



PADDLEFEST

SAT 9 = SUN 10 SEP

SKIS + OCS + SUPS + FOILS



WHATS ON FRASER COAST





WELCOME

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the return of the Fraser Coast Paddlefest taking place over Saturday the 9th and Sunday the 10th of September 2023 on the stunning waters of Hervey Bay.

Paddlefest is a truly unique event focused on the mental and physical benefits paddling provides the community. Saturday is focused on providing the Fraser Coast community with the opportunity to experience all the benefits paddling provides on two of the most popular types of crafts (ocean skis and SUPs) used by the paddlers across the world in the Battle of the Paddle.

For those new to paddling, our Battle of the Paddle events are the perfect place to bring your friends and family to the beach and experience all the fun and excitement paddling can provide over a 500 m 'M' shaped course on polyurethane ocean skis and inflatable SUPs.

Sunday sees ocean racing return to the Fraser Coast, with Race 4 of the Pacific Coast Ocean Racing Series the Hervey Bay Ocean Classic which will see paddlers take to the water from the Hervey Bay SLSC as they head towards Point Vernon before turning East and heading towards the Urangan Pier before they make their last turn back towards the surf club and the finish line. Prior to the Ocean Classic a 100 m Dash for Cash will run as a great warm up to the main event.

The Fraser Coast Paddlefest would not be possible without the generous support of our Naming Rights Partner the Fraser Coast Regional Council, our Venue Partner the Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club and your local Paddle Queensland Affiliated Member Club the Fraser Coast SUP Club.

Yours in paddling,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Sharples'.

Scott Sharples
Executive Officer





KEY DATES

The official date for the Fraser Coast Paddlefest is the 9-10 September 2023, with the following program:

18 August	2359	Early Bird Fee closes
1 September	2359	Standard Fee closes
8 September	2359	Late Fee closes
9 September	1000 1600	Fraser Coast Paddlefest Battle of the Paddle Opens Fraser Coast Paddlefest Battle of the Paddle Closes
	1900	Race brief sent to Hervey Bay Ocean Classic paddlers
10 September	100m Dash for Cash 0700 - 0730 Registration 0800 - 0900 Heats 0930 - 1030 Finals	
	Hervey Bay Ocean Classic 1100 - 1230 Registration 1330 Wave 1 Stand Up Paddling Boards and Foils (SUP + SUP-F) 1315 Wave 2 Outrigger Canoes (OC-1 + OC-2) 1330 Wave 3 Surf and Specsakis (SS-1, SLSA-1, SS-2 + SLSA-2) 1500 Paddlers start to arrive at Finish 1530 All paddlers finished 1700 Presentation at Hervey Bay SLSC	



HERVEY BAY OCEAN CLASSIC COMPETITION INFORMATION

CRAFT

SS=1	Surfski single	SS=2	Surfski double
SLSA=1	Specski single	SLSA=2	Specski double
OC=1	Outrigger canoe single	OC=2	Outrigger canoe double
SUP	Stand up paddling board	SUP=F	Stand up paddling foil board

AGE GROUPS

Are based on the age you will be on the 31st of December 2023.

JUNIOR	15 - 18	UNDER 23	19 - 23	SENIOR	18+
MASTERS	35 - 39	MASTERS	40 - 44	MASTERS	45 - 49
MASTERS	50 - 54	MASTERS	55 - 59	MASTERS	60+

CLASSES

MSS=1	Men surfski single	WSS=1	Women surfski single
MSS=2	Men surfski double	WSS=2	Women surfski double
MSLSA=1	Men specski single	WLSA=1	Women specski single
MSLSA=2	Men specski double	WLSA=2	Women specski double
MOC=1	Men outrigger canoe single	WOC=1	Women outrigger canoe single
MOC=2	Men outrigger canoe double	WOC=2	Women outrigger canoe double
MSUP	Men stand up paddling board	WSUP	Women stand up paddling board
MSUP=F	Men stand up paddling foil board	WSUP=F	Women stand up paddling foil board
XSS=2	Mixed surfski double	XLSA=2	Mixed specski double
XOC=2	Mixed outrigger canoe double		



HERVEY BAY OCEAN CLASSIC ACCREDITATION FEES

Includes event trucker cap.

