2024 PaddleNSW Harbour Series Race Guide

Event	Race 4 - The Hacking Classic
Location	This race has been **relocated to Swallow Rock, Grays Point** Google: https://www.google.com/maps/place/Swallow+Rock+Reserve/@-34.061698,151.078635,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0xf017d68f9f25890?sa=X&ved=1t:2428&ictx=111
Event Date	Saturday 4th May 2024
Hosted By	Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club 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). Follow us on Facebook; CSKC website
Acknowledgement of Country	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.
Important Safety Messages	**All HR paddlers should wear a high-vis cap, carry a storm whistle and some form of communication** (such as a mobile phone, PLB or flare). Sometimes the top of your head is the only thing the safety boat crews can see. **Make yourself as visible as possible and have some way of attracting the attention of other paddlers and the safety boats.**
	Attendance at the pre-race Paddler Safety Briefing is mandatory. Due to the prevailing conditions, the Race Committee may alter the course and/or the start order on the morning of the race. **The final course and start order will be explained at the Paddler Safety Briefing.**
Parking	Free parking available in Swallow Rock boat ramp carpark and Swallow Rock Dr

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Check-in Time and Paddler Safety Briefing	**7am to 8:15am:** Race Check-in **7:50am:** Paddler Safety Briefing
Race Start Times **NOTE:** The final start order will be explained at the mandatory pre-race Paddler Safety Briefing.	**8:35am Wave 1 – Long Course:** • Female: 50+ and older • Male: 60+ and older • All Juniors • All OC1 & 2, and Sea Kayak **8:45am Wave 2 – Long Course:** • Female: Open & 40+ • Male: Open, 40+, & 50+ • All Double Skis **8:48am Wave 3 - Short Course:** • All craft, all ages (including SUP)
Post-Race Presentation	A summary of the results and Race Medals will be presented after the race.
HR Series Rules	Please familiarise yourself with the PNSW Harbour Racing Series Rules
Boat Numbers	Collect boat numbers from paddler check-in. Return boat numbers immediately after you finish paddling. **You need to bring your own Race Number holder.** These can be purchased when you register or at the event. Remove old HR Series stickers from your craft before you participate in this series.
Start List	The Webscorer Start List will be available on the after registration closes. (https://www.webscorer.com/PaddleNSW)

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Course and Site Information

Course Description	This is an out and back course
See the attached course map(s). **NOTE:** The final course will be explained at the mandatory pre-race Paddler Safety Briefing.	**Long Course:** **Starting in front of the Scout Hall head east and follow all channel markers for the first 1km** **When past Danger Point you may proceed by your chosen route turning right at Lightning Point (2.5k) then passed the scout camps and onto South West Arm Turning right around the two yellow markers and returning by the same route and following the channel markers for the last 1 km** **Please refer to course map** **Short Course:** **Starting in front of the Scout Hall head east and follow all Chanell markers for the first 1km** **When past Danger Point you may proceed by your chosen route turning right at Lightning Point (2.5k) and proceeding to the Pink turn Bouy (approx. 4k) and returning by the same route and following the channel markers for the last 1km** **Please refer to course map** Remember: - You **turn left** around the pink buoys - You **turn right** around yellow buoys - The **Finish Line** will be **between** **two black and white chequered buoys**. - If you see any of the safety boats wave a red flag on the course, the race has been stopped and you must proceed as directed by the safety boat.

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Race Start Procedure	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.
	
	 ==Paddlers are to only warm-up west of the start line ie towards Audley==
	 The Race starter will be located on the start line.
	
	 The Race Starter will:
	    i. Call the paddlers in the wave to make their way towards the start line
	    ii. Raise a **green flag** giving the paddlers in that wave a 1-minute warning to come up to (but not cross) the start line
	    iii. Signal race start by the dropping of the **green flag** and **a single blast of an air horn.**
	
	 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.

Key Hazards	**NOTE:** Additional information about the course, including the key hazards, will be explained at the mandatory Paddler Safety Briefing.
Weather and Tides	Paddlers should monitor the weather and water conditions and make their own decisions about their ability to handle the conditions.
Other Water Users	This event does not have exclusive use of the waterways. You MUST GIVE WAY to all other waterway users.
Facilities	Council toilets are located in the park, adjacent to the registration area.
Event Catering	Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, drinks, sausage/steak sandwiches available for purchase at the event. In addition, there are two coffee shops within 300m of the park.

Health and Safety Requirements

Medical Information	For your safety, paddlers should enter any relevant information in WebScorer when registering.

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Minimum safety Requirements	Ensure you have the minimum safety equipment as per the Harbour Series Race Rules. No exceptions will be granted. • All paddlers must wear a Level 50 or 50S non-inflatable lifejacket that conforms to Australian Standards. • 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. • 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.
On-Water Safety Vessels	Remember, you are required to assist any paddlers in difficulty throughout the race There will be three on water Safety Vessels, please bring to their attention any emergency situations or if any assistance is required.
First Aid	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.
Clothing	Stay sun smart. Slip, slop, slap, seek shade. Remember to hydrate.
COVIDsafe	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.
Emergency Muster Location	At the registration area in the park.

Course and Site Maps

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Revised Long Course (starting / ending at Swallow Rock at Grays Point)

Revised Short Course (starting / ending at Swallow Rock at Grays Point)

Will be available on the day.