Port Stephens Outrigger Canoe Club

2015 Regatta

Featuring the

Country Club Broughton Island Bash

A 38km race from Shoal Bay to Broughton Island and return with crew change at Broughton Island.

Dates:  Saturday 11 April - 38km Broughton Island bash  
        Sunday 12 April - Junior/Novice and Short course races

Spectators and 2\textsuperscript{nd} leg Broughton Island paddlers will travel on the \textit{Moonshadow Explorer} accompanying the canoes to keep up with all the action. (5-6 hours on the water)

\textbf{Moonshadow Explorer} is a 30 metre alloy catamaran used for dolphin and whale watching in Port Stephens. It is licensed to carry 195 passengers offshore. The vessel has main and wheelhouse decks, with full walk-around side decks. It is air-conditioned and fully licensed.

Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase onboard. Bring your own lunch if you need more.

To book spectator seats, see attached details and contact, Jean Brown: \texttt{nelsonbaybrowns@bigpond.com}

Confirmation of number of canoes, paddlers and spectators is required by 22nd March, 2015.

2 canoes are available for use by other clubs.

Accommodation packages are available. See attached
REGATTA EVENTS
Saturday 11th April 2015

“Country Club 38km Broughton Bash”

Race from Shoal Bay to Broughton Island and return.

It will be run in two legs with times added together to determine total race time. Each leg is 19kms. A mass start, women’s, men’s and mixed at 9:00am.

The finish of the first leg will be at the entrance to Esmerelda Bay at Broughton Island.

Crew must consist of a minimum of 11 paddlers, steerers can do iron if they choose. There will be only one crew change which will be after the finish of the first leg at Broughton Island.

The return leg of the race will start once all crews have re-grouped at Broughton Island and will be a mass start. The finish of the second leg will be opposite the Jetty at Shoal Bay.

Spectators and Return-leg Paddlers Transport to Broughton Island

Board Moonshadow Explorer at Dock C, d’Albora Marina, Nelson Bay at 8:00am. Moonshadow will leave the marina at 8:30 am sharp to cruise to Shoal Bay for the start of the race.

Moonshadow Explorer will drop the replaced paddling crews and spectators back at D’Albora Marinas in Nelson Bay.

Note: Nelson Bay Marina is a 6min drive from Shoal Bay. All transfers to be organized by own club.
**Sunday 12\textsuperscript{th} April 2015:**

**Juniors and Novice Race – 3.5kms and 7kms respectively**

An inside course consisting of one triangular lap of Shoal Bay for Juniors and two laps for Novices. Start and finish will be at Shoal Bay jetty.

**Short Course – 10kms**

An outside course to a marker buoy off Boondelbah Island and return. Start and finish will be at Shoal Bay Jetty.

**Race Event Program for Saturday 11\textsuperscript{th} April 2015**

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<td>Spectators and Return-leg paddlers board Moonshadow at d’Albora Marina Dock C</td>
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<td>Moonshadow Explorer departs d’Albora Marina</td>
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<td>Moonshadow Explorer arrives at Shoal Bay</td>
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<td>Presentation of Juniors, Novice and Short course</td>
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Safety

Alternative Courses in the Event of Unfavourable Outside Conditions

Alternative courses inside the Bay for the Saturday race and the Sunday short courses will be implemented should conditions outside the heads make paddling unsafe. (Refer course maps) The courses will be the same distance. The Saturday course will still include a crew change-over, which will be on the beach next to Salamander Shores Jetty. Moonshadow will still be available to transport Spectators and paddlers.
ALL CANOES MUST HAVE STORM COVERS, 2 BAILERS; 25M TOW ROPE, SPARE PADDLE and 6 LIFE JACKETS

Safety Inspections

Members of the host club will be performing safety inspections on all canoes. If a canoe fails to meet the required AOCRA safety guidelines, the canoe will be ineligible to take part in the event.