NOT A MEMBER? [CLICK HERE](#) TO SIGN UP AND SAVE!

EARLY BIRD : UP TO 18 AUG	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
SINGLE CLASSES (Per Person)	\$45	\$65
DOUBLE CLASSES (Per Craft)	\$75	\$95

STANDARD : 19 TO 31 AUG	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
SINGLE CLASSES (Per Person)	\$55	\$75
DOUBLE CLASSES (Per Craft)	\$85	\$105

LATE : 1 TO 8 SEP	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
SINGLE CLASSES (Per Person)	\$75	\$95
DOUBLE CLASSES (Per Craft)	\$105	\$125

ON THE DAY : 10 SEP	1100 - 1230
SINGLE CLASSES (Per Person)	\$100
DOUBLE CLASSES (Per Craft)	\$130



HERVEY BAY OCEAN CLASSIC PRIZE MONEY

For Single Ski prize money to be awarded, there must be at least five (5) entries in each age group. Where there are less than the minimum number of entries in an age group, competitors will be amalgamated to the most relevant age group so prize money can be awarded. For Single Ski paddlers who finish in the top five, they will also receive the Single Ski Age Group prize money if their age group meets the minimum entry criteria. For SUP, OC1, SUP-F, Double Ski and OC2 prize money to be awarded, there must be at least five (5) entries across all age groups.

OVERALL SINGLE SKI	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH
Male	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100
Female	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100

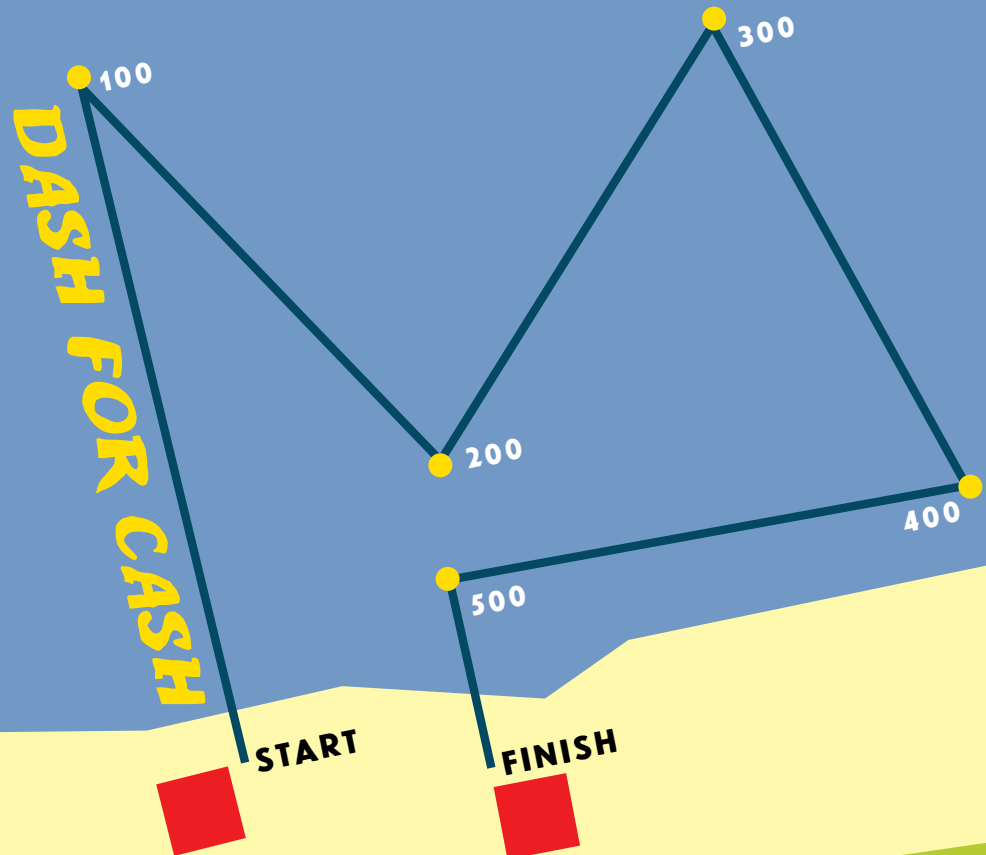
SINGLE SKI AGE GROUPS	1 ST
Male (Jnr, U23, Senior, M35, M40, M45, M50, M55, M60)	\$100
Female (Jnr, U23, Senior, M35, M40, M45, M50, M55, M60)	\$100

