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**The Great
Sandgroper
Adventure Race**

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2024



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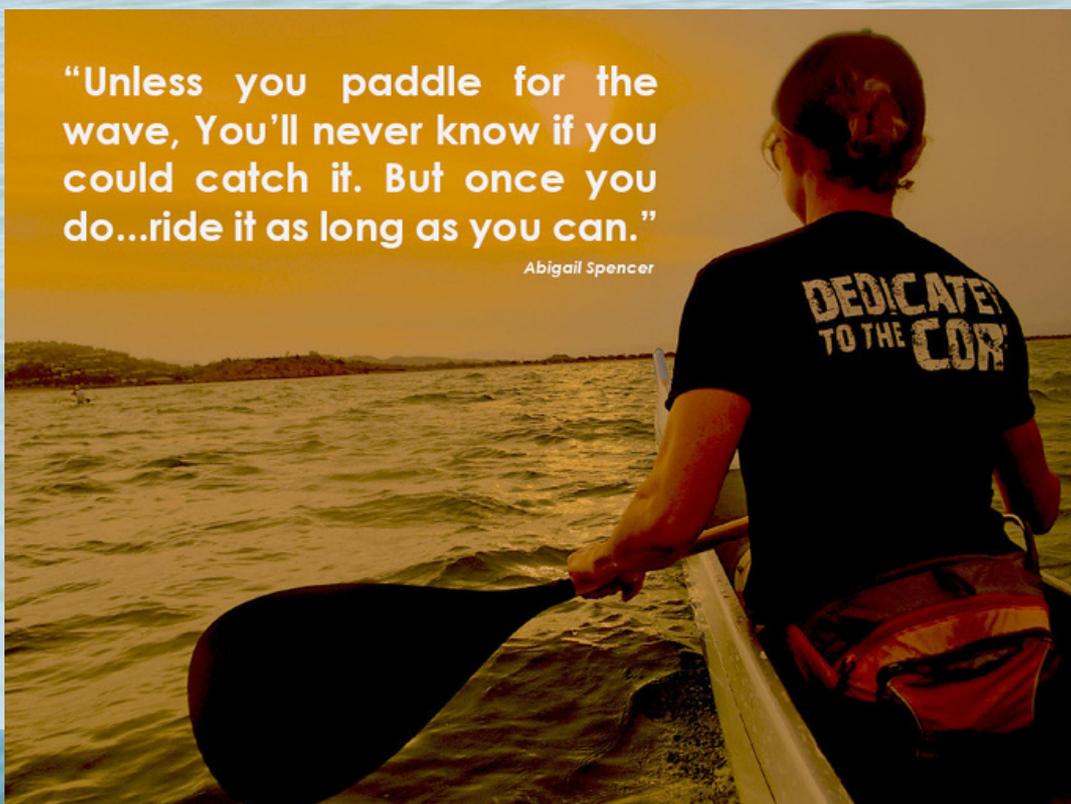
Introduction

The Sandgroper series has been created by the Western Australian Zone of AOCRA (WAZA) to develop the sport of Outrigger Canoeing in WA. Introducing a juniors-only race series to ensure paddlers are kept engaged throughout their early developmental years within the sport.

The Great Sandgroper Adventure Race is for all divisions from Minnows to 16U/19U with different lengths of courses to suit the ability of all age groups using all outriggers including OC6, OC2, OC1, and V1. The races incorporate paddling, swimming, running, exciting and re-entering canoes, and jetty jumping in a safe, well managed program of events.

“Unless you paddle for the wave, You’ll never know if you could catch it. But once you do...ride it as long as you can.”

