

# Pittwater Challenge Race Report, 14 April 2023

## Race 1 of the 2023 PaddleNSW Harbour Racing Series

An Autumn chill started the day at Sunrise on the 15th for the first race of the Learn to Paddle Now 2023 Harbour Series. Our MWKC volunteers and Marine Rescue Crews were out on the water early securing the course buoys and briefing water safety for the day. Our 125 Starters started queuing up just before 7am and were warmed up by coffee from our Barrista Marc and some sunshine. The race was started in three waves which were the same for each of the Harbour races with the traditionally slower constituted long course age groups in the first wave, the fastest classes in the next wave and then the short course in the last wave. It was a scenic trip up Pittwater heading due north to Lion Island and Palm Beach and reassuring to see Marine Rescue at the first turning buoy. For short or long courses there were some short runs coming home and plenty of on-water pacing for those looking for a result. All got home safely and the new boat numbers & holders all did their job well. After a short presentation for the winners of the constituted classes and acknowledgement of Guringai country, the land of the Garigal people and sponsor Learn to Paddle, it's time to head off for Race 2 at Dolls Point.

We know everyone who competes for a result is usually focussed on 1 or 2 paddlers they are benchmarking but the long course overall results are always interesting to watch. Congratulations to everyone who competed on their personal goals. The long course highlights are:

### **LONG COURSE** (fastest overall):

- Fastest male (ski single): Ziko Vesely (1:02:29) then Tent Mozzie Martin and Cade Barnes.
- Fastest female (ski single): Nicci Vesely (1:12:08) then Lovaine Mackie and Suzie Rhydderch
- Fastest double: Andrew Sneddon / David Heathcote (1:07:01) then Jacob Mako / Maximilian Mako and Macy Slater / Glenn Slater.
- Fastest U18: Stephen Carcary (1:17:31)

### **SHORT COURSE** fastest overall):

- Fastest double: Justin Lennon / Peter Holz (46:30) [\*\*Fastest overall on the short course\*\*] then Ella Koopman / Lutzen Koopman
- Fastest male: Viliam Mako (47:46) then Hubert Wiest and Peter Grimes
- Fastest female overall: Elizabeth Tyson (53:53) then Jessica Tyson and Kaija Wall
- Fastest SUP: Chris Wright (1:23:32)
- Fastest other craft: Tim Griffiths (1:08:53) and Annette Pitcher

[Photos here](#) (photos by Geoff Horsnell)

[Results here](#)

MWKC and PNSW would like to thank **Marine Rescue** for providing on-water support at the race.

Marine Rescue PaddleNSW **Facebook** post here:

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