Competitor Information

Conditions of eligibility

1. Only a competitor who is a financial member of a club affiliated with AOCRA Inc. and is a current registered competitor with AOCRA Inc. is eligible to nominate and compete in any event.

2. AOCRA Inc., the Race Director, or the Race Committee reserves the right to request proof of identity or age [i.e. ID card with photograph] of a competitor at any time.

3. The Race Committee reserves the right to be the arbiter in any dispute regarding eligibility and registration of competitors. The Race Director’s decision is final.

4. The REGATTA RULES [as amended] of the Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association Incorporated shall apply. For full details of these rules, please refer to www.aocra.com.au
Age Divisions

Junior Competitor

Junior division competitors shall not have reached 20 years of age and be at least 10 years of age during the race year of competition.

Novice Competitor

Novice division competitors shall be in their first year of paddling. Steerers are exempt.

Senior Competitors

1. Open division shall be aged 20 or over on the day of competition.
2. Junior competitors are eligible to compete in Open Division provided they have turned 14 years of age in the Race Year of competition. Their inclusion will be at a qualified coach’s discretion. They must have written parental/guardian permission.
3. Masters division shall be aged 40 or over during the race year of competition.
4. Senior Masters division shall be age 50 years or over during the race year of competition.
5. Golden Masters division shall be age 60 years or over during the race year of competition.
6. Platinum Masters division shall be age 70 years or over during the race year of competition.
7. Mixed teams must have at least 3 women paddlers at all times in the canoe.
8. There must be a minimum of 3 teams in an age group category to make a division.
Race Fees

Junior  OC6 Junior $15 per paddler, $90 per canoe
Novices  OC6 Novice $20 per paddler, $120 per canoe
Seniors  OC6 Short Course $25 per paddler, $150/canoe
         OC6 Broughton Bash $60 per paddler-(cost includes Moonshadow support boat). $660 per canoe if one steerer, $720 per canoe if 2 steerers

RACE FEES must be paid ONLINE via the AOCRA Website. All Club and Crew Entries to be registered at least 2 weeks before the regatta date and all crews to be nominated

Moonshadow Spectator Bookings

Moonshadow spectator tickets need to be pre-ordered and paid before Saturday, 21st March, 2015. Seats are limited, so first to order will be sure of receiving tickets.

Ticket Cost:  Adults $40.00  Children (under 12) $20.00

Clubs should order spectator tickets as a single bulk purchase on behalf of spectators.

Please email your details to nelsonbaybrowns@bigpond.com.au stating club name, number of adults and number of children under 12.
**Payments to be made to:** Port Stephens Outrigger Canoe Club, Westpac Bank, Nelson Bay

BSB: 032533

Account No.: 118446

Pick Up Tickets at Registration at Shoal Bay

**Friday 6–7pm or Sat 7-8am**

**Presentation Night**

Location: Sandy Foot Bar and Café,
Shoal Bay Country Club Hotel
(Opposite Shoal Bay Jetty)

Time: 6.30pm

Dress: Casual

Entry: FREE

Food and Drinks:

Food can be purchased as take-away at SeaRock and brought back to eat at Sandy Foot café. Drinks at normal bar prices can be purchased at Sandy Foot Café

**Drinks Breakfast and Lunch**

During Sunday Junior, Novice and Short course races, cold drinks, bananas and carrot cake will be available at the club tent. Take-Away coffee, along with Breakfast and lunches will be available from the Sandy Foot Café on Sunday morning.
Canoe -off Load and Parking

Canoes can be off-loaded at the Shoal Bay boat ramp at the eastern end of Shoal Bay. There is trailer parking opposite the boat ramp and in adjacent side streets. (see map for details)

Toilets

There are public toilets at the Shoal Bay boat ramp and the Shoal Bay Country Club facilities are available for regatta participants.

Accommodation

See attached “early bird package” offered by the Ramada Resort at Shoal Bay.

