Surf Safari – be part of history
Since 1968, The Surf Safari has been a highlight of the Surf Sports calendar in Tasmania. An event of impressive endurance, it sees the River Derwent come alive with the best of Tasmania’s lifesavers displaying their surf boat and surf ski skills. Historically, many elite competitors from mainland Australia have travelled to compete; with the events honour board adorned with some of the countries most decorated lifesavers.

In recent years, to further community engagement, the Surf Safari program has been extended to include ocean skis, stand up paddle boards, outriggers, junior boards and some shorter distance events. It remains a vital part of Surf Lifesaving’s strategy to showcase the skill of its members while continuing to build strong community links for the benefit of all Tasmanians.

On November 2nd 2019, the Surf Safari will celebrate 51 years of continuous surf craft racing in Tasmania - making it the longest running surf craft event in Australia.
EVENT INFORMATION GUIDE

PRE-RACE INFORMATION

LOCATION

The event will take place on the picturesque River Derwent which runs through the city of Hobart. The river and estuary provide a relatively safe, but at times testing, environment for the event. This year the Surf Safari will start and finish at Long Beach Lower Sandy Bay - 5kms south of the Hobart CBD.

COURSE

A downwind open and master 21km ocean and spec ski event will be run from either Tinderbox to Sandy Bay, Claremont to Sandy Bay or down river to a point and across to Doran’s Road boat ramp subject to wind. There will be 2hr start window available. If the weather does not play its part we will revert to the 21km out and back course. The course will be announced 48 hours prior to the start.

An out and back course starting and finishing at Long Beach Lower Sandy Bay is the preferred course for surf boats (21, 12 and 6km), skis (12km and 6km only), outriggers (12km) and SUP’s (12km).
Malibu and nipper board racing will occur in the confines of the bay (4km and 2km).

All courses will be subject to weather and effective water safety on the day.
Full course maps are available in Other Information below or at www.surfsafari.org

EVENTS AND CATEGORIES

Building on our 50th anniversary year, endurance events are available to meet the capabilities and ages across several disciplines including surf boats, skis, boards, outriggers and SUPs.

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START TIMES ARE ESTIMATES AND MAY CHANGE ON THE DAY

AGE GROUP COMPETITORS

The age group categories are as per normal SLSA rules. Age will be as at 30th September 2019.
ENTRY FEES

$50.00 per downwind ski event competitors.
$40.00 per competitor for boat rowers, ski paddlers (12km and 6 km), SUPs and outriggers
$25.00 for nipper and Malibu board paddlers. For board paddlers only clubs will be invoiced following the event.

ENTRY PROCESS

ALL entries including board paddlers need to be submitted via the online entry system Webscorer – Via below links:

FENN SURF SKI EVENTS

Surf Ski 21km: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193241
Surf Ski 12km: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193239
Surf Ski 12km Double: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193238
Surf Ski 6km: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193245

ROGERSON AND BIRCH SURVEYORS SURF BOAT EVENTS

Surf Boat 21km: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193248
Surf Boat 12km: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193247
Surf Boat 6km: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193249

HOBART PLANT HIRE BOARD EVENTS

Nipper Board 2km: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193242
Malibu Board 4km: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193244

OTHER EVENTS

Outrigger Entries: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193246

Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP) 12km: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=193240

Important Notice for all competitors.
Your entry fee will entitle you to receive a Surf Safari Cap and T-Shirt provided your entry is submitted via Webscorer before 9th October with your T-Shirt size.
SURF BOATS EVENTS

Rogerson & Birch Surveyors are proud to be the naming rights partner for the Surf Boat racing at this year’s Surf Safari. They continue their strong association with surf boat racing in Tasmania.

Surf boat racing will this year be held over three endurance distances. The full course will be held over 21km starting and finishing at Long Beach Sandy Bay. A 12km out and back course will be available for Open Women, Reserve and U23 crews. Following the success of last year, the 6km distance for the Legends – a shorter race for the “more experienced” rowers wanting to blow out the cobwebs will again be held.
SKI EVENTS

**Downwind** - The 21 km Open and Masters (O 45) Ski race will be conducted in a “weather window” in an attempt to maximize downwind conditions. The start time will be no later than 11.00 am to ensure a finish in time for the presentations and postrace celebrations.

- Course from the south - launch and start from Tinderbox, upstream and finish at Sandy Bay
- Course from the north - launch at Claremont Bay staying on the eastern side of the river to a selected point before heading cross river and south.
- Course in westerly conditions – Starting at Sandy Bay, heading down river to a designated point before heading across the river to the Doran’s Road boat ramp.
- In adverse conditions an out and back course will ensure the event is conducted.
- Paddlers need to be present at the race briefing at 8.00 am at Sandy Bay.