Abigail Spencer





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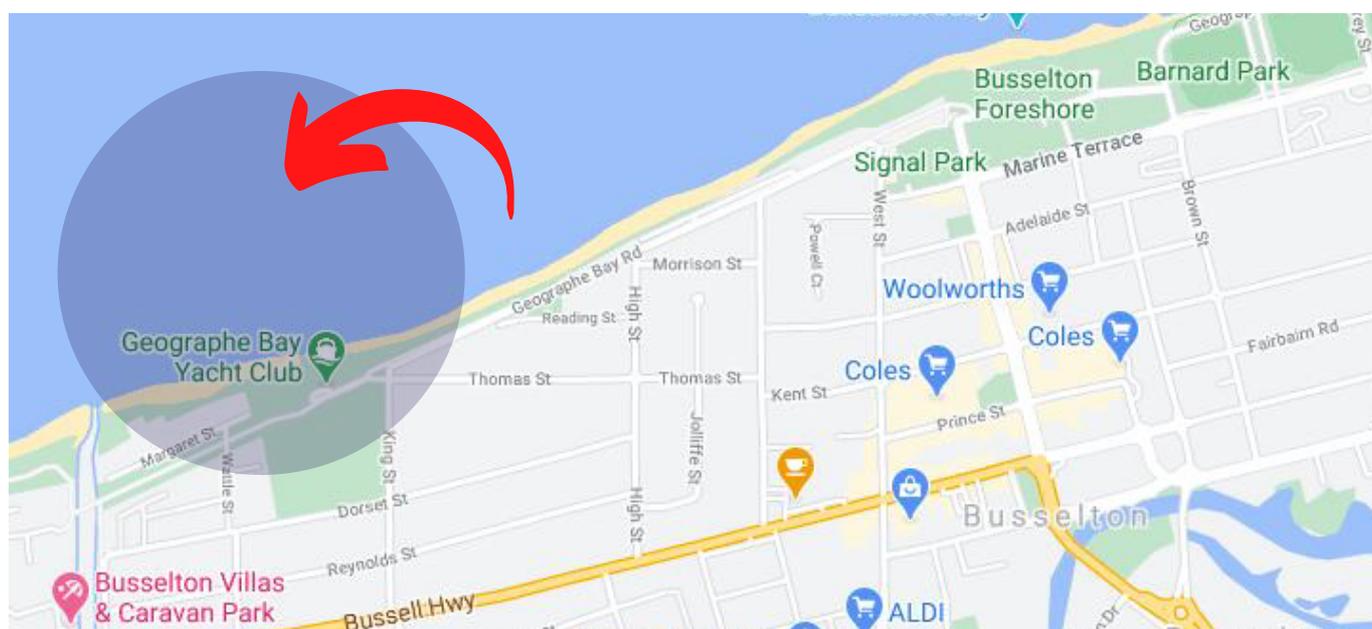
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Race Schedule

NB: Race times and courses are a guide only and may be varied due to weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. Please ensure you check with race officials on the day and attend the race briefing updates.

Time	Event	Distance
08:15	Registrations and canoe scrutineering	
08:30	Welcome and Briefing	
09:00	Race 1 – MINNOWS 9U – OC6 Teams with passive steerer	1km
09:45	Race 2 – 12U / 14U – OC6 Teams; OC2 Pairs; and OC1/V1 Individuals	4km
10:45	Race 3 – 16U / 19U – OC6 Teams; OC2 Pairs; and OC1/V1 Individuals	7km
13:00	Presentations and Farewells	

Location





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Venue Facilities

Toilets and Car Parking

Public toilets and showers are available onsite and are located behind the registration area. Car parking is located behind the briefing area, along Lou West Oval on King Street and in the car park in Dorset Street.

Food and Refreshments

As per Sandgroper and Safety Rules, all competitors and supporters are asked to please bring their own drinking water. Geographe will be providing some food and beverages for purchase through the day to support their juniors. Please refer to venue map below for more information.





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General Safety

Canoes and Equipment

- All canoes to comply with AOCRA specifications. Canoes will be checked on the beach prior to the race briefing.
- All OC6 canoes must carry PFD's for each paddler, a tow rope, and two bailers.
- All V1 canoes must carry one bailer.
- PFD's and a leg rope must be worn by all OC1/2 and V1 competitors.
- Minnows (10U) must all wear approved PDF's.

Paddler Training and Fitness

Paddlers are reminded that adequate training for this race is recommended and that all paddlers must be familiar with capsized procedures and have an appropriate level of fitness.

Tender Craft, Safe Zone and Beach Transitions

- The Race Director will be located on the beach at the start/finish lines with UHF/VHF radio in contact with marshals and volunteers stationed throughout the race.
- The correct ratio of tender craft with skippers and crews will be on the water, and volunteer club supporters will be positioned to ensure safety at transitions.
- The safe zone is where canoes are left in the water for competitors to swim 10-20 metres to the platform jump.
- Marshals will manage existing and re-entering canoes in a safe manner.

Weather Conditions

Clubs are advised to bring their own tents and gazebos for shade. Ensure paddlers have sunscreen, hats and water.



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Course Markers

WAZA Inflatable Buoys and yellow Department of Transport stick markers will be used to indicate the course turns for the races.

Race Specifics

Starts

Competitors must be present at the start line for their event as shown on the program. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.

Canoes shall line up on the beach according to the Starting Marshall.

