

# 2023 OCEANIA & PADDLE AUSTRALIA CANOE MARATHON & SUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

6-10 April 2023, Geelong, Victoria

## Newsletter #7



### Short Course

The Short Course consists of three short laps, of approximately 1.1 km each, with a total race distance of 3.4km. Portage is approximately 200m in length.

The start/finish line is directly in front of the Geelong Canoe Club. The start is in the upstream direction and is an imaginary line between the pole in front of the Officials marquee and the post on the opposite (southern) bank.

The finish is also in the upstream direction. Paddlers must only pass through the finish line buoys when finishing their race. Paddlers must keep the coloured buoys along the course to their left.



### Portage

All ICF class paddlers must portage twice, at the end of the 1st and the 2nd laps. Refer to Newsletter #6 for portage details.

### Holding Area

Upon finishing, paddlers should remain in the holding area in the centre of the river, upstream from the finish line. Once there is no race traffic, paddlers will be marshalled to the landing area (downstream of portage) to disembark and proceed to scrutineering, if required.



### Team Selection

To be eligible for Australian Team selection for Short Course you must race in the OPEN age category.

### Additional Events

There are two additional short course events for juniors, with no portage. The first being a K4 interstate challenge where Paddle VIC will supply the K4 boats with a random draw for boat allocation. The second event being a TK2 relay, consisting of 3 crews, each completing one short lap each. Relay teams will consist of up to 6 paddlers with at least one crew member changing at each lap. Teams can be comprised from any Club or State/Territory. Crew changes will be at the dock in front of the Geelong Canoe Club.



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