OVERALL SUP, OC1 AND SUP-F	1 ST
Male	\$100
Female	\$100

OVERALL DOUBLE SKI AND OC2	1 ST
Male, Female and mixed classes combined into Double Ski and OC2	\$100



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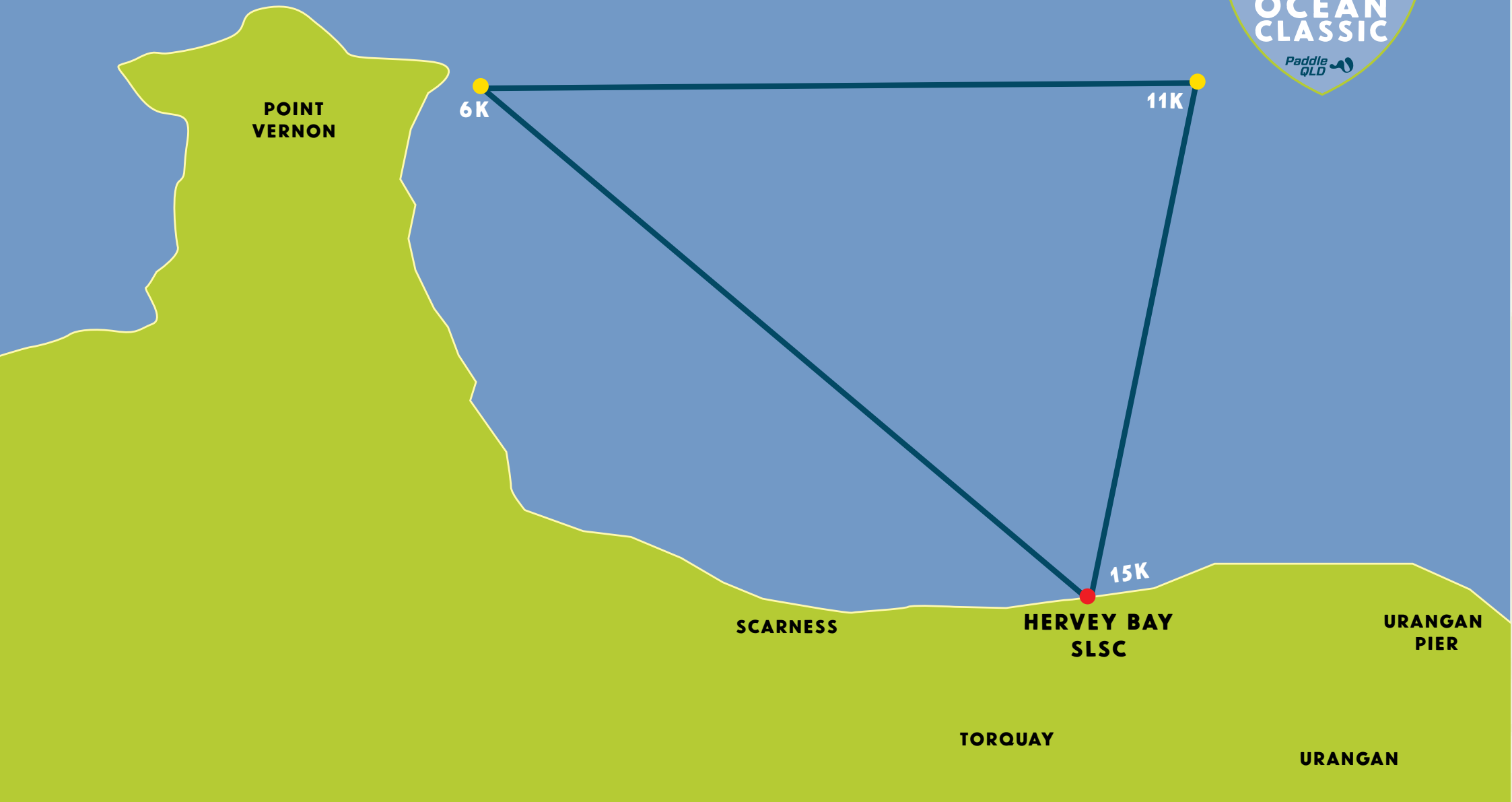


