

PADDLE VICTORIA MARATHON DIARY 2021

National's 25-28 March cancelled.

For more info go to

<https://vic.paddle.org.au/2021/03/09/2021-australian-marathon-champs/>

To cheer us up the **Frank Harrison**, with new 'State of Origin' Trophy, will be held on that weekend (27-28 March).



<https://vic.paddle.org.au/paddlesports/marathon/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PaddleVictoriaMarathon>

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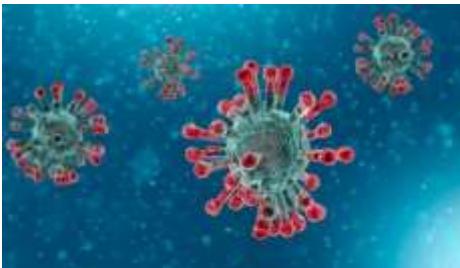
Amendments 0.6

- 2021 PACMC that was to be held on 25-28 March has been cancelled
- Frank Harrison will now be held on 27-28 March instead incorporating a 'State of Origin' Trophy

Cover Photo:

Stephen Routley and James Miller on 6th February 2020 at Footscray racing in the Salt Water Classic. Photo courtesy of: FACC

COVID-19 impacts to Racing



Any further communications on the impact to racing and changes to the COVIDSafe arrangements will be posted on the [Paddle Victoria website](#).

The Paddle Victoria Marathon [COVIDSafe Plan](#) can be found on the [PV Web Site Marathon Paddlesports page](#).

Key information for competitors and spectators

1. **Stay away if at risk:** People who are unwell or at risk should not attend events, either as competitors, volunteers, support crew or spectators. This means staying at home if:
 1. you have flu-like symptoms or feel unwell, or
 2. you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the previous 14 days, or
 3. you are at high risk due to age or medical conditions, or
 4. you reside in a restricted postcode, or
 5. you or a close contact have visited a restricted area or case location in the past 14 days.
2. **Wash your hands:** before attending the event and after using the toilets or changing facilities.
3. **Maintain social distancing:** keep 1.5 m apart and no more than 1 person/2 m² outdoors .
4. **Arrive ready to paddle / participate / disperse:** arrive at the event dressed for paddling and minimize the use of changerooms. Leave promptly after the event. Avoid socializing in car parks, etc.
5. **Keep your distance when collecting your boat number:** do not crowd the boat number collection area; walk “straight-through” and avoid doubling back. Volunteers will provide packs of boat numbers to each nominated school coordinator.
6. **Paddlers and spectators scan QR Code:** Scan in to the QR Code displayed around the event venue.
7. **Read the race briefing notes prior to race day:** a pre-race briefing will only be conducted in person immediately prior to the race should new information need to be communicated. Nationals briefing for each state will be via state team leaders.
8. **Look after our volunteers:** avoid close contact between volunteers and competitors where possible and avoid sharing equipment.
9. **Return boat numbers promptly after the race:** place in the container provided to be disinfected.
10. **Bring your own food:** no food for sale (other than at state or national championships), but a coffee van will be provided where there is space available.
11. **Look for the results on-line:** no presentations (other than state or national championships) – no handshaking or placing medals over heads; results will be published electronically.
12. **Think about others:** record attendance via the QR code to simplify contact tracing.
13. **Limit the number of people attending:** under Step 3 and Step 4 restrictions participants are required to limit the number of support personnel that accompany them to the event.
14. **Bring a face mask:** face masks must be worn on public transport or in taxis or ride-share vehicles, inside supermarkets, shopping centres and stores within, indoor markets and large retail stores, and any location where you can't maintain 1.5 m separation from other people (e.g. in queues)

What is Canoe Marathon?

Introduction to Marathon Paddling

Marathon canoe racing is all about tactics and endurance. Marathon races can be conducted over distances varying from a few kilometres through to many hundreds of kilometres. Paddle Victoria and its affiliated clubs conduct marathon races throughout the year and throughout the state. The lower age limit of the discipline is around 10 years but there is no upper age limit and many paddlers who are 70+ still enjoy competing. While some races are organised such that every competitor races over the same distance, most races offer a range of distances, typically from 3 to ~30 km, with paddlers competing with others of a similar age or ability. In 2019 the short course format of ~3.7 km, was included in the National and International championships.

