



Event Information

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ANZAC PARK, TEA GARDENS



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Race Registration and Race Briefings

Please proceed to the Registration tent when you arrive. This will be open from **6:45am**.

Separate race briefings will be held for each start, **45 minutes** prior to that start.

A separate and specific Race briefing will be held for the 27km Student Challenge & 27km SUP entrants at **8:30am**.

Entry to the Water

Entry gates will be opened at the conclusion of each race briefing. All participant boats will be checked for compliance before entering the water. It is the responsibility of all paddlers to have themselves and their craft pass through the entry chute. Failure to do so will render you a 'Did not Start', as your number will not be recorded. Your craft must have a scrutineering decal affixed prior to passing through the entry gate. Scrutineering decals will be affixed to your craft by roaming scrutineers prior to your start.

Compulsory equipment

The course is predominantly within a National Park, and all paddlers must be self-sufficient for an extended paddle, with the following as a minimum;

- 47km Paddlers must each have a minimum of 2 litres of water and 50 grams of solid food, or 2 litres of liquid race food.
- 27km paddlers must each have a minimum of 1 litre of fluid.
- 12km paddlers are each advised to have fluids on board.
- **Every paddler is required to wear a Level 50, non-inflatable lifejacket during the event.**
- **All Surfskis and Paddleboards must have a leg leash (one per craft).**
- All craft must have a Fixed Number Holder. (*numbers taped flat on the deck will not pass scrutineering*). SUPs can use suction cap number holders. Any craft with a suction cap number holder should have the holder additionally secured by tape.
- All craft must have positive buoyancy, and float upright and level with the surface in order to provide support for a paddler.
***** Foam core constructed craft MUST have additional fixed buoyancy. *****
- All craft must carry a Mobile Phone (in a waterproof pouch if necessary).
- All paddlers must wear the emergency phone number wristband provided.
- A spray skirt is highly recommended for all kayaks.

The Starts & Starting Line

The starts will be in line with the Anzac Memorial Flagpole. The warm-up area is downstream, between the Maritime Services Building and the Hawks Nest Bridge. **Please assist the starters and all paddlers by not paddling upstream of the start prior to any of the race starts.**

*****Please be aware that the Tea Gardens Ferry departs Tea Gardens at 10:00am*****

Three (3) minutes before all race starts, an announcement will be made over the public address system. Paddlers are to align themselves level with the Maritime Services jetty until asked to move upstream to the start line together with the walking starter. The race will be started with the words **"Ready, Go"** in

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accordance with ICF/PA Marathon standard practice. ***Note the possible earlier 27km early start time below***.

Start Times:

- 8:00am – 47km Early Start (slower paddlers)
- 9:00am – 47km Late Start (faster paddlers)
- 9:30am – 27km Student Challenge
- (10:00am) – 27km Early Start (slower paddlers) will actually start at **9:55am** before the 10:00am Ferry departs
- 11:00am – 27km Late Start (faster paddlers)
- 11:30am – 12km Start (this start may be moved earlier in the interests of safety)

Race Numbers

Each boat/craft entered will be provided with a Race Number board which must be affixed to a fitted vertical number board holder, and clearly displayed and visible to officials at all times. The Race Number must be returned on completion of your race.

The Course

Course maps and a virtual flyover are available via the Myall Classic website here

<https://myallclassic.com.au/about-2/about/>

Paddlers are to **keep within the channel markers**, keeping the **green** on the right and **red** on the left when paddling upstream (from the start). The reverse applies on the way back. **Keep towards the right** of the channel where possible, and pass other craft on the right, especially paddlers coming back down the river from the top turns. The water depth outside the marked channel is often very shallow and sea grassed. All turns will be made in an anticlockwise direction.

The Slot

'The Slot', for those who are aware of it, is totally out of bounds in this race. This will be highlighted at the briefing.

*****Paddling up 'the slot' will result in instant disqualification*****

Larger vessels cannot search for lost paddlers there.

Minimum Progress

For safety reasons, all paddlers are required to meet Minimum time/progress objectives for their chosen events set out as follows below:

Event	Minimum Time/Progress^
47km Distance	• 8:00am start - must reach Engels Reach Wharf (13.5km) before 09:45am • 9:00am start - must reach Engels Reach Wharf (13.5km) before 10:30am <i>If you cannot paddle 13.5km in 90 minutes, you must enter the 8am start</i>

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27km Student Challenge Distance	• 9:30am start - must reach the 6km turn point before 10:30am
27km Distance	• 10:00am start - must reach the 6km turn point before 11:00am • 11:00am start - must reach the 6km turn point before 11:45am

^Paddlers failing to meet the minimum time/progress requirements for their selected distances will be directed to turn around, and must do so immediately when advised by the safety boat captain(s).

