

2024 PaddleNSW Harbour Series Race Briefing

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| Event | Race 2 - The Dolls Point Classic |
| Event Date | Sunday, 19th May 2024 |
| Location | <p>Lady Robinson Beach outside the Georges River 16ft Sailing Club Sandringham Botany Bay</p> <p>Google Maps for parking: Peter Depena Reserve at the end of McMillan Ave, Sandringham</p> <p>This event is conducted at the same location and course as previous events.</p> |
| Hosted By | <p>Sutherland Shire Canoe Club (SSCC) and Dolls Point Paddlers (DPP).</p> <p>Follow Sutherland Shire Canoe Club and Dolls Point Paddlers on Facebook.</p> |
| Acknowledgement of Country | <p>The traditional name of this bay is Kamay.</p> <p>Sutherland Shire Canoe Club and Dolls Point Paddlers acknowledge the Dharawal and Eora peoples and their associated clans as the traditional owners of waters of Kamay and the adjacent land. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture, and we acknowledge the Dharawal and Eora peoples as the first paddlers on the Botany Bay. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.</p> <p>This year we're racing in the Dharawal season of Marrai'gang which loosely means wet becoming cool, Quolls are seeking mates and the Lillypilly fruit ripens.</p> <p>Enjoy Kamay.</p> |
| Important Safety Messages | <p>All HR paddlers should wear a high-vis cap, carry a storm whistle and some form of communication (such as a mobile phone, PLB or flare). Sometimes the top of your head is the only thing the safety boat crews can see. Make yourself as visible as possible and have some way of attracting the attention of other paddlers and the safety boats.</p> |

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| | <p>Attendance at the pre-race Paddler Safety Briefing is mandatory.</p> <p>Due to the prevailing conditions, the Race Committee may alter the course and/or the start order on the morning of the race. The final course and start order will be explained at the Paddler Safety Briefing.</p> |
| Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitors are to park in Peter Depena Reserve at the end of <u>McMillan Avenue, Sandringham</u> (MAP 1). • As this is a public park, please drive carefully and slowly. • Parking attendants will provide you with a parking ticket to be displayed on your dashboard. Failure to display the ticket may result in a parking fine. • DO NOT park in the car park at the Georges River Sailing Club (Sanoni Ave) (MAP 1). This parking area is for use by the general public. • Please leave the Peter Depena Reserve car park area at the conclusion of the event. The park gate will be locked at 12pm. If you want to stay longer, move your car to the public car park at the Georges River Sailing Club (Sanoni Ave, Sandringham). • Please respect local residents and keep noise to a minimum. |
| Check-in Time and Race Briefing | <p>7am to 8:15am: Race Check-in 7:50am: Paddler Safety Briefing</p> |
| Race Start Times NOTE: The final start order will be explained at the mandatory pre-race Paddler Safety Briefing. | <p>8:25am Wave 1 – Long Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female: 50+ and older • Male: 60+ and older • All Juniors • All OC1 & 2, and Sea Kayak <p>8:35am Wave 2 – Long Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female: Open & 40+ • Male: Open, 40+, & 50+ • All Double Skis <p>8:38am Wave 3 - Short Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All craft, all ages (including SUP) |
| Post-Race Presentation | <p>A summary of the results and Race Medals will be presented after the race at the check-in area.</p> |

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| HR Series Rules | Please familiarise yourself with the Harbour Racing Series Rules on the PNSW website. |
| Boat Numbers | <p>Collect boat numbers from paddler check-in. Return boat numbers immediately after you finish paddling.</p> <p>You need to bring your own Race Number holder. These can be purchased when you register or at the event.</p> <p>Remove old HR Series stickers from your craft before you participate in this series.</p> |
| Start List | The Webscorer Start List will be available on the after registration closes. (https://www.webscorer.com/PaddleNSW) |

