

2012 GEELONG OUTRIGGING REGATTA



GEELONG OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

**INVITES YOU TO THE 2012 GEELONG COMBINED AND
THE VICTORIAN ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP
OUTRIGGING AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA**

**SATURDAY 28th AND SUNDAY 29th JANUARY 2012,
EASTERN BEACH, GEELONG, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**

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Geelong Outrigger Canoe Club is proud to host the

“Geelong Combined Outrigging Australia Day Weekend Regatta”
Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th January 2012

Dear Fellow Paddlers,

Geelong Outrigger Canoe Club (GOCC) cordially invites your club members to participate in the 2012 Geelong Outrigging Australia Day Weekend Regatta.

We look forward to your involvement in the OC1/OC2 and OC6 marathon, short courses and sprint events, over the Australia Day weekend 28th - 29th January 2012.

Program of Events

Saturday 28th Jan: OC6 Marathon, Sprints and OC1/OC2 Marathon on Corio Bay Geelong.

Sunday 29th Jan: OC6 Marathon Mixed Changeover, OC1/OC2 Marathon and Sprints on Corio Bay Geelong.

The regatta returns to Corio Bay where a program of OC1/OC2 and OC6 racing will be held amongst the excitement of Festival of Sails – Geelong Week: Australia's largest sailing regatta, attracting approximately 400 yachts and other craft and an estimated 70,000 visitors.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Yours in paddling

GOCC Committee Members

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1. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

Only persons who are financial members of a club affiliated with AOCRA Inc. and are a registered competitor with AOCRA INC. may compete unless otherwise approved by AOCRA (AOCRA provision for multi-craft participants).

Membership status must be in place one (1) week prior to the regatta, as evidenced by the completed member application and annual AOCRA fees received by the Victorian Zone Registrar.

The Race Committee reserves the right to be the arbiter in any dispute regarding eligibility and registration of competitors. The race Director's decision is final.

2. REGATTA RULES

Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association rules (as amended), for Combined Regattas, as well as the new Vic Zone Championship Series rules, will apply.

Teams can be made up of any AOCRA Victorian Zone members, but only after all clubs have attempted and used all potential club members to field a team first. All clubs must have first preference to their own club members for races, before sourcing out left over paddlers to build a team. 'Dial a crew' isn't rewarded.

Club points will be awarded in accordance with the new Vic Zone Championship Series rules.

3. NOMINATION FORMS

The Club Nomination process will be via the new AOCRA process, at website www.aocra.com.au

Detailed instructions are available on the website, however a 2 part, step by step summary is noted below.

(To see and/or download the detail document, go to ADMINISTRATION then select WEBSITE INSTRUCTIONS – CLUBS. By right clicking on the word CLUBS, you can save the file for subsequent printing and reference).

Please note: Keep in mind that all Clubs have been requested to sign and submit their Direct Debit Customer Service Agreement to AOCRA Treasurer Tania Moohin. Note – if this is not completed, when paying your nominations for this regatta, you will then need to pay by credit card, which will incur a 2% surcharge.

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In Summary, there are 2 parts to this process:

- **Club Nominations**
 - ~ Please complete by 8th January 2012
 - ~ At the www.aocra.com.au homepage, select CLUB SIGN IN
 - ~ Select RACE NOMINATION, then CLUB NOMINATION
 - ~ You will be presented with a list of Australian regattas and alongside the Geelong Regatta, select NOMINATE CLUB
 - ~ You will then be asked to select your zone and your club and then your position on the Club Committee
 - ~ Sign in as required and on the next screen, select GEELONG as the Host Club
 - ~ Then by clicking on EVENT BUY, you will see a list of Age Groups for each event available. Alongside the correct age group ENTER IN THE NUMBER of teams or paddlers your club wants to enter in that event. You can opt out the total all in the Open category if you wish.
 - ~ The total number of nominations for your club will be added up and multiplied by the payable fee per event/per paddler and a total will be calculated. Then click on PROCEED
 - ~ It will then ask you to confirm the method of payment – direct debit or credit card as noted above
 - ~ The club will now receive 3 Tax Invoices via email, which will add up to the total of the race fees. Please see the detail document for an explanation as to why 3 invoices

