



## **RACE BRIEFING PNSW Marathon Series**

### **#4 Brisbane Water Paddlers – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 AT SARATOGA SAILING CLUB**

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are meeting, the Darkinyung People, and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside in this area. We extend that respect to Elders – past and present – and future cultural knowledge holders.

Welcome from Brisbane Water Paddlers hosts of Race 4. BWP offer an interesting 5km course starting off Saratoga Sailing Club heading east.

#### **COVID-19 Safety : As a condition of entry you cannot attend if:**

- you are unwell and display cold/flu symptoms (fever, coughing, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell), or
- you have returned a positive RAT in the last 24 hours, or
- you have been in contact with someone who is unwell or awaiting results of a COVID test, or
- you or anyone in your household are awaiting COVID-19 test results, or if you should be in isolation.

#### **General Arrangements**

- **The Brisbane Water Paddlers event will operate from the Saratoga Sailing Club, 10 Willaroo Road, Saratoga**
- Entries and details of the racing format will be on Marathon PNSW website
- Food will be available from a coffee van (i.e egg and bacon rolls). Take away food will also be available from the Dart and Feather restaurant on the waterfront and at The Little Tea Pot (around the corner).
- Toilets are available at opposite side of carpark.

#### **On Arrival**

- Please follow instructions of the parking attendants
- BWP members will help you unload your boat before you go and park your car. There is no boat set up space available in the car park.
- Complete Paddler Check-in and number collection:
  1. Check-in opens at 8am and CLOSES at 9:25am

2. All paddlers must have checked in and collected their race numbers BEFORE 9:25am (otherwise you're not a confirmed starter and will not have a result recorded).

### **Race Safety**

1. Lifejackets are compulsory for this event and a condition of the Aquatic License
2. All competitors are to render assistance for paddlers in difficulty
3. Three safety boats: one at each end, at the turns, and one in the middle of the course.
4. If assistance is required – wave paddle/hand in air – attract attention of safety boats and other paddlers.
5. The waterway is not closed to other boat traffic. Light traffic might be expected. The Ferry has right of way **YOU MUST ADJUST YOUR COURSE IF NECESSARY**. Follow Maritime rules.

### **The Course**

- 5km laps
  - Course below
  - 2 black and white chequered buoys denote start/finish line.
  - RMS navigation markers **do** form part of the course. Except one which is marked on the map.
  - Keep the Pink PNSW buoys on your RIGHT.
  - Three yellow PNSW buoys at the turns. ALL YELLOW buoys are to kept on your LEFT
  - The portage is on the area near the start/finish line. When re-entering the water keep the yellow and black plastic buoy right to re-entry the course.
1. 20km paddlers complete 4 x 5km laps
  2. 15km paddlers complete 3 x 5km laps
  3. 10km paddlers complete 2 x 5km laps
  4. 5km paddlers complete 1 x 5km lap

### **The Start**

- First start 9:30 for Div 7 & 20km SUP, 9:45 for Div 6 and 15km SUP.
- Div 1 at 10am – then at Div 2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13 approximately 2–3-minute intervals thereafter.
- Warm up to the left of the starting line.
- Divisions will be 'called up' by the Aligner
- The Start line is in front of the PNSW marquee.
- Portage is compulsory for all Div 1 (unless medical exemption – 'no advantage' rules apply)
- Other divisions may optionally portage.
- Portage is completed after the second 3 buoy turn on each lap (starting of laps 2,3 and 4) near the start/finish line

**The Finish**

- Finish line is between the black and white buoys in front of the PNSW marquee.
- When exiting the water be aware of paddlers completing the portage and finishing their race.
- Ensure your Race number is returned.
- There are no presentations all results will be online and emailed.