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| <p>Course and Site Information</p> | |
| <p>Course Description</p> <p>See the attached course map(s).</p> | <p>Long Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start as per instructions below. • From Start, paddle in a southerly direction and turn left around the pink buoy and head north-east towards Dolls Point. • Follow the shoreline along the groynes past the Novatel to the right turn yellow buoy near the entrance to Cooks River. • Head East towards the end of the runway and turn right around the yellow buoy. • Head southwest directly back to Dolls Point, turn Right across the Sailing Club beach and through the finish buoys. <p>Short Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start as per instructions below. • From Start, paddle in a southerly direction, and turn left around the pink buoy and head north-east towards Dolls Point. • Follow the shoreline (NNE) along the groynes to the left turn pink buoy located near the Novatel. • Head south directly back along the shoreline to Dolls Point, turn Right across the Sailing Club beach and through the finish buoys. <p>Remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You turn left around the pink buoys • You turn right around yellow buoys • The Finish Line will be <u>between two black and white chequered buoys</u>. • If you see any of the safety boats wave a red flag on the course, the race has been stopped and you must proceed as directed by the safety boat. |

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| <p>Race Start Procedure</p> | <p>You must pass between the Sutherland Shire Canoe Club flags on the beach when you enter the water. This is to check you have the minimum required equipment and to record your race number. Failure to enter through the designated entry gates will result in a DNS (Did Not Start) being applied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather for your race start in the area marked in orange on MAP 2 and wait to be called forward by one of the IRBs. • The start line will be between a Yellow and Black cardinal marker and a pink permanent buoy. Paddlers are required to stay 50m behind the buoys until the race has been called to the start. <p>The Race Starter will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Call the paddlers in the wave to make their way towards the start line ii. Raise a green flag giving the paddlers in that wave a 1-minute warning to come up to (but not cross) the start line iii. Signal race start by the dropping of the green flag and a single blast of an air horn. <p>DO NOT break the Start. You must remain behind the safety boat bringing your start to the start line. The safety boat will move to the yellow and black buoy at the start line (opposite the start boat). Anyone breaking the start will incur a 2 minute penalty.</p> |

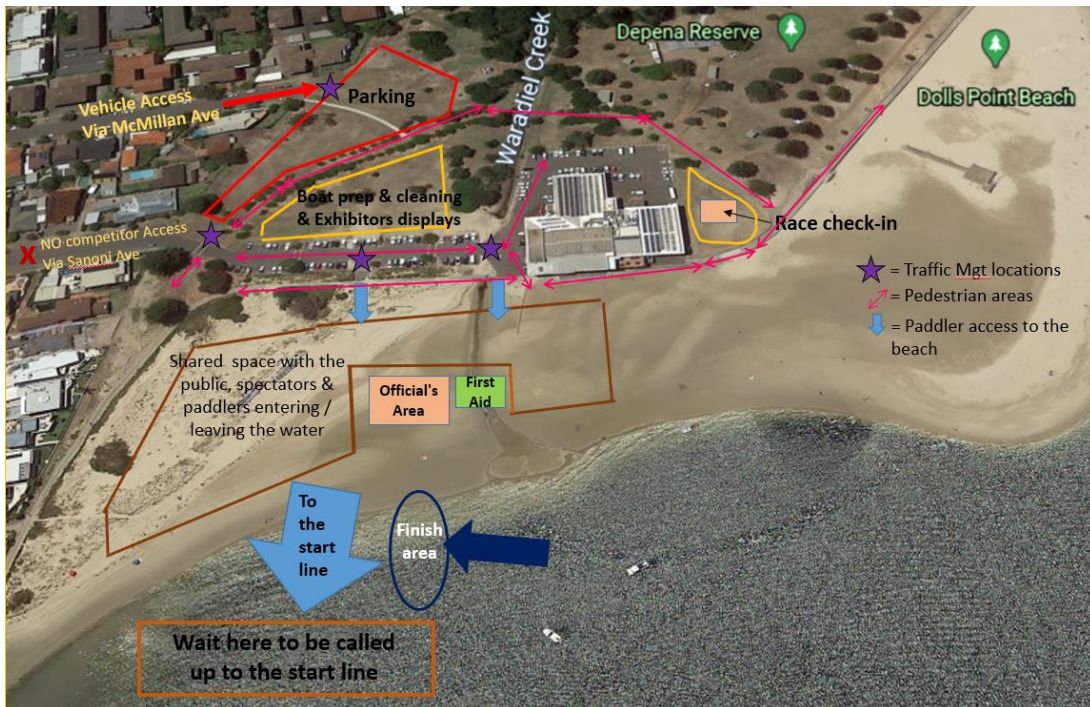
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| Key Hazards | <p>The Dolls Point Classic is held on Botany Bay, which can present a range of hazards and challenges for watersport participants. Of particular note along the DPC course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several groynes stretching out from the western beaches along the northern leg. These rocky structures are marked with cardinal markers. Some have clearance close to the marker, but paddlers are advised to stay a couple of metres out from the markers to ensure clear water. Localised strong currents form along the groynes and often stretch out in eddies off the end for several (tens of) metres. • The groyne at Dolls Point (first groyne of the race) is particularly hazardous, being placed on the corner. Eddy currents and swirls are common tens of metres away from the end of the groyne. Sand bars can also cause localised (breaking) waves along the groyne when there is swell within the bay. • Swimming enclosures are present along the western beaches of the northern leg, featuring pylons and netting. Stay a couple of metres clear in case of objects snagged to the enclosures. • There is an exclusion zone extending from the runway along the south-eastern leg of the course. This is clearly marked with yellow buoys. You MUST stay outside the line of yellow buoys at all times. • The bay can get popular with motorised and sail craft. Along the western return leg of the course, you may be intersecting with other craft, and should follow standard maritime rules of navigation, keeping a look out. |
| Weather and Tides | <p>Paddlers should monitor the weather and water conditions and make their own decisions about their ability to handle the conditions.</p> |
| Other Water Users | <p>This event does not have exclusive use of the waterways.</p> <p>You MUST GIVE WAY to all other waterway users.</p> |
| When you Finish Racing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone will collect your number holder when you cross the finish line. Alternatively, you can leave it to the check-in desk. • Access to water to clean your craft is limited. Bring your own water and cleaning equipment. • Pack up and leave the venue; the gate to the event parking area will be locked at 12pm. |
| Facilities | <p>Toilets are located on the eastern side (bayside) of the Peter Depena Reserve. They located behind the Georges River 16ft Sailing Club.</p> <p>Access to water is limited. Please bring everything you need to clean your boat.</p> |