In marathon races conducted as a point-to-point race over a long section of river, competitors sometimes have to carry, or portage, their canoe or kayak around an impassable obstacle such as a waterfall, lock or weir. At higher levels of the sport, portaging is often included as a feature, even though the race is likely to be conducted as a series of laps on a short section of river or lake. A 100 to



200m section of the shore adjacent to the course will be designated as a portage area and competitors will be required to come ashore and carry their craft for the length of the portage course. Competitive portaging requires considerable skill and greatly enhances the excitement of the race.

Short-course marathon races, Geelong 13th December 2020 Photo courtesy of: Tony Bond

Wide ranges of craft are accepted at most marathon races. Paddlers at the top level of the sport race single and double kayaks and canoes similar to those used in flat-water sprint racing. Racing classes are usually also available for touring kayaks and touring canoes. Other races allow a very wide range of paddle craft such as sea kayaks, recreational canoes and kayaks, ocean skis, stand up paddleboards, surf skis, dragon boats and outrigger canoes.

Getting ready for your first race

Racing does not need to be a daunting experience. First time racers can find all the advice they need in our '[Getting ready for your first race' guide](#). The Paddle Victoria Marathon team has years of racing under their belts and have put their best advice into this guide.

Victorian Canoe Races

Races are held on sheltered waterways free of rapids or large waves. Rivers, lakes and coastal estuaries are typical locations. Races can be point-to-point downriver, or laps conducted on a section of river or lake. Venues can be as far west as Warrnambool, as far East as Bairnsdale and at a variety of locations along the Murray River. There is at least one marathon race held every month of the year.

The 2021 race calendar consists of four parts: a summer series of four races in January and February, three championship events (state champs, school champs and nationals) in March, a winter race series of six events from May to September, and a series of longer distance events from October to December.

Races are generally run under a “**divisional**” system, in which paddler’s race against other paddlers of a similar ability, regardless of craft type, age or gender, or under a “**class**” system, racing against paddlers of similar age, gender or craft type. Races are designated as singles or doubles events (though usually either type of boat can be entered) and occasionally as team or relay races.

Paddlers can do as many or as few races as they want, and we encourage paddlers to do as many races as they can. Any paddler can enter Paddle Victoria Marathon races, including state and national championships; you don’t have to be a member of a club. Likewise, you don’t have to pre-qualify to compete in state or national championship events.

All Victorian paddlers can compete in the Australian Championships, with those Victorian paddlers who perform well at the state championships being designated as state team representatives. The winners at the Australian Championships can represent Australia at the ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships later in the year.

The Massive Murray Paddle held in November, an iconic 404 km five-day paddling event starting at Yarrawonga, is considered the ultimate challenge for this discipline of the sport.



Dungulayin Mileka paddlers coming across the finish line at Swan Hill - Courtesy of Sally Miller

Formerly run by the Red Cross, then the YMCA, from 2016 it is being managed by Sydney Harbour Kayaks (SHK).

In October and November, a number of races are run as lead-up events to the Massive Murray Paddle, with race distances of up to 70km. Paddlers concerned with the demands of a full distance entry in these ultra-marathon events can enter as part of a relay team.

Photo: Dungulayin Mileka paddlers coming across the finish line at Swan Hill information. Photo courtesy of Sally Miller

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Find latest list at under <https://vic.paddle.org.au/paddlesports/marathon/> under Contact Us
** If you are interested in the positions listed as vacant please contact John Young.

Paddle Victoria

The Victorian Canoe Association Inc., (Paddle Victoria) formed in 1930 and was incorporated in 1984. It is the State body responsible for the management, coordination, development and promotion of canoeing in Victoria. It represents the interests of its members, the public and the national body, Paddle Australia. (<https://vic.paddle.org.au/>)

Paddle Victoria consists of seven committees responsible for the disciplines of Marathon, Canoe Polo, Slalom, Downriver/Wildwater, Sprint, Freestyle and Ocean Racing. Each committee is responsible for putting practical effect to its objective of optimising community participation in each aspect of the activity.