- **Team Nominations** (after you have completed Club Nominations)
 - ~ Please complete by 15th January 2012
 - ~ Similar way in.....
 - ~ At the www.aocra.com.au homepage, select CLUB SIGN IN
 - ~ Select RACE NOMINATIONS then TEAM NOMINATIONS
 - ~ You will see the events you previously nominated for and it's now necessary to select the paddlers (must be current members and you can only select from your club) who will be in the OC6 teams and the OC2, OC1 events.
 - ~ On completion, an email will be generated to the Host Club with a spreadsheet Team Nomination Form
 - ~ This team nomination form is used on the race day, to tick off the participation of those paddlers

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4. FEES

EVENT TYPE	ADULT PADDLER	JUNIOR PADDLER	NOVICE PADDLER
Marathon OC6 Changeover	\$25	\$7	\$12
Sprint OC6	\$12	\$7	\$12
Marathon OC1/OC2	\$20	\$7	\$12
Sprint OC1/OC2	\$12	\$7	\$12

Please note: As a result of the change in the way we need to charge for the regatta (per paddler pre event), every effort has been made to develop an equitable fee structure which ensures value for the paddler whilst covering GOCC's costs. (from each entry \$2 goes to AOCRA and \$5 to Vic Zone for Adult Marathon OC6, Changeover OC6, OC1 & OC2.

There will be a fee reduction from Vic Zone for all Junior, Novice and Sprint races, this \$3 reduction will be reflected in the price structure in the program.

Late fees will incur an extra \$5 on race day.

5. PRE EVENT REGISTRATION

All competitors will be required to register with the Race Officials.

Prior to racing competitors will be instructed to go directly to the registration area. This official area will have their club team/paddler nomination forms. Race officials will check off paddlers by highlighting their names on the pre logged team/paddlers nomination form.

6. ON THE DAY – CHECKING OF TEAM NOMINATIONS

Left over paddlers from clubs, not able to fill a boat within their own club will be able to nominate on the day, in accordance with combined regatta rules.

It would be advisable to let the GOCC committee know of any club members who wish to paddle but there is no vacancy within their own club boat, before the regatta starts to help with planning.

If there is a least 6 remaining paddlers looking for a crew on the day, then GOCC will nominate a boat for the event and nominate these paddlers, and then the clubs where these paddlers come from will have to pay race fees to GOCC prior to the commencement of the race.

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7. RACE/REGATTA INFORMATION

Directions

All events for the Geelong Outrigger Australia Day Weekend Regatta will be held on Eastern Beach, Corio Bay, Geelong.

Paddlers will find the easiest way to get to Eastern Beach will be to get to the Waterfront area and turn into Ritchie Blvd at the end of Eastern Beach Road.

All OC6 canoes will be unloaded from trailers at Lime burners Point Boat Ramp and then paddled across to Eastern Beach. This is about 1.0 km.

Trailers with OC6 canoes should be aware that there are many tight turns and constrictions on the roads along the Waterfront. It is therefore suggested that trailers use one of the main east west roads through Geelong away from the waterfront.

An area has been set aside for trailer parking on the overflow car parking areas at Lime burners Point. Please avoid parking in the sealed parking bays as these are required for other boats users.

Canoes can be stored at Lime burners Point from Friday evening ready for use Saturday morning.

Paddlers should be aware that parking is for a three hour limit at Eastern Beach and there will be limited parking bays available. Additional parking is available at Lime burners Point for cars all day.

Accommodation/Transport to Geelong

There are numerous caravan parks and hotels available in Geelong. Please visit www.geelongotway.org or www.travelvictoria.com.au/geelong for further options.

Jetstar provides flights from Sydney and Brisbane straight to Avalon airport otherwise all other flights will arrive at Tullamarine. Other operators are Virgin Blue and Qantas. Check out <http://www.airportshuttlesaustralia.com.au/victoria-shuttles> for information on shuttle buses from Avalon and Tullamarine Airport.

