



## **Race Guide - Pittwater Challenge 2022**

Thanks for being a part of this year's Pittwater Challenge, Race 1 of the 2022 PNSW Harbour Series.

Please also refer to the PNSW Harbour Series Rules 2022 available here:

<https://nsw.paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/36/2022/02/PNSW-Harbour-Series-Rules-2022.pdf>

### **Race Day Procedures**

This event is conducted at the same location as previous events. Please note the following and refer to the attached **MAPS**.

- Competitors are to drop-off their craft and park elsewhere. **DO NOT cross Pittwater Road with your craft.** (**MAP 1**)
- Please respect local residents and keep noise to a minimum.
- DO NOT park adjacent to the leash free dog park (**MAP 1**)
- There will be **two Check-in queues** to separate people at check-in based upon which course you have entered.
- **New numbers will be issued** at Race Check-in. These must be affixed on the **SIDE** of your craft (excluding SUPS) so they are visible to finish line staff. Failure to do so may result in your time not being recorded.
- **Ensure you have the minimum safety equipment** as per the Harbour Series Race Rules. No exceptions will be granted.

- You must pass between the **two maroon MWKC 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. (**MAP 1**)
- 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 buoy and the Start Boat adjacent to RPAYC.** Paddlers are required to stay 50m behind the buoys until the race has been called to the start. Starts will commence as follows:

Short Course and LC Doubles :	08.25am.
SUPS :	08.27am
Long Course Singles:	08.30 am

- **DO NOT break the Start.** You must remain behind the IRB bringing your start to the start line. The IRB will move to the yellow buoy at the start line (opposite the start boat). Anyone breaking the start will incur a 2 minute penalty.
- **The Start procedure will be as follows**
  - a. **Green flag** will be raised 2 minutes prior to each start
  - b. **Red flag** will be raised 1 minute prior to each start
  - c. **An AIR HORN** will sound the race start
- **DO NOT paddle through moored boats** once you have started. Anyone noted doing this by race officials will be DSQ'd. The line of moored boats is out of bounds. The ONLY EXCEPTION to this is once you have returned through the Start Line at the Finish. See **MAP 3**
- **You MUST GIVE WAY to all other waterway users.**
- Remember, **you are required to assist any paddlers in difficulty** throughout the race.
- If you see any of the safety boats **wave a red flag on course**, the race has been stopped and you must proceed as directed by the safety boat.
- Your course will be marked by large **yellow and pink buoys** which are the new standard for Harbour Racing. Turn **RIGHT** around **YELLOW** and

LEFT around **PINK** buoys. There is only one yellow buoy which you must turn around as you come to the Finish Line.

- There is a **minimum progress cut-off point for the Long Course**. If you have not reached Stokes Point at a time determined acceptable to the organisers (given conditions on the day eg wind etc) you will be turned around and required to paddle back to the start. The minimum still water speed is 8.5 km/hr. See **MAP 4**
- **The Finish Line will be between two black and white chequered buoys.** **DO NOT call your race number as you cross the line UNLESS asked to do so** by one of the Finish Line officials/timer. See **MAP 4**
- When you finish racing, pack up and leave the venue.
- **WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT RACE!** **Course MAPS are attached**

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



## MAP 2 – START LINE PROCEDURE





## MAP 3 – FINISH LINE PROCEDURE

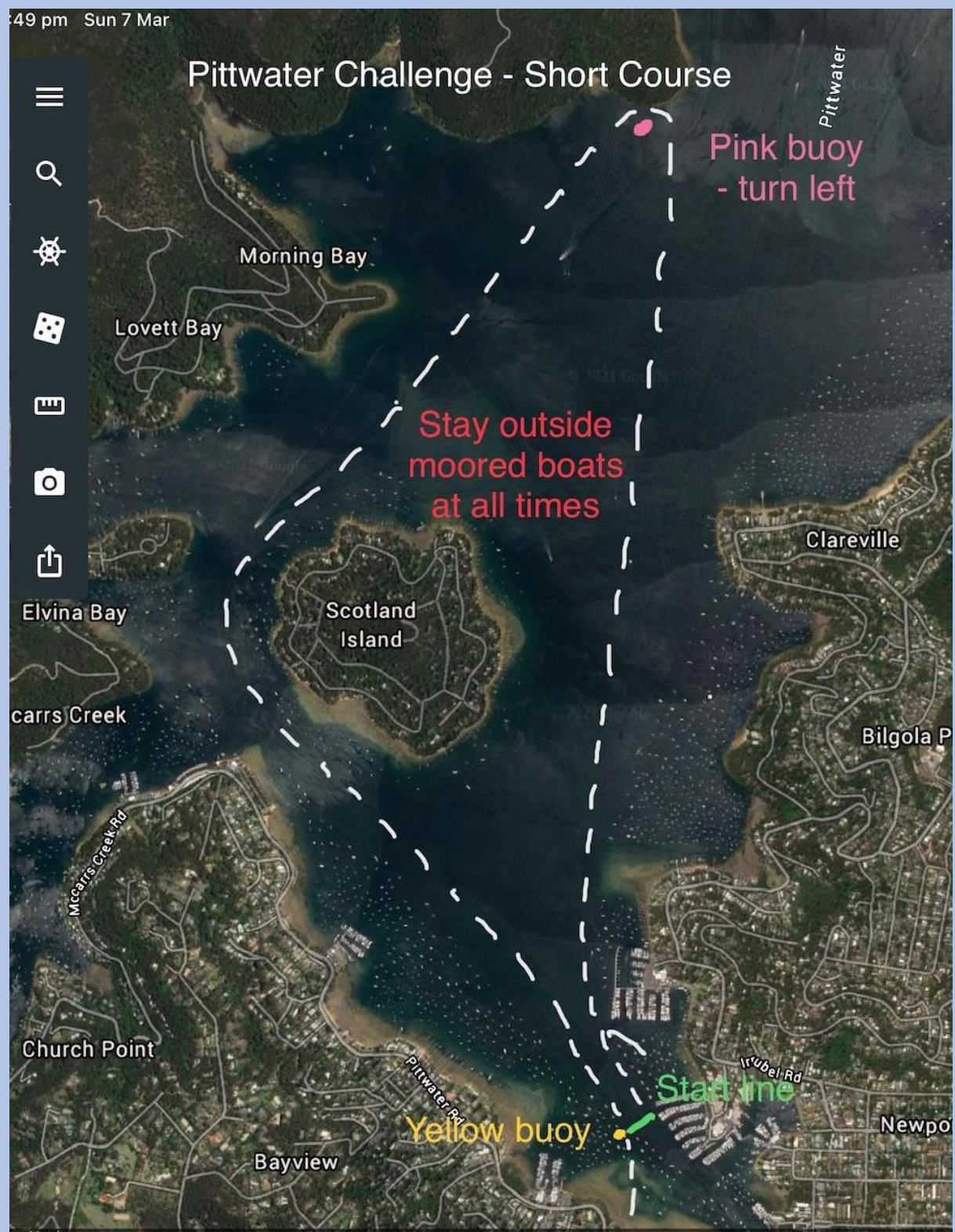


## MAP 4 – MINIMUM PROGRESS CUTOFF





## MAP 5 – SHORT COURSE





## MAP 6 – LONG COURSE



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