A shorter 12km out and back loop ski race will be on offer for the Open, Under 17, Under 19, Over 35, Over 50 divisions (Male and Female). While a 6km loop course ‘legends’ and novice race will be conducted. An open double ski event will also be held over both shorter loop courses of 6 and 12km.

Fenn Skis and Stubbs Design & Construction are proud major sponsors of the ski events.

The Surf Safari **long course skis event** is part of the Shaw and Partners Australian Ocean Racing Series (AORS). Points will be allocated in line the AORS categories and will accumulate towards the series. Go to [https://oceanpaddler.com/events/australian-ocean-racing-series](https://oceanpaddler.com/events/australian-ocean-racing-series) for all the races and point score.
BOARD EVENTS

Hobart Plant Hire is proud to be the naming rights partner for the board racing events at this year’s Surf Safari. They continue their strong recent association with the event and board racing in Tasmania.

A 4km Malibu course will be available for the U15 and U17s both male and female. While a shorter 2km course has been designed for U11 and U13 (M&F) racing on soft and Nipper boards. Minimum age is 10 years of age on the 30th September 2019. Both courses will start and finish on Long Beach and require competitors to test their endurance skills in the confines of the bay. Great prizes will be on offer for all divisions.

Read carefully the entry conditions.
OUTRIGGERS

Open 12km and 21km outrigger races will follow the same short and long courses as the surf boats. Test your endurance in one of these sleek racing boats, either as a pair or in 6-person crew. Medallions for winners and random prizes on offer.

STANDUP PADDLE BOARDS (SUPS)

Standup paddle boarding is one of Australia’s fastest growing sporting and recreational activities. A 12km out and back course has been designed to test the skill and endurance of competitors both male and female. The race is restricted to 14’ boards and under, with medallions for winners and a random major prize on offer.
ENTRY PROCESS

Entries open on the 9th September and will be accepted online at until 4pm on Friday 9 October. See the Entry process on page 5 of this document to enter!

Entries after this date are considered late entries and race merchandise will not be available. This decision is made in lieu of a late entry fee and is aimed to ensure items have the best chance to be correctly sized and to meet the order deadline.

Late entries will be received until 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the Race Briefing on the day of the event.

Note: for boat and outrigger entries. Entry process requires one crew member to enter their crew via the entry link on the event website. They will be required to enter a crew name and pay the required crew entry fee. A confirmation email will be sent to this person to respond to asking for all crew members names and details (ages, top sizes etc.). They will then receive a second email confirming their crew’s entry.

Any queries on entries can be directed to info@surfsafari.org

GENERAL ENTRY CONDITIONS

Entry in SURF SAFARI 2019 is subject to the following conditions.

- All competitors must complete the online entry and declaration form. This should be submitted online or at the registration desk on the day (late entries) prior to the race briefing.
- All competitors must read, and be familiar with, this race information booklet and the instructions provided at the race briefing.
- All competitors must attend the race briefing.
- The event is endurance in nature and even in cool conditions hydration packs are encouraged together with appropriate sun protection. Proof of training/past races may be requested.

EVENT CRAFT

The event is open to surf boats, SLSA specification skis and ocean skis, nipper and Malibu boards, SUP’s and outriggers. The Referee has the right to refuse entry to any craft deemed unsuitable. Surf boats, SLSA specification skis and surf boards must comply with SLSA craft specifications.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event is open to both SLSA members and the general public.

All current SLSA members wishing to compete in any race category must comply with the following requirements;

- A current financial member of a Surf Life Saving Club.
- Must hold a current Bronze Medallion or Junior award and be proficient.
**SURF BOATS**

- All surf boat rowers and sweeps must wear recognized SLSA fluro tops.
- To assist with identification, surf boat sweeps must wear a club cap on the outside of any head protection.
- Minimum age of 15 years.
- Surf boats must be fully compliant with SLSA specifications, including carrying a secured rescue tube.
- All surf boats are to carry a charged mobile phone in a waterproof case secured in the boat.

Surf boat rowers and sweeps are welcome to compete without being financial members of a SLSC or proficient bronze holders. However, due to the physical requirements of the event these competitors are encouraged to enter only the shorter 12km or 6km events. They are also required to meet the following conditions:

- Carry a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) of a minimum of 50 newton in the boat for each non-compliant rower.
- Non-compliant sweeps are to wear a PFD at all times during the race.
- Sweeps will also be required to be signed off by a recognised Surf Boat Sweep Coach as being capable prior to Race Day.

