



## 2024 PaddleNSW Harbour Series Race Guide

Event	Race 4 - The Hacking Classic
<b>Location</b>	Gunamatta Bay Cronulla
<b>Event Date</b>	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>Hosted By</b>	<p>Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club</p> <p>The Port Hacking Classic is a race with a history of over 50 years, having begun in 1970 as a race from Audley to Gunnamatta as part of the 1970 Captain Cook Bicentenary and run thereafter by Lilli Pilli Kayak Club (now Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club).</p> <p>Follow us on <a href="#">Facebook</a>; <a href="#">CSKC website</a></p>
<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Dharawal people who are the traditional owners of the land we meet on today and would also like to pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.
<b>Important Safety Messages</b>	<p><b>All HR paddlers should wear a high-vis cap, carry a storm whistle and some form of communication</b> (such as a mobile phone, PLB or flare). Sometimes the top of your head is the only thing the safety boat crews can see. <b>Make yourself as visible as possible and have some way of attracting the attention of other paddlers and the safety boats.</b></p> <p><b>Attendance at the pre-race Paddler Safety Briefing is mandatory.</b></p> <p>Due to the prevailing conditions, the Race Committee may alter the course and/or the start order on the morning of the race. <b>The final course and start order will be explained at the Paddler Safety Briefing.</b></p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Free parking available in Nicholson Pde, Waratah St and Taloombi St Cronulla.</p> <p>Please Park in these locations and carry your craft to the check-in area. <b>DO NOT</b> double park in Nicholson Pde to unload.</p>
<b>Check-in Time and Paddler Safety Briefing</b>	<p><b>7am to 8:15am:</b> Race Check-in  <b>7:50am:</b> Paddler Safety Briefing</p>



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<p><b>Race Start Times</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The final start order will be explained at the mandatory pre-race Paddler Safety Briefing.</p>	<p><b>8:35am Wave 1 – Long Course:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female: 50+ and older</li> <li>• Male: 60+ and older</li> <li>• All Juniors</li> <li>• All OC1 &amp; 2, and Sea Kayak</li> </ul> <p><b>8:45am Wave 2 – Long Course:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female: Open &amp; 40+</li> <li>• Male: Open, 40+, &amp; 50+</li> <li>• All Double Skis</li> </ul> <p><b>8:48am Wave 3 - Short Course:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All craft, all ages (including SUP)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Post-Race Presentation</b></p>	<p>A summary of the results and Race Medals will be presented after the race.</p>
<p><b>HR Series Rules</b></p>	<p>Please familiarise yourself with the PNSW <a href="#">Harbour Racing Series Rules</a></p>
<p><b>Boat Numbers</b></p>	<p>Collect boat numbers from paddler check-in. Return boat numbers immediately after you finish paddling.</p> <p><b>You need to bring your own Race Number holder.</b> These can be purchased when you register or at the event.</p> <p>Remove old HR Series stickers from your craft before you participate in this series.</p>
<p><b>Start List</b></p>	<p>The Webscorer Start List will be available on the after registration closes. (<a href="https://www.webscorer.com/PaddleNSW">https://www.webscorer.com/PaddleNSW</a>)</p>