The order of the start is:

1. Raising the **white** flag - Indicates two minutes to the race start. The race shall start any time within that two minutes.
2. Raising of the **red** flag - Canoe move to a starting position behind the start line.
3. Raising of the **green** flag - Indicates the start of the race





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Race 1

Minnows - OC6 Only

The Minnows OC6 Adventure Race involves paddling west to the drain, negotiating the canoe across the bar, paddling in the drain and around the buoy. Then, back out of the drain avoiding marauding pirate attacks (flour and water), past the start line and around the second buoy to the beach. Finish by the team running the gauntlet to "X- marks the spot" to find the buried treasure.





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Race 2

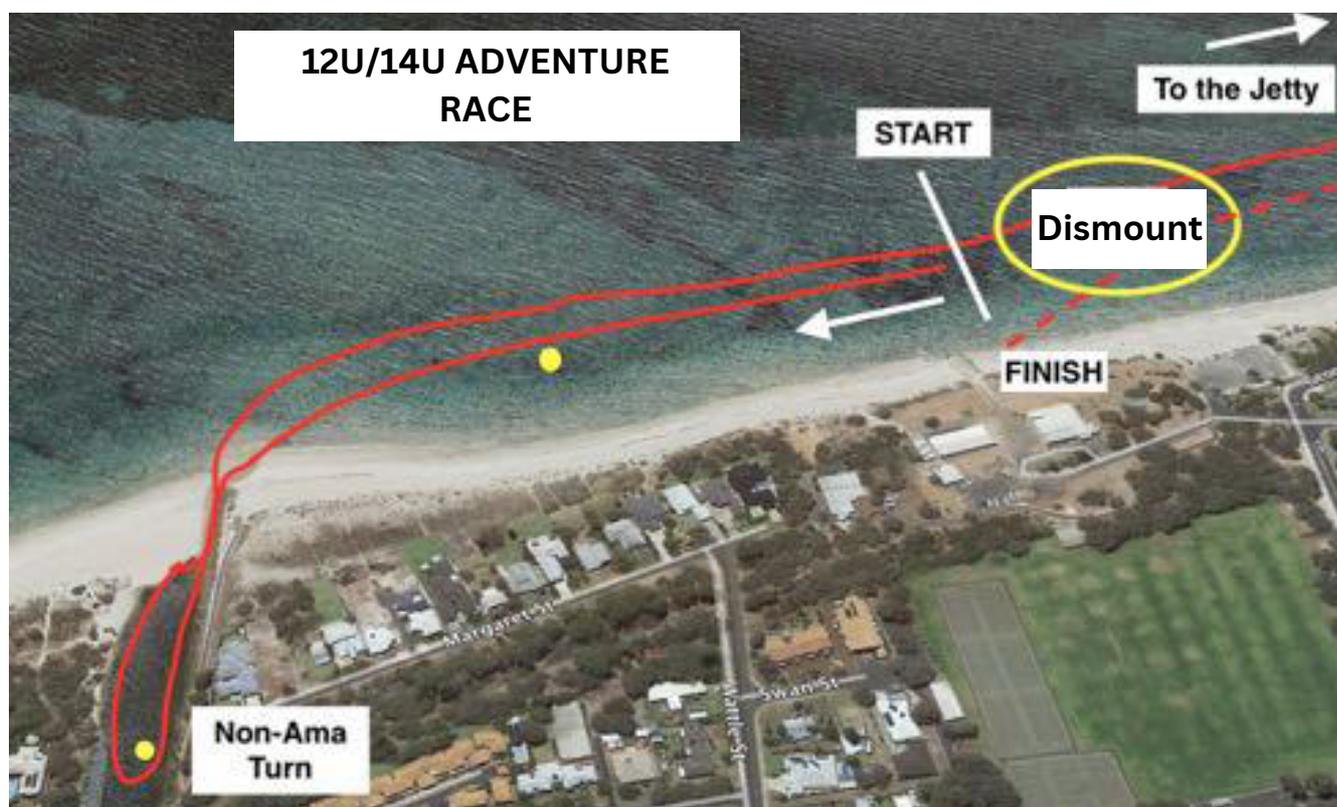
12U / 14U - OC6, OC2/1 and V1

The 12U/14U Adventure Race starts the same as the Minnows race paddling west to the drain and a non-ama turn around the buoy. Then back to the start area for a compulsory dismount, swim around the craft and re-mount before bailing out and continuing 1.5km east to the Busselton Jetty.

Canoes approach the jetty platform to a safe zone marshalled by volunteers, dismount and swim to the jetty ladder for a jump from the platform (OC6 require 2 competitors to jump, OC1/2 and V1 requires 1 competitor to jump).