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HERVEY BAY OCEAN CLASSIC GENERAL INFORMATION

DISTANCE

As the race distance will be 15 km.

FORMAT

The race will be run in one (1) stage with race markers (buoys) that must be negotiated as directed.

START METHOD

- The start method for the race will be a Beach Start.
- The Starter will call the athletes to the water's edge. Athletes will line up.
- All athletes will hold their craft, in ankle to thigh deep water as instructed by the Starter or assistants. When all athletes are aligned, and the conditions are favourable, the start signal will be given.

START PROCEDURE

- The Starter must ensure all boats are stationary behind the starting line.
- When the Starter is satisfied that the boats are aligned correctly and are stationary, they will call "**Ready**" followed by the start signal (a shot, starting horn, whistle blast or the word "**Go**").

FALSE START

- If an athlete moves forward after the word "**Ready**" and before the start signal, they have made a false start.
- An athlete who attempts to start before any instruction is deemed to have made an unfair start.
- An athlete who attempts a false or unfair start will be warned.
- The second warning will result in the imposition of a two (2) minutes penalty.
- The third warning will result in the athlete's disqualification from the competition.
- The disqualified athlete must leave the water immediately.



SHARK SIGHTING

On the sighting of a shark, immediately inform a Support Boat and leave the water until the shark is chased away from the support boat.

EVACUATION POINTS

- Support Boats will be with you on the course for the duration of the race.
- If you need assistance during the race, raise your paddle above your head so a support boat or fellow paddlers can see you until assistance arrives.
- In case of an emergency on land or water the patient will be transported to the Surf Life Saving Club Car park Emergency Areas.
- Water Evacuation Points will be the closest beach access point. When on course if Life Support is needed Volunteer Marine Rescue will be the first responders to enable First Aid, DFIB and fast boat access to an Emergency Medical Access point.

AWARDS

The awards are given according to the ICF protocol guidelines. The medals are awarded as follows:

- 1st place: a gold medal
- 2nd place: a silver medal
- 3rd place: a bronze medal

In double classes, each athlete will receive the appropriate medal.

To maintain the formality of the ceremony the athletes receiving medals must wear a Club or paddle top.



BY ENTERING THE HERVEY BAY OCEAN CLASSIC YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

*You understand the risks associated with Ocean Racing
and acknowledge your responsibilities to help a distressed paddler.*

YOU WILL COMPLY WITH THE MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT RULES:

