



HARBOUR SERIES 2023 RACE 6

NEWY HARBOUR CLASSIC SEPT 24, 2023

Race 6 in the 2023 Harbour Racing Series was hosted by Newy Paddlers. Thanks to our wonderful members for making this event a showcase of what Newcastle has to offer.

Incredible effort off the water to ensure everything ran smoothly so the paddlers could enjoy the perfect conditions and with a lot of our members away still managed to have 15 people on the water, achieving podium finishes in both the long and short courses.

56 people attended the buffet lunch at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and to watch the series winners being recognised for their achievements. The highlight was a presentation by our President, Liz van Reece to Peter Tate of an orange cap, recognising his 10 years' service as CEO of PaddleNSW.

A special thank you to Annette Mathews, Chair Harbour Series Committee for doing an incredible job organising the series and the hard work she does behind the scenes supporting the clubs to make it happen.

The Orange Army should be justifiably proud of who we are and what we can do with the support of the local community. Thank you to PaddleNSW, The Wests Group, Newcastle Rowing Club, Cooks Hill Surf Club, Marine Rescue, Maritime Services, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Carrington Public School 56 Paddlers started the race.

- Long Course: 40 paddlers (36 single skis & 4 double skis).
- Short Course: 16 paddlers (16 single skis)
- There was 1 junior in a single ski doing the Long Course – Hobie Smit from Cronulla was very impressive doing a time of 1:03:27
- The 6 rescue boats did an amazing job patrolling the harbour and ocean opposite Nobbys Beach with no rescues required.
- Of the 56 entries, all competitors completed the course.
- Long Course – the overall winner was Trent Martin with a time of 1:02:00 followed closely by Mario & Carlito Vessley 1:02:22 and our own Newy crew of Nathan Hays & Dan Stein 1:02:25
- Long Course Female – Nicci Vessley 1:11:23 Learn to Paddle Now took the honours, followed by Anjie Lees & Julie Wilsek 1:12:33 and Lovaine Mackie in 3rd 1:15:52.
- Short Course – Craig Simpson from Newy finished in 1st with Newy's Mick Cowling & Cronulla's Chris Mathews in 2nd & 3rd
- Short Course Female – 1st Rebecca Kelly (LTPN) 2nd Donae Distin (LTPN) & 3rd Kaija Wall.

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