President, Chair: Paul Loughran

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Find latest list of directors here: <https://vic.paddle.org.au/about-us/board/>

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Paddle Australia

Paddle Australia (formerly Australian Canoeing) is the National Organisation responsible for the management, coordination, development and promotion of paddle sports in Australia.

Refer to <https://paddle.org.au/> for information on Paddle Australia

Victorian Clubs and Disciplines

Go to <https://paddle.org.au/find-a-club/> and search the map to find a club near you.

Alternatively go to <https://vic.paddle.org.au/get-paddling/club-information/#tab-1411710357394-6-9> to find a list of Victorian Clubs and the activities and disciplines they support.



Geelong Short Course 2020 Photo: Chris Alger



Anna Wilson, Salt Water Classic Footscray Feb 6 Photo: FACC

Paddle Victoria - Marathon Winter Series 2020 – Club & School Points

Unfortunately, due to cancellation of most of the races in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was no awarding of Club & Schools points that year.

Paddle Victoria - Marathon - 2020 Winter Series - Series Results

No Winter Series races were held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Victorians in the Australian Canoe Marathon Team 2020

The Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Championships, that were to be held in Geelong, Victoria in 2020, were cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. Similarly, the ICF World Championships, to be held in Baerum (Oslo), Norway, were cancelled and as a result there was no selection undertaken for the Australian team.



Well, the paddlers may have been in lockdown for much of 2020 but it never stopped them finding ways to paddle!

How to receives news and updates on events and results

How to get updates on the Marathon events, links to registrations, news and results;

- **Website:**
 - Marathon page at Paddle Victoria <https://vic.paddle.org.au/paddlesports/marathon>
- **Receive Newsletter by email:**
 - To be sent the Newsletter, register your email address at <https://vic.paddle.org.au/news/newsletters/>
 - Under Newsletter Subscriptions select **Victorian Marathon News**
- **Receive News Posts by email:**
 - To subscribe to news posts and receive notifications of new posts by email register your address at <https://vic.paddle.org.au/news/newsletters/>
 - Scroll down and **Subscribe**
- **Receive News & Updates by Facebook:**
 - To follows news, events, links and photos – Like the Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/PaddleVictoriaMarathon/>
 - Also send in great photos to share.

Also, there will be updates to the calendar through the year and they will be reflected through updated versions to this document.