**SURF SKI**

- All ski paddlers must wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) of a minimum of 50 newton.
- All ski paddlers must be attached to their craft with a tethering device.
- Wear the hi vis cap provided or similar cap.
- Compliance with MAST bylaws is paramount as it is a condition of entry that Surf Safari 2019 competitors act as positive role models.
- Scrutineering will occur prior to competitors proceeding to the start line.
- Under 17 and under 19 category paddlers must paddle compliant SLSA Specification skis
- Under 17 or under 19 paddlers wishing to compete on Ocean Skis must enter the Open division category.
- Ski paddlers may be asked to provide evidence of training and past races to confirm entry into the longer 21km event.
- Minimum age of entry is 15 years.

**NIPPER AND MALIBU BOARD**

- All board paddlers must be a current financial member of a SLSA club.
- All board paddlers must hold an appropriate award for their age group and be proficient for the current competition year.
- All board paddlers must wear a SLSA approved fluro top.
- Only SLSA approved and compliant boards may be used.
RACE DAY – POINTS TO REMEMBER

EVENT CHECK-IN

On race day Saturday 2nd November 7.30am - 8.30am in the Event Registration Tent at Long Beach Reserve, Lower Sandy Bay.

Upon check-in, competitors will receive their race pack including craft race number and souvenir event top and cap.

All marked craft need to be placed in designated marshalling locations (TBA on the race day) prior to the race briefing. It is recommended you allow adequate time for parking, craft placement and check in on race day.

PARKING

Parking in Lower Sandy Bay is often at a premium and congestion can occur. Competitors, water safety, officials, water safety, workforce and spectators should refer to the site map of the Lower Sandy Bay area (see Other Information) and take care not to infringe parking laws.

WEATHER

At this time of the year conditions can range from freezing cold to hot and windy, so come prepared. It is recommended you pay particular attention to HYDRATION.

RACE PACK

Each race pack will contain sponsors products and ESSENTIAL items namely;

- MERCHANDISE – including souvenir cap and top. Only for pre-race online registrations.
- RACE NUMBER – MUST BE DISPLAYED on the front left-hand side of craft. This is essential for race timing.

TOILETS/CHANGEROOMS

There are public toilets at the start/finish hub at Long Beach Lower Sandy Bay. Changing facilities are available at Long Beach.
RACE BRIEFINGS

The Competitor and Officials briefing will take place at Long Beach Reserve, Sandy Bay. All competitors and Officials MUST be present at the briefing. Briefing for the race will take place at 8.30 am sharp for the long course downwind ski event (on location), 8.30am sharp for the remaining long and short course ski, boat, SUP and outrigger events at Long Beach. Briefing for all junior board races to occur at 9.30am sharp. Marshalling will take place immediately following.

START TIMES

Racing will commence from 9.00 am sharp with the Open Surf Boat long course the first event. Category start times are listed previously and are staggered to ensure water safety requirements can be met. Start times may need to be varied by the Race Referee from current program considering craft and number of entries. Any changes will be communicated at the race briefing or prior on the event website or Facebook page.

SAFETY

Safety measures include following powered water craft and patrolling board paddlers. If a competitor requires assistance, please raise your hand/arm to alert water safety/race officials who will come to your aid. Assistance can also be sort by contacting the Water Safety Officer – contact details provided at safety briefing.

COMPETITOR SCRUTINEERING

All competitors and craft will be scrutineered prior to marshalling and proceeding to the start line. This will include a check of all safety equipment. Competitors will be called to the marshalling area prior to proceeding to the start line.

NUTRITION/DRINKS

Competitors are advised to be self-sufficient for the entire race.

RACE NUMBERS

Stickers with competitor’s race numbers MUST be displayed on the left-hand front of all craft and be visible at all times.
**TIMING**

All events will be timed by a manual timing system based around your individual race number. Your responsibilities as a competitor include:

- When you register you will be issued with a race number printed on adhesive sticker, this is required to be placed on the front left-hand side of all craft. You must leave the race sticker on until you finish the entire race course. It is a means of recording your finish times together with a safety check.

- **It is imperative that you advise race officials in the event you withdraw from the race at any time.** It is essential for us to know where you are on the course at all times for your safety and our ability to post accurate official results post-race. If you withdraw from the race and go ashore without assistance from the water safety, you must call the Water Safety Officer with the contact number provided during the safety briefing.

- If the manual timer can’t see the race number because it isn’t displayed correctly, the competitor may NOT receive a finishing time.

**RACE RESULTS**

Full race results will be available at www.surfsafari.org or on our Facebook page during the week following the event.