Re-enter the canoes and paddle West around the swimming area to the beach west of the shark net. Competitors beach their canoes and will be directed to run to the east side of the small jetty and swim around the small jetty (OC6 requires 4 competitors to swim, all competitors from other craft must swim).

Re-enter the canoes and paddle 1.5km to the finish on the beach with all 6 competitors crossing the line together.





Race 3

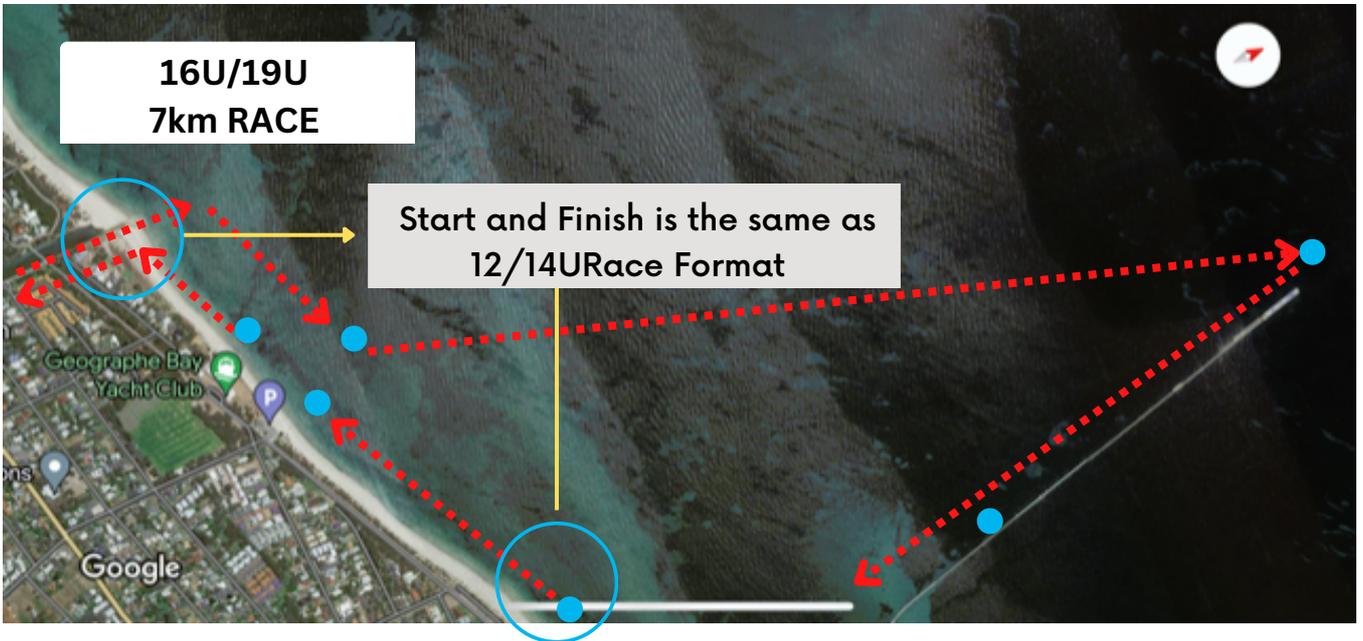
16U / 19U - OC6, OC2/1 and V1

The 16U/19U Adventure Race also starts and finishes the same as the 12U/14U race, paddling west to the drain and a non-ama turn around the buoy. Then back to the start area for a dismount, swim around craft and re-mount before bailing out and continuing 2.5km to the race marker at the end of the jetty.

Make a non-ama turn and paddle south 2km to the safe zone marshalled by volunteers. Swim to the jetty ladder for a jump from the platform (OC6 require 2 competitors to jump, OC1/2 and V1 requires 1 competitor to jump).

Re-enter the canoe and paddle around the swimming area to the beach west of the shark net. Competitors beach their canoes and will be directed to run to the east side of the small jetty and swim around the small jetty (OC6 requires 4 competitors to swim, all competitors from other craft must swim).

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Entry Fees

Description	Cost
Per Paddler	\$12.00

All entries and payments are to be completed online via the AOCRA website. AOCRA online registration must be completed on or no later than (7) days prior to the event.

Paddlers to be registered online under the "OC1 Other" category in their age and gender division. This can be done either as an individual registration or via your club registration.

NB: We are encouraging participation. If you are available to paddle but your club cannot field a team please contact Geographe Outriggers or WAZA.

