended, will apply to all events in the regatta.

COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

- a) Competitors must be AOCRA members, unless otherwise approved by AOCRA
- b) Each Club will register all AOCRA members with the Zone Registrar (including proof of age where required) at least 14 days prior to that said members' first Regatta

AGE/GENDER DIVISIONS

General Requirements

- a) The following Adult Age/Gender Divisions and Junior Age/Gender Divisions apply to all competitors, except for Corporate/Club Day competitors
- b) Corporate/Club Day Regatta events may have a mix of gender and age, with Zone approval.
- c) AOCRA or the Zone reserves the right to request proof of age of a competitor at any time
- d) A competitor's age for a Racing Year is determined by their age as at 31st December of the Racing Year
- e) Junior competitors may not paddle in more than 2 junior age divisions at the same regatta
- f) Junior competitors may only paddle up one division within a regatta (i.e. 12U competitor may paddle up a division to 14U, but not 16U), except where Rule B.3.2. applies
- g) Junior competitors 12U, 14U and 16U may not paddle in senior Changeover events

Adult Age/Gender Divisions

	Adult Age Divisions	Women's Age	Men's Age
	21 and Under	20 to 21 Inclusive	
	Open	Adult age i.e. 20 yrs and above	
.	Masters	40 yrs and above	40 yrs and above
	Senior Masters	50 yrs and above	50 yrs and above
	Golden Masters	60 yrs and above	60 yrs and above
.	Juniors eligibility to compete in Adult events	a) 19U division may compete in adult divisions (21U and Open) without the need for parental or coach consent. b) Must be aged 14 yrs and above and have: i) written parental / guardian permission ii) written approval of qualified outrigger specific coach	

- a) At Zone Titles/Club/Combined Regattas, teams will be of the same gender applicable for that event.
- b) Mixed events at Zone Titles/Club/Combined Regattas will be an equal number of male and female competitors. At all times, 50% of the competitors in a canoe must be female.
- c) The ratios and gender mix described in B.3.3 a) to d) may be altered at the discretion of the Zone or AOCRA.

Junior Age/Gender Divisions

B.3.4.1. Minimum and Maximum Junior Ages

- a) Junior Competitors must turn at least 10 years of age in the Racing Year
- b) Junior Competitors will not have reached the age of 20 years during the Racing Year

Junior Age Divisions

Racing Division	Requirement
19 years and under	must not turn 20 in the Calendar Year of competition
16 years and under	must not turn 17 in the Calendar Year of competition
14 years and under	must not turn 15 in the Calendar Year of competition
12 years and under	must not turn 13 in the Calendar Year of competition

Gender Mix at Junior Regattas

- a) At National Titles, all Junior division teams will consist of a maximum of four male competitors.
- b) Gender Mix at Zone Titles/Club/Combined Regattas will be subject to approval by the Zone or AOCRA.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

12km Course

Start point – East side of buoy top of Muttonbird Island.

Two laps of triangle course, ama turns, on completion of second lap, hull turn at starting buoy, across shipping channel to turning buoy Southwall, hull turn and to South side of Jetty to cross finish line.

8km Course

Start point – Turning buoy Southwall straight across to 12km start buoy top of Island.

One lap of triangle course, ama turns, on completion of triangle, hull turn at 12km start buoy, across shipping channel to turning buoy Southwall, hull turn and to South side of Jetty to cross finish line.

Junior Courses

The Juniors races will be conducted within Harbour precinct.