**PRIZES**

Great prizes will be on offer both for winners/place getters together with random draws. Prize money to be awarded across major ski and boat races. Exact breakdown of prize money will be confirmed closer to the event.
AFTER THE EVENT

51st CELEBRATION – HOBART BREWING COMPANY

To celebrate 51 years of the Surf Safari we have teamed with the Hobart Brewing Company, (16 Evans Street, Hobart) for what promises to be a great after party. Join us from 12.00pm and relax with a drink and some food, reminisce with fellow competitor’s past and present about your Surf Safari experiences. The venue offers great in and outdoor spaces suitable for large numbers. Food vans will be on site to cater for all. Further information to follow via website and Facebook updates.
http://www.hobartbrewingco.com.au

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations for all races will be held at the conclusion of the last race at approx. 1:00pm. We understand that some will finish early than others but we also need to respect other competitors and enable them to finish in a reasonable time.

Note: presentations for the Hobart Plant Hire Board Challenge will be conducted at the conclusion of the board events at Long Beach, Sandy Bay.

All other presentations will be held at the Hobart Brewing Company @ 16 Evans Street, Hobart starting from 1.00pm as part of the 51st Celebration.

Competitors MUST be present to claim prizes. (Unless previously arranged)
Competitors MUST be present to claim spot prizes. (NO exceptions)
OTHER INFORMATION

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND SPECTATORS

Long Beach, Sandy Bay will be transformed into the Surf Safari 2019 Race Hub which will cater for not just race participants. Food, beverages (hot and cold) will be available along with displays and merchandise from associated Surf Safari partners and supporters. 7HOFM Hobart will provide ‘live’ crosses from the site. There will be lots of giveaways and activities for the kids.

So, invite family, friends and spectators to view the racing and be part of the spectacle that will be Surf Safari 2019.

Peppermint Bay Cruises
COURSE MAPS

SHORT COURSE – 6KM

Out and back course starting and finishing at Lower Sandy Bay. The halfway turning mark will be located just south of Cartwright Point, Taroona.

SHORT COURSE – 12KM

Out and back course starting and finishing at Lower Sandy Bay. The halfway turning mark will be located off Hinsby Beach Taroona.
LONG COURSE – 21KM

Out and back course starting and finishing at Lower Sandy Bay. The halfway turning mark will be located off Kingston Beach, Kingston. Downwind ski course from the south will launch and start from Tinderbox, upriver and finish at Sandy Bay. Course from the north will launch at Claremont Bay staying on the eastern side of the River Derwent to a selected point before heading cross river and south. The western conditions course will head down river before heading to Doran’s Road boat ramp.
PARKING AND CRAFT DROP OFF

The **GREEN** icon the entry point for Ski Paddlers, SUPs, Outriggers and Dragon Boats. This is a gear drop off point ONLY for these competitors. Vehicle and trailer parking is available via Long Point Rd, Sandown Ave & Beechworth Rd as per the map. All trailers must be unloaded by 8.30am or access to the area may be restricted.

The **YELLOW** icon points to the *Surf Safari Hub* which will include the Registration, Check-In, Briefing Area. Food, refreshments, public toilets & some shower and change facilities available on site.

The **PINK** icon shows the entrance to Long Point Rd. This is the entrance to be used for all competitors wishing to launch Surf Boats and Outriggers, Dragon Boats. It is also the entry point to the vehicle and trailer parking area.

The **PURPLE** icon shows the area set aside for vehicle and trailer parking for the duration of the event. When gear and craft is dropped off ALL vehicles and trailers must proceed to this parking area. Parking Marshals will be on site to assist.

The **BLUE** icon points to the launching area for all Surf Boats. Surf Boats must be unloaded by 8.30am or access to the launch point may be restricted. All vehicles and boat trailers must proceed to the allocated parking area at the end of Beechworth Rd as per the map provided. Parking Marshalls will be available to assist

The **RED** icon points to the IRB launching point. All IRB personnel must be onsite by 7.15am.
SPECIAL THANKS

Event organisers would like to extend a special thanks to our fantastic supporters of the 2019 Surf Safari.

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Keep up to date via the [www.surfsafari.org](http://www.surfsafari.org) or via [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/surfsafaritas). Event queries can be made by email: [info@surfsafari.org](mailto:info@surfsafari.org). Stay safe, enjoy the race and remember this race is put on by volunteers for your enjoyment.

*Surf Safari Event Organising Committee*

The surf safari organising committee consists of members from the three southern surf lifesaving clubs and is proudly supported by the Surf Lifesaving Tasmania.

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