Check out www.spiritoftasmania.com.au for ferry options where you will arrive into Station Pier, Waterfront Place, Port Melbourne, Victoria

Specific Race Information/Course outline

All clubs need to note that the proposed race details need to be approved by the convening committee of Audi sailing. Full race details will be presented at briefings prior to each event.

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OC6 Marathon – 17 km / Day 1

Starting at the rock groin near the Eastern Beach swimming enclosure, crews will head out past the promenade heading towards the first Marker buoy just off Bernie's island. Next head towards Pt Henry to channel marker no. 8. Go straight across the channel to the next channel marker directly opposite. Turn left and then head towards Rippleside to Red Channel Marker, then cross channel to the Green Channel Marker and head straight towards Pt Henry, then to Channel Marker No. 8, rounding this and head back towards the Marker buoy at Bernie's island and then to Eastern Beach for the finish. **Note.** If the weather or any safety issues arise, the course will be changed accordingly.

Please be aware of all large ships before you cross the channel at any point, they have right of way.



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OC6 Marathon Changeover – Approx 19.0 km / Day 2

There will be 5x laps of the below course, starting close to the promenade deck and head out to Bernie's island marker (buoy 2) around to the left and head to the red cone marker off the end off Smorgies pier, then back to the start buoy and safety markers, where all change-overs will be done. The change-over area will be managed away from the turning buoy, so as not to endanger any change-over crews in the water.

- Each crew will be allocated a buoy where their changeover will occur, opposite the promenade deck.
- The race turn will be at least 50meters before the change over area.
- There will be at least 4 buoys in the water and crews will be allocated a buoy at which their change will take place.
- The crews in the water will be left of the buoy
- Safety of the paddlers is imperative.
- Race officials will hold up a red flag if any concerns and all canoes will stop if coming up to the change over area.
- Race officials will hold up a green flag to recommence the race.
- Any crew not adhering to these rules will be disqualified.
- All directives by race officials are to be followed.
- There will be a Support boat in attendance to keep this area clear for this purpose, at the briefing prior to this race, more exact details will be delivered to the teams.

The team can be comprised of 10-12 members and there must be at least 5 females in the team. At anyone time there must be 3 females in the canoe and at each lap there must be 3 members who are to change.

Note. If the weather or any safety issues arise, the course will be changed accordingly.

