



## Race Report Brisbane Water Open 2022



The weather gods were not looking after BWP again this year, with a predicted 20knot southerly it was looking doubtful that our race would go ahead. Clever planning from BWP members late on Friday afternoon produced an alternative course that would be protected from the Southerly. 5am Saturday race morning, BWP Vice President Murray Dell arrived at Patonga to check the course before distance paddlers left home, the race was confirmed as proceeding. 6:30am & the Heavens opened up and the rain started come down hard. BWP boat crews were trying to set up the buoys, visibility was very low & the wind was getting worse! A judgement call was made due to the wind, rain, low visibility & paddlers safety the course was changed again. Laps around Patonga Bay it was, the laps turned out to be fun with a little downwind section from the top turn.

51 Paddlers started the race.

- Division 1 – Open Long Course: 34 paddlers (32 single skis & 2 double skis).
- Division 2 – Intermediate Long Course: 3 single ski paddlers
- Division 3 – Short Course: 9 paddlers (7 single skis and 2 doubles).
- Division 4 – SUP Short Course: 5 paddlers.

There were 5 juniors - 4 in a single ski the other was as in a double. Race start was slightly delayed due to the last-minute course change. Thank you to BWP President Craig Dodd for overseeing race start & quick organising of the buoy placements.



The 2 rescue boats were kept busy monitoring the paddlers especially on the top two turns. No rescues had to be made only some guidance on ski remounting.



Of the 65 entries, 51 paddlers competed in the race. There was 3 DNFs.

- Div 1 (Long Course) – the overall winner was Trent Mozzie Martin from Brisbane Water paddlers with a time of (45:00), the fastest female was Nicci Vesley from Learn to Paddle now (49:27)
- Div 2 (Long Course) – the overall winner was Pat Quinlan from Manly Warringah with a time of 52:23, the fastest female was Julia Ong from Manly Warringah (01:08:05)
- Div 3 (Short Course) – the overall winner was Emanuel Freer from Learn To Paddle Now with a time of 00:36:03, the fastest female in a single was Kate Lane from Sydney Harbour Surf Club (43:41)
- Div 4 (SUP Short Course) – the overall winner was Lee Johnson 49:25.

Full results can be found at [2022 Harbour Racing \(5\) Brisbane Waters Open | Race results | Webscorer](#)

Race photos can be found at

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/paddlensw/albums/72177720301802619>

Feedback from paddlers “It was great to just get this race done, the conditions were terrible, but the course was fun & exciting on the downwind section”. Some good stories were told at the Patonga Pub after the event.

BWP really hope to see everyone back next year where the weather might allow us to paddle the lion Island course that we so much wanted to do this year.

Massive thank you to Brisbane Water Paddlers volunteers & Paddle NSW race officials.



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