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| Event Catering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kiss the Barrister Café and the Georges River Sailing Club are located close to the beach area near the finish line and welcome your patronage. • No catering services are being provided by SSCC / DPP so bring everything you need with you. |
| Event Specific Information | Additional information about the event can be found on the Sutherland Shire Canoe Club website (click on the Events tab and select Dolls Point Classic). |
| Health and Safety Requirements | |
| Medical Information | For your safety, paddlers should enter any relevant information in WebScorer when registering. |
| Minimum safety Requirements | <p>Ensure you have the minimum safety equipment as per the Harbour Series Race Rules. No exceptions will be granted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All paddlers must wear a Level 50 or 50S non-inflatable lifejacket that conforms to Australian Standards. • One paddler of every Ski, Outrigger Canoe, Va'a or SUP must wear a leg leash at EVERY event. Paddle leashes or use of both paddle leash and leg leash together are not advised for Ski paddlers. • All kayak paddlers are advised to wear a spray-skirt and use a paddle leash. Kayaks must have bulkheads and sealed compartments to provide buoyancy. |
| On-Water Safety Vessels | Three safety vessels will be on the water during the race. Additional land-based safety spotters will be located at key points along the course. |
| First Aid | A qualified First Aid Officer will be located near the Race Officials area. Additional first aiders will be located at various locations on the course. |
| Clothing | Stay sun smart. Slip, slop, slap, seek shade. Remember to hydrate. |
| COVIDsafe | The event will comply with NSW requirements. Don't paddle or come to this event if you're unwell, awaiting test results, are required to be isolating, etc. Please use err on the side of caution. |
| Emergency Muster Location | <p>If required, Race Officials and SSCC volunteers will direct you to the emergency muster location, which will be located on the far northern side of the parking area at the end of McMillan Ave.</p> <p>Note: we can't predict what event may require us to muster, so follow the directions of the SSCC team as they may direct you to an alternate location.</p> |



Course and Site Maps

MAP 1 – ARRIVAL / PARKING / CHECK-IN / WATER ENTRY



Access the beach by safely crossing through the car park and using one of 2 access points (14 and 15) onto Lady Robinson Beach:



Check for cars and pedestrians when crossing the car park and the pedestrian areas.

MAP 2 – COURSE SHORT (blue) AND LONG (red)