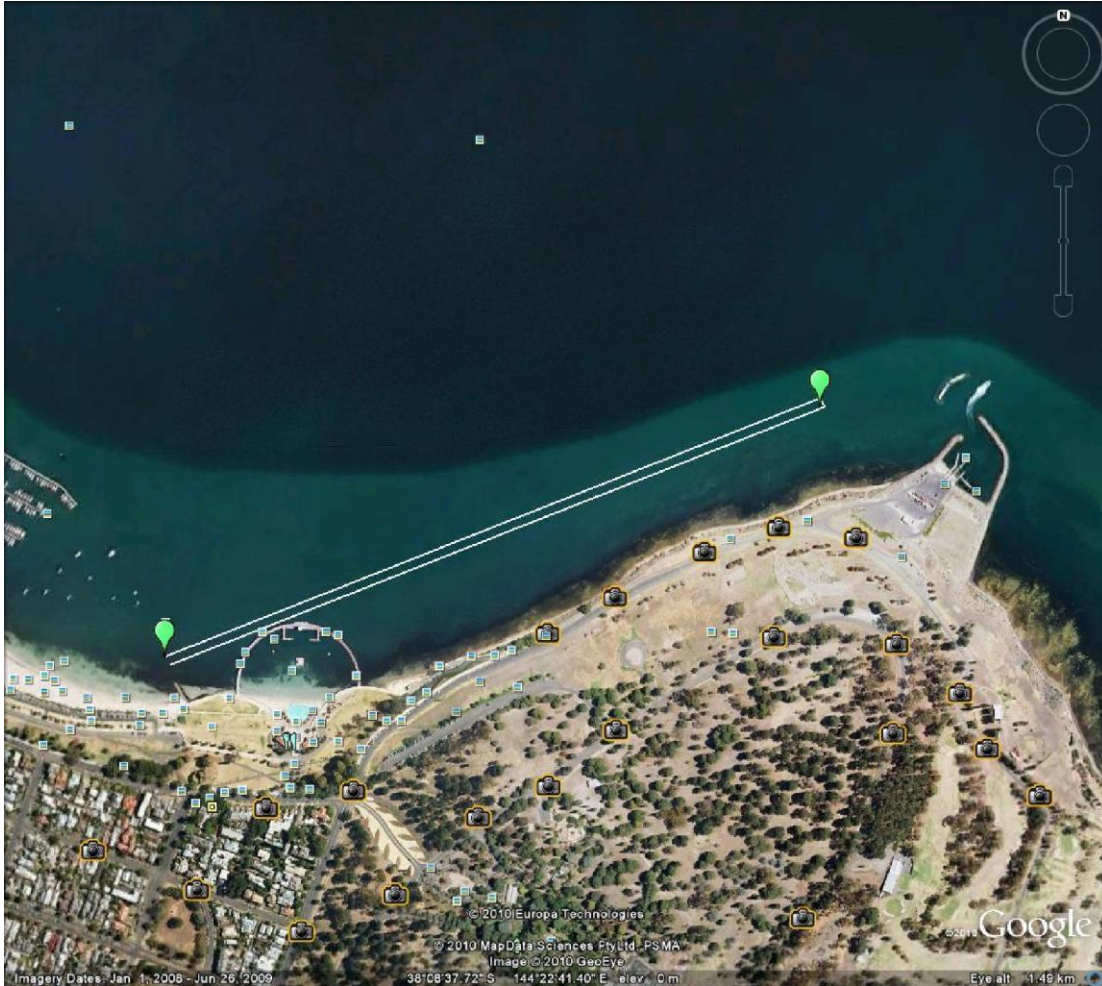
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OC6 Junior/Novice Long Course – 4 km

Starting at the rock groin near the Eastern Beach swimming enclosure, crews will head out past the promenade to the right heading towards the Marker buoy just off Bernie's island and return. 2 x Laps to be completed before finishing back at the start line.



OC1 & OC2 Marathon Men's/Women's/Mixed – 8km

Starting at the rock groin near the Eastern Beach swimming enclosure, crews will head out past the promenade to the right heading towards the Marker buoy just off Bernie's island and return. 4 x Laps to be completed before finishing back at the start line.

[Same course as above]

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OC6 Men's/Women's/Mixed Sprints – 500m with 1 turn

Starting at Eastern Beach just off the rock groin near swimming enclosure, crews will start at Marker No. 1 and race to marker No. 2 and then return to the finish line.



OC1 & OC2 Sprints Women's/Men's/Mixed/Novice/Junior- 250m

Start line is near the dive tower at the promenade swimming enclosure. Straight line sprint to the finishing buoys.

Once paddler entries are confirmed, heats or straight out finals will be finalized.

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8. SAFETY PROCEDURE AND RULES

Canoes Safety inspections will be completed. Canoes not meeting AOCRA Safety Guidelines will be ineligible to race.

Race briefings will be held as scheduled. It is compulsory for all team captains, steerers and coaches to attend this meeting. It will be at these race briefings that all course maps will be explained and given out to paddlers/teams for all races.

All canoes must have the following safety equipment to be eligible to compete in any event:

- OC1 – leg ropes affixed to the canoe and paddler
- OC6
 - ~ Minimum of 1 spare paddle
 - ~ Life jackets must be worn by each paddler
 - ~ Storm covers must be fitted
 - ~ Tow rope: must be 25m x 12mm silver rope, with 1 end securely attached to the canoe
 - ~ Minimum of 2 bailers
 - ~ All canoes must have positive buoyancy both in the bow and stern

Any canoe that does not meet these requirements will be withdrawn from the event by race officials.

We would also like to add that it is the responsibility of all club coaches to ensure that their crews competing in any event are capable of competing in all race conditions. As required by AOCRA racing rules:

- Paddlers must be able to swim
- Crews must be able to right a flipped canoe without assistance

Any crew finding themselves in trouble for whatever reason **MUST** raise their paddles in the air to alert support craft or passing canoes for assistance.

