



***2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing
World Championships***

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

30 NOV - 3 DEC

WELCOME FROM PADDLE AUSTRALIA

On behalf of Paddle Australia, I would like to welcome all competitors and team supporters to the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World and Masters Championships.

We are excited to be staging this event in Western Australia; home to some of the best conditions for Ocean Racing in the World. This event promises to show the spectacular nature of the sport. Canoe Ocean Racing is the largest competitive paddling discipline in Australia, and the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World and Masters Championships will provide the opportunity to share the water with paddlers from many nations. Your participation will help to make this the biggest paddling event ever held in Australia.

We hope that you will enjoy a great competition and build friendships that last a lifetime within our global paddling community. See you on the water,

Andrea McQuitty (*President – Paddle Australia*)

WELCOME FROM THE ICF

On behalf of the ICF, it is a privilege to be able to welcome all participants and spectators to the 7th ICF Ocean Racing World and Masters Championships.

It is fitting that one of the leading countries in the discipline finally gets to host the premier event on the ICF calendar. Stemming from its powerful lifesaving movement, Australia has a proud tradition in ocean sports, long distance surf ski racing was an inevitable spin off. Ever since the first long distance race in 1957, the discipline has been dominated by paddlers from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Over the past few years, however, paddlers from other continents, especially Europe, have begun to close the competitive gap. The popularity of the discipline has increased dramatically around the world, bringing an element of universality to it.

I would like to thank the Australian organising committee who will, no doubt, put on a fantastic and memorable event. To all competitors, travel safely and race hard.

Yours Sincerely

Colin Simpkins (*ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Technical Committee Chair*)



INTRODUCTION

Paddle Australia (PA) is the National Federation for Canoe and Paddle Sports. PA is affiliated with the International Canoe Federation (ICF), Paralympics Australia and the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC). We are excited to host the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships and master's Championships in Perth, Western Australia from 30 November – 3 December. Activities and down wind runs will be facilitated from the 27 November.

The 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships will cater to Junior, Under 23, Open and Para competitors. The 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Masters Championships will cater to all age categories as specified in the [2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Rules](#) (from 35 years+). The race will start at Bathers Beach, Fremantle and will first run 2km off the coast before an 18km downwind stretch down the coast of Perth to finish at Scarborough Beach. The 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships will be an open event, meaning participation is uncapped in all categories. The 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Masters Championships remains open in accordance with the [2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing rules](#) as a Level 4 event.

ENTRIES

Registrations are now open for the highly anticipated 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships and master's Championships. This prestigious event will put your skills and stamina to the ultimate test as you navigate the challenging waves and fierce competition. Plus, here's an extra incentive to act fast: participants who register before the 19th of July 2023 will have a chance to win a refund of their entry fees. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to showcase your prowess on the water and join athletes from around the world in a thrilling display of athleticism.

All participants seeking to enter the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships and masters Championships must be a member of their National Federation and provide proof of membership at the point of registration. Federations are welcome to provide one letter verifying membership of all competitors. Registrations will be made online via the event website.

Please note – every competitor in the Junior, U23 and Open age categories must also be entered by their National Federation into the ICF SDP (Sports Data Platform) system. Please ensure your National Federation has completed this on your behalf.

Entry Portal: [HERE](#)



Event Organisers will be facilitating the following events in accordance with the ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Rules. In accordance with ICF rules, there must be a minimum number of national federations in each category to constitute a valid class.

2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships

- MSS-1 (Mens Surfski Single)
- WSS-1 (Womens Surfski Single)
- U23MSS-1 (Under 23 Mens Surfski Single)
- U23WSS-1 (Under 23 Womens Surfski Single)
- JMSS-1 (Junior Mens Surfski Single)
- JWSS (Junior Womens Surfski Single)
- XSS-2 (Mixed Surfski Double)
- U23XSS-2 (Under 23 Mixed Surfski Double)
- JXSS-2 (Junior Mixed Surfski Double)

2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing masters Championships

- MSS-1 (Mens Surfski Single)
- WSS-1 Womens Surfski Single)
- XSS-2 (Mixed Surfski Double)

Registration dates are listed below.

2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships

Numerical Entries Close: 11.59pm (AWST) 21 October 2023

Nominal Entries Close: 11.59pm (AWST) 20 November 2023

2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing masters Championships

Entries Close: 11.59pm (AWST) 20 November 2023

PARTICIPATION FEE

Please find below a summary of the participation fee for both the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships and masters Championships.

The participation fee includes:

- Entry into the race;
- Official Race t-shirt;
- Boat and competitor stickers;



- Security service at the venue;
- Secure storage of your craft;
- Free shuttle service between the athlete hub and the start on race days;
- Access to register to the discounted shuttle service on non-race days; and
- Live athlete tracking during your race.

2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships

	1 Event (per athlete)	2 Events (per athlete)
JNR and U23	\$125AUD	\$200AUD
Open	\$160AUD	\$250AUD

2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing masters Championships

	1 Event (per athlete)	2 Events (per athlete)
Masters	\$160AUD	\$250AUD

SCHEDULE

Please find below the draft schedule for the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships and masters Championships.

Please note, the organisers reserve the right to adjust the schedule as necessary. Competitors are encouraged to be available for the full race window where possible.

Date	Summary
Monday 27 Nov	Event Hub Opens
	Downwind shuttle service begins
	Social activities
Tuesday 28 Nov	Downwind Shuttle Services available
	Social activities
Wednesday 29 Nov	Downwind Shuttle Services available



	Social activities
Thursday 30 Nov	Downwind shuttle services available
	2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships and masters Championships (Mixed SS-2 Events)
	Ocean SUP and OC1 Race
	Opening Ceremony – Scarborough Beach
Friday 1 Dec	Back up Race Day
Saturday 2 Dec	2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships and masters Championships (SS-1 Events)
	World Championship Celebration Function
Sunday 3 Dec	Back up Race Day

Advice will be provided on the event website in the coming weeks regarding how to enter into the Ocean SUP and OC1 races advertised. Please note, these events are not ICF events.



HIRING A CRAFT



In preparation for the event, competitors are encouraged to reach out to the contacts listed below to organise a rental ski (SS-1 and SS-2 available). Paddle Australia would like to extend its gratitude to local ski manufacturers based in Australia for their support of the event.



LANGUAGE

The official language of the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships and masters championships is English. All information distributed will be in English.

VISA SUPPORT

Paddle Australia can provide letters to support a visa application upon request. Requests must come from the authorised representative of the National Federation. Applicants must provide all relevant documentation and evidence of intent to participate in the competition.



TRANSPORTATION AND BOAT STORAGE

During the period of the 27 November – 3 December there will be a paid shuttle service available to athletes and for the transportation of boats. There will be shuttle services operating to assist in training and course familiarisation during this period. Information regarding booking a shuttle service will be provided to competitors shortly via the event website.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in and around the event hub in Scarborough is substantial and there is considerable variety in the types of accommodation options available. Paddlers are encouraged to consider accommodation options in the Scarborough area given that is where the Event Hub and finish line will be located. Please visit the [WA Visitor Centre](#) for more information on accommodation.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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