****This is a requirement stipulated by Maritime NSW on our aquatic licence****

Paddling Conditions

The event will be conducted regardless of tide flow, so race times for the event can vary significantly from year to year. The weather can also be quite variable in September. Weather and tide forecasts are available via the Myall Classic website here <https://myallclassic.com.au/about-2/weather-and-tides/>

The river itself is picturesque, and predominantly within the Myall Lakes National Park. There are no facilities for replenishment of supplies or assistance from land crews so paddlers must be self-sufficient for the entire length of the selected course.

Myall Classic organisers reserve the right to make changes to any participant's requested starting time, distance or craft, in the interests of safety.

The Finish

The finish line is at the timing tent, adjacent to the Anzac memorial. Pass downstream through the finish line. **THE FINISH LINE is ONLY OPEN from 12.30pm onwards.** 27 & 47km Paddlers finishing before this time will automatically be given a finish time of 12.30pm. Paddlers are advised to choose their start time carefully.

Sweep Boat

The Safety Boat located at the 47km turn point will leave its station for return to the finish line at **12:00 midday**. Paddlers who have not reached the 47km turn point by this time will be turned around by this safety boat, which will also act as the 'sweep' and will signify that the course has been closed behind it.

Instructions from race officials and/or safety boat captains must be complied with. Paddlers failing to follow instructions will be disqualified.

In high winds, please be aware that the race may conclude at Myall River Camp before paddlers enter the more exposed waters of Tea Gardens Broadwater. This decision will only be made on the day based on prevailing weather conditions and instructions will be issued at the race briefings.

Safety

Paddlers are requested to carry a **mobile phone, one per boat**, and in the event of an emergency, to call the safety officer's number so that assistance can be rendered as quickly as possible. This number will be written on a wristband to be worn by all paddlers.

Paddlers must render assistance to other paddlers in need.

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The SES will be providing 4x safety boats and a radio coms station in Tea Gardens. LCRK will also provide 2x safety boats. Please thank safety boat crews when you get a chance as they have volunteered their services so you can race and enjoy the event. Safety boats will move along the river when needed and gather in the Broadwater for the return journey. There will be safety boats at each turn point, Brasswater, and Tea Gardens Broadwater.

Paddlers must always obey the directions of the safety boat captain(s). If paddlers are directed to turn around short of any turn they must do so immediately. There will be a good reason if these instructions are issued. It will usually mean that Brasswater, the big lake 18km from the start, is too rough to cross, so paddlers will be turned back before this point. If Tea Gardens Broadwater is too rough for paddlers to continue to the finish, the race may finish at Myall River Camp. This will be decided on the day.

If paddlers see a **red flag** flown by a race official anywhere along the course, this will indicate the race has been stopped and paddlers should proceed directly to the nearest official and enquire of the reason and what steps they should take to get to safety.

Facilities

Parking

Parking is plentiful near Anzac Park. **There is to be no parking of vehicles in the unloading/loading zone at Anzac Park**; this is a dedicated boat drop-off zone and will be marked accordingly. Please drop your boat promptly and then move your vehicle away. There is to be no parking of vehicles in the parking spots directly outside the Fire Station & Library (located in the swimming pool car park). Please respect locals accessing their library.

Waste

Part of the conditions imposed by the local council, who also assist in the running of this event, are that we leave the park as we found it, and take away our rubbish. It is also a LCRK policy of "leave no trace".

*****Please bring a suitable container or bag, and take your garbage away with you*****

There will be a receptacle for compostable waste provided, such as orange peels and watermelon rind. Please do not use this for other waste.

Toilets

Portaloo(s) are located across the road in the carpark and accessible toilets are located in the swimming pool shed.

Coffee and Food

The Boatshed Café will be open from 7:00am for coffee and breakfast, and Mumm's after the race for a great meal of fish n'chips. There will be free fruit/cake and drinks available for paddlers at the finish line.

Presentations

These are planned to take place as soon as possible after the event finishes. Individual trophies for Class Winners and the Perpetual Trophies will be presented. Please show your appreciation for the outstanding efforts of your fellow paddlers.

The organisers of the Myall Classic hope that all paddlers have a safe and enjoyable experience and wish all paddlers success in achieving their personal goals on the day, in this iconic event.