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<p><b>Course and Site Information</b></p>	
<p><b>Course Description</b></p> <p>See the attached course map(s).</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The final course will be explained at the mandatory pre-race Paddler Safety Briefing.</p>	<p>Please enter the water on the Northern side of the baths where safety gear will be checked, and race number checked.</p> <p><b>Long Course:</b></p> <p>From the start paddle directly south down the main channel keeping all green channel markers on your left until you come to the open water. This is marked by a large green channel marker. Turn left around the channel marker (DO NOT CUT THE CORNER) and head directly to the yellow buoy at the eastern end of Jibbon Beach. Turn right around the buoy and head due west to the main channel and proceed up river to Lilli Pilli. Turn left around the pink buoy and head back to Gunnamatta Bay. Turn left into Gunnamatta Bay and head back to the start line then turn right to the finish line at the beach.</p> <p><b>Short Course:</b></p> <p>From the start paddle directly south down the main channel keeping all green channel markers on your left until you come to the open water. This is marked by a large green channel marker. Turn left around the channel marker (DO NOT CUT THE CORNER) and head directly to the yellow buoy at the eastern end of Jibbon Beach. Turn right around the yellow buoy and head north west back to the mouth of Gunnamatta Bay where you just came from. Head north back into bay using the right side of main channel, return through the start bouys then turn right to the finish line at the beach.</p> <p><b>You MUST GIVE WAY to all other waterway users especially the Ferry where a Maritime Vessel will control the safe passage of paddlers. If directed by that vessel YOU MUST STOP.</b></p> <p>Remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You <b>turn left</b> around the <b>pink</b> buoys</li> <li>• You <b>turn right</b> around <b>yellow</b> buoys</li> <li>• The <b>Finish Line</b> will be <b>between two black and white chequered buoys.</b></li> <li>• If you see any of the safety boats wave a <b>red flag</b> on the course, the race has been stopped and you must proceed as directed by the safety boat.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Race Start Procedure</b></p>	<p>You must pass between the club 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. Failure to enter through the designated entry gates will result in a DNS (Did Not Start) being applied.</p> <p>Paddlers are to only warm-up on the Eastern side of the Bay and within the line of the moored boats, staying out of the channel and away from the Ferry route. The start line will be between the two floating yellow buoys at the Northern end of the Bay.</p> <p>The Race starter will be located on the IRB at the start line.</p> <p>The Race Starter will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Call the paddlers in the wave to make their way towards the start line</li> <li>ii. Raise a <b>green flag</b> giving the paddlers in that wave a 1-minute warning to come up to (but not cross) the start line</li> <li>iii. Signal race start by the dropping of the <b>green flag</b> and a <b>single blast of an air horn</b>.</li> </ol> <p>DO NOT break the Start. You must remain behind the safety boat bringing your start to the start line. The safety boat will move to the yellow and black buoy at the start line (opposite the start boat). Anyone breaking the start will incur a 2 minute penalty.</p>
<p><b>Key Hazards</b></p>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Additional information about the course, including the key hazards, will be explained at the mandatory Paddler Safety Briefing.</p> <p>Under no circumstances shall the paddlers approach or wash-ride the Ferry on either the outward or return legs.</p>
<p><b>Weather and Tides</b></p>	<p>Paddlers should monitor the weather and water conditions and make their own decisions about their ability to handle the conditions.</p>
<p><b>Other Water Users</b></p>	<p>This event does not have exclusive use of the waterways.</p> <p><b>You MUST GIVE WAY to all other waterway users.</b></p> <p>At no time as competitors to attempt to approach or wash-ride the Ferry, either after the start or on the return leg of the race.</p>
<p><b>Facilities</b></p>	<p>Council toilets are located in the park, adjacent to the registration area.</p>
<p><b>Event Catering</b></p>	<p>Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, drinks, sausage/steak sandwiches available for purchase at the event.</p> <p>In addition, there are two coffee shops within 300m of the park.</p>



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<b>Event Specific Information</b>	<p>Free parking is available in Nicholson Parade and Tomkin Street.</p> <p>Please note: No cars will be allowed access to the park and ski's must be unloaded and carried to the start line.</p>
<b>Health and Safety Requirements</b>	
<b>Medical Information</b>	For your safety, paddlers should enter any relevant information in WebScorer when registering.
<b>Minimum safety Requirements</b>	<p>Ensure you have the minimum safety equipment as per the Harbour Series Race Rules. No exceptions will be granted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All paddlers must wear a Level 50 or 50S non-inflatable lifejacket that conforms to Australian Standards.</li> <li>• One paddler of every Ski, Outrigger Canoe, Va'a or SUP must wear a leg leash at EVERY event. Paddle leashes or use of both paddle leash and leg leash together are not advised for Ski paddlers.</li> <li>• All kayak paddlers are advised to wear a spray-skirt and use a paddle leash. Kayaks must have bulkheads and sealed compartments to provide buoyancy.</li> </ul>
<b>On-Water Safety Vessels</b>	<p>Remember, you are required to assist any paddlers in difficulty throughout the race</p> <p>There will be three on water Safety Vessels, please bring to their attention any emergency situations or if any assistance is required.</p>
<b>First Aid</b>	A qualified First Aid Officer will be located near the Race Officials area. Additional first aiders will be located at various locations on the course.
<b>Clothing</b>	Stay sun smart. Slip, slop, slap, seek shade. Remember to hydrate.
<b>COVIDsafe</b>	The event will comply with NSW requirements. Don't paddle or come to this event if you're unwell, awaiting test results, are required to be isolating, etc. Please err on the side of caution.
<b>Emergency Muster Location</b>	At the registration area in the park.



## Course and Site Maps

**NOTE:** The final course will be explained at the mandatory pre-race Paddler Safety Briefing.





**Site Map**