Any canoe found not to go to the assistance of a canoe in trouble, will be disqualified from the event and all club championship points will be removed.

If at any stage of the event a safety official requests a canoe return to shore it must comply with this request immediately. Failure to do so will result in:

- a) Disqualification of the crew from any future events held during the remainder of the regatta
- b) The safety official may take SUCH ACTION AS HE/SHE DEEM NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY OF CREWS. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE MAY INVALIDATE YOUR INSURANCE COVER.**

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Race Briefings

Race briefings will be held as per race published in race program, or as otherwise advised by the Race Announcer. All race briefings will be held in the registration area. All course maps will be given out and explained at race briefings.

Starts

Competitors must be present on the starting line by the time shown on the race program, or as otherwise directed by the Race Announcer. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.

The position at the start **should be such that the bow of each competing canoe is lined up behind the starting line between the start buoys and in a stationary position.**

NO ROLLING STARTS

Start procedure

- Yellow flag max 2 minutes to start
 - Red flag max 30 seconds to start
 - Red flag down/Green flag up (simultaneously) = Start of Race
- All teams will be given clear start times at the race briefing

Finish Line

The finish line is crossed when the bow of the canoe passes between the designated finish buoys/markers.

Disqualification

Any individual or team who attempts to win an event by any means other than those which are honest or who does not respect the AOCRA Race Rules or who by his or her conduct clearly shows lack of respect for the Rules shall be disqualified. All disqualifications pronounced by the Race Committee and AOCRA Officials are final.

Protests and Race Rulings

All protests must be presented in writing to the Race Director no later than (15) fifteen minutes after completion of the race with a protest fee of \$50.00. If the protest is upheld the lodgement fee shall be refunded in full. If the protest is dismissed, the lodgement fee shall be forfeited to AOCRA, or respective committee.

9. Presentations

Presentations will be held after the end of the day's competition (venue TBA).

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10. Race Program

Start Time	Event	Distance
Saturday 28th January		
8.00 am	Briefing OC6 Women's/OC6 Men's Marathon	
8.30 am	OC6 Women's/OC6 Men's Marathon	17 km
10.30 am	Briefing OC6 Junior/Novice Long Course	
10.45 am	OC6 Juniors / Novice Long Course	4.5 km
11.45 am	Briefing OC6 Sprints Women's/Men's/Mixed/Junior/Novice	
12.00 noon	OC6 Women's Sprint	500m with 1 turn
12.20 pm	OC6 Men's Sprint	500m with 1 turn
12.40 pm	OC6 Mixed Sprints	500m with 1 turn
12.50 pm	OC6 Junior / Novice Sprint	500m with 1 turn
1.15 pm	Briefing OC2 Mixed Marathon / OC2 Men / OC1 Women	
1.30 pm	OC2 Mixed Marathon	8 km
3.00 pm	OC1 Women / OC2 Men Marathon	8km
4.15pm	Junior & Novice OC2 Marathon Finish - Joint Club Social Dinner & Presentations	
Venue TBA		
Sunday 29th January		
8.00 am	Briefing OC6 Mixed Marathon Changeover	
8.30 am	OC6 Mixed Marathon Changeover	19 km
10.30am	Briefing /OC1Junior, OC1 Novice Marathon & OC1 Men / OC2 Women's Marathon	
10.45 am	OC1 Junior Marathon OC1 Novice Marathon OC 1 Men / OC2 Women's Marathon 8km	8 km
1.30pm	Briefing OC1 / OC2 Sprints Women's / Men's / Mixed / Junior / Novice	
1.30 pm	OC1 Women's Sprint	250m
	OC1 Men's Sprint	250m
	OC1 Junior / Novice Sprint	250m
	OC2 Women's Sprint	250m
	OC2 Men's Sprint	250m
	OC2 Mixed Sprints	250m
	OC2 Junior / Novice	
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	<i>Come & Try Paddling – Open to the Public All clubs are asked to participate PLEASE</i>	
3.00 pm	Day 2 Presentations	