There are also many motels and resorts in the Bay which have accommodation available. Contact Port Stephens Visitor Information Centre for more details. Centre located at 60 Victoria Parade Nelson Bay Ph. 02 4980 6900.

Enquiries

Further enquiries can be directed to:

Jim Papadopoulos: mobile 0409 849 736 (PSOCC President)
Tony Compton: mobile 0412617410 (PSOCC Vice President)
Rory Milne: mobile 0408631081 (Race Director)
Dean McGuinness: mobile 0412 725 058 (Assistant Race Director)

COURSE MAPS
(see over)
Port Stephens Outrigger Canoe Club Regatta 11th 12th April 2015

Approximately 6 mins by car from Shoal Bay to Nelson Bay Marina

Moonshadow Boarding

PSOCC Regatta Location

Nelson Bay

Shoal Bay
PSOCC Broughton Bash – 1st Leg

1st Leg 19Km

Start: Shoal Bay

Broughton First Leg Finish
PSOCC Broughton Bash – 2nd Leg

2nd Leg 19Km
PSOCC Broughton Bash – Alternative 1st Leg

1st Leg 18Km

Start

Flaming Buoy

Broughton Bash Alternative 1st Leg Finish

Broughton Bash Alternative 1st Leg Finish

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PSOCC Broughton Bash – Alternative 2\textsuperscript{nd} Leg
PSOCC 10km Short Course
PSOCC 10km
Alternative Short Course
PSOCC 7km Novice/Junior Course

Novice - 2 LAPS - 7Km
Juniors – 1 LAP - 3.5km
Accommodation

up to 15% off current advertised ‘early bird rates’
if you book your Outrigger Regatta stay at Shoal Bay today!

Quote ‘Shoal Bay Outrigger 2015’ to be entitled to great rates for the 2015 event.

Call 1800 18 18 10
reservations@ramadashoalbay.com.au

One Bedroom Standard
Separate bedroom with king bed, ensuite, open plan dining area and lounge with sofa bed. Kitchenette with bar fridge, microwave, toaster and tea & coffee making facilities. Conveniently located to resort facilities. No view
Price per night: MIDWEEK $185.00 WEEKEND $200.00

One Bedroom Side Waterview
Our one bedroom side-water view apartments contain separate bedroom with king bed or Queen bed- subject to availability, bathroom with shower over bath, open plan living and dining area and lounge with sofa bed. Additional costs apply for use of the sofa bed. Sofa bed available can sleep 2x children under the age of 12.
Max Occupancy: 2 Adults 2 Children
Price per night: MIDWEEK $195.00 WEEKEND $250.00

One Bedroom Beachfront WTS
Separate bedroom with king bed, ensuite with 3 corner spa bath, open plan dining area and lounge with sofa bed. Kitchenette with bar fridge, microwave, toaster and tea & coffee making facilities. Balcony with beachfront views.
Max Occupancy: 2 Adults
Price per night: MIDWEEK $235.00 WEEKEND $285.00

Please contact Ramada Resort Shoal Bay for further room types and availability and discounts exclusively on offer to the Outrigger community.

Add on breakfast @ $20.00 per adult or $10.00 per child

“Enjoy a fully cooked A la Carte breakfast with delicious menu options such as toasted granola, the full Country Club breakfast or waffles for the kids inclusive of a barista coffee or juice. Set in a stunning beach side café location with alfresco dining.”

Min 2 night stay – reservations must be booked by February 28th paid by COB March 13th 2015 to honour group discounts.
No allotment held – all rates are based subject to availability.
Standards direct T&C’s apply. Not valid with any other offer.

Booking period: February 10th to March 15th 2015
Valid for stay period: April 9th 2015 to April 16th 2015 – PLEASE NOTE RATES REFLECT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS and early bird, group discounts. Room types may not be available. Call to enquire.
MIDWEEK Sunday – Thursday
WEEKEND Friday to Saturday