- **Lifejackets** - All competitors must wear an approved Australian Standard AS 4758 or International Standard ISO 12402 Lifejacket. All surf ski paddlers must wear an approved minimum Level 50 / Level 50S Lifejacket. Your lifejacket must be Hi-Vis or a Hi-Vis top is to be worn over the top of the lifejacket. No bum bag inflatable lifejackets are permitted.
- **Safety Leash** - All competitors must be attached to their craft via a safety leash.
- **SafeTrx Tracking** - All competitors MUST be logged in and using the Tracking Link Activity Code for the Hervey Bay Ocean Classic. SafeTrx allows the event organisers, spectators and water safety to track competitors live GPS location via the web. It is mandatory that all competitors carry a mobile phone and will be disqualified if they fail to follow this item of the safety plan.
- **Timing Chip** - All competitors must wear the electronic timing chip on their ankle (right or left ankle). This will be provided at registration.
- **Hi-Vis Clothing** - All competitors must wear a piece of Hi-Vis clothing. This can be a Hi-Vis lifejacket or Hi-Vis top worn over your lifejacket.
- **Orange Smoke Flare** - All competitors must carry one in date orange smoke flare. The flare should be easily accessible when on the water. Ensure you are familiar in how to use a flare.



- **Mobile Phone** - All competitors are required to have a mobile phone. A VHF Radio a distress beacon (EPIRB or PLB) can also be carried.
- **Pealess Whistle** - All competitors are required to have a pealess whistle attached to their Lifejacket.
- **SUP, SUP-F and Outrigger paddlers** are permitted to wear an approved Lifejacket Level 100/150 bum bag inflatable lifejacket. **A Hi-Vis top must be worn.**

In the event of an emergency, a competitor's location can be identified via the SafeTrx App, the use of an orange smoke flare or via the sound of a whistle.

- In addition to the above we strongly recommend competitors carry a Distress Beacon (EPIRB or PLB) and /or a waterproof VHF Handheld Radio during the event. VHF handhelds are an inexpensive item of equipment that enables immediate contact between the competitor and safety vessels. In a boating emergency use Radio Channel 16 VHF or call 000 (triple zero)
- It is also recommended that a minimum of one (1) litre of water is to be carried during the race.
- Competitors should be Sun Safe, including wearing appropriate clothing and sunscreen.
- Footwear is strongly recommended.
- There is no storage or transport of craft provided at the race start and finish areas.
- The security of all equipment is the responsibility of each competitor.

There will be equipment scrutineering at the start line. Any competitor that does not abide by the rules and equipment requirements will be automatically disqualified.

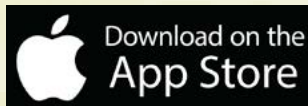
**IN ANY LIFE THREATENING
EMERGENCY CALL 000.**



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- Use **TRACK ONLY** mode and share it with a friend or family member before you head out for a paddle.
- **“Track Only”** trips still record your trip on the handset (and to your trip history on the boaters website) and allows you to review and replay it later.
- Unlike **“Sail Plan”** trips, no ETA is provided and Coast Guard do not monitor your trip.



ADVANTAGES OF USING SAFETRX

- Using SafeTrx may save your life! Safety officials can track your position in real time during the race knowing where you are at all times.
- If you get into trouble you can activate the Call for Help button which enables you to call 000 or the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard – your exact GPS location will be available to them so the safety vessels can come to your aid
- Competitors can watch a replay of the event and see step by step how they raced against other paddlers and compare the lines they took against the winners
- Spectators can watch you race.
- Share your trip with your friends and family who can track your progress and meet you at the finish line to celebrate with you!

SAFETRX
Tracking you home safely



LEGAL ASPECTS

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STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Organising Committee is chaired by the Executive Officer of Paddle Queensland.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

NAME	ROLE
Scott Sharples	Race Director
Andrea Wood	Competition Manager

COMPETITION POLICIES

Paddle Australia Competition Policy click [here](#).

Paddle Australia Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy click [here](#).

Paddle Australia Refund Policy click [here](#).

Paddle Australia Extreme Weather and Conditions Policy click [here](#).

Paddle Australia Anti-Doping Policy click [here](#).

COMPETITION RULES

International Canoe Federation Canoe Ocean Racing Competition Rules click [here](#).

MEDIA POLICIES

Paddle Australia Photography Policy click [here](#).

Paddle Australia Social Media Policy click [here](#).