2021 Victorian Marathon Races Series

Date	Event	Venue	Organizer
Summer Grand Prix Series			
Sun, 17-Jan-21 Cancelled	GP1: Murray River Classic	Yarrawonga	YMACC
Sat, 30-Jan-21	Victorian Short Course Marathon Champs	Nagambie	PVMTC
Sun, 07-Feb-21	GP2: Saltwater Classic Footscray	Footscray	FACC
Sat, 13-Feb-21 Cancelled	GP3: Frank Harrison Memorial (S)	Albury	MMCC
Sun, 14-Feb-21 Cancelled	GP4: Frank Harrison Memorial (D)	Albury	MMCC
Sat, 20-Feb-21	VPS Junior Race Series Event 1: Long Distance 5 & 10 km	Fairfield Canoe Club	PVMTC / VPS
Championship Series			
Sat & Sun, 27 & 28 Feb-21	Victorian Marathon Championships	Geelong Rowing Mile	PVMTC
Fri, 05-Mar-21	VPS Junior Race Series Event 2: 200m Twilight Sprints	Studley Park	PVMTC/ VPS
Sun, 14-Mar-21	Vic Schools Marathon Championships	Nagambie	PVMTC
Thu - Sun, 25-28 Mar-21 Cancelled	Paddle Australian Canoe Marathon Championships (PACMC)	Geelong Rowing Mile	PVMTC
Sat, 27-Mar-21 New	Frank Harrison Interstate Marathon Cup - State of Origin event (S)	Albury	MMCC
Sun, 28-Mar-21 New	Frank Harrison Interstate Marathon Cup - State of Origin event (D)	Albury	MMCC
Victorian Winter Series			
Sun, 02-May-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 1 (D)	Tay Creggan Hawthorn	PVMTC / FCC
Sun, 30-May-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 2 (S)	Yarrawonga	PVMTC / YMACC
Sun, 20-Jun-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 3 (Team Pursuit)	INCC Fairfield	PVMTC / INCC
Sun, 18-Jul-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 4 (D)	Paterson's Lakes, Carrum	PVMTC / PLCC
Sun, 01-Aug-21	Footscray Salty Single Blader	Footscray	FACC
Sun, 15-Aug-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 5 (S)	tba	PVMTC / tba
Sun, 05-Sep-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 6	tba	PVMTC / tba
Summer Long Distance Series			
Sat, 09-Oct-21	Echuca Mini	Barmah to Echuca	PVMTC / EMCC
Sat, 16-Oct-21	Bendigo Cup – Marathon	Bridgewater	BACC
Sat, 30-Oct-21	VPS Junior Race Series Event 3: Head of the Yarra team relay	Fairfield Park	PVMTC / VPS
Sun, 06-Nov-21	VPS Junior Race Series Event 4: 3*3.5km short course	Lillydale Lake	PVMTC / VPS
Sun, 14-Nov-21	Salty TK and REC Challenge	Footscray	FACC
Sun, 19-Nov-21	VPS Junior Race Series Event 5: 200m twilight sprints	Studley Park Boathouse	PVMTC / VPS

Sat, 27-Nov-21	Murray Quad Peaches & Cream	Cobram/Tocumwal	YMACC
Sun, 28-Nov-21	VPS Junior Race Series Event 6: Paddle to the City	INCC/Princess Bridge	PVMTC/ VPS
Sat, 11-Dec-21	Ben Ward Memorial Race 40-Miler	Yarrawonga/Cobram	CBCC
Sun, 12-Dec-21	Ben Ward Circuit	Cobram beach	CBCC

Note: Race venues subject to permit applications

Other Races

Below are a selection of other canoe and kayak interstate and international marathon races, multisport, and ultra-marathon races that may be of interest to marathon paddlers from Victoria. *Please Note: These are not necessarily Paddle Victoria sanctioned races.*

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser - Link
Sun, 31-Jan-21	Vic Sprint Championships (Sprint)	Nagambie	PV Sprint
19/20/21-Feb-21	Sprint GP2 (Sprint)	Sydney IRC	PA Sprint
Sun, 01-Mar-21(tba)	Vic Super Cup (Sprint)	tba	PV Sprint
Sun, 14-Mar-21	Vic Schools Sprint Championships	Nagambie	PV Sprint
17 to 21-Mar-21	Sprint Championships	Sydney IRC	PA Sprint
Sat, 13-Apr-21 (tba)	The Great Toro Race – group paddle	Picnic Point	Aus. Canoe Racing
16 to 18-Apr-21	Baw Baw Extreme Challenge (Multi-sport)	Mt Baw Baw	Adventure Junkie
Sat, 26 Apr-21 (tba)	E2A Classic River Race (DR, RR)	Eildon/Alexandra	River Racing
23 to 24-Apr-21	East Gippsland Adventurethon (Multi-sport)	East Gippsland	Adventure Junkie
Sun, 02-May-21	Sprint Series Adventure Race	Anglesea	Adventure Junkie
Sun, 02-May-21	Gregory River Race (Ultra Marathon)	Mt Isa, QLD	North West Canoe Club
15 to 19-May-21	World Masters Games (Marathon)	Kansai, Japan	IMGA
29 to 30-May-21	Barron River Challenge (Ultra Marathon)	Tinaroo, QLD	Tinaroo Canoe Club
Sun, 02-Jun-19	Trek Carnegie Winter Series Race 1 Lysterfield Park (Multi-sport)	Lysterfield Park	Peak Adventure
12 to 14-Jun-21	Riverland Paddling Marathon (Ultra Marathon)	South Australia	http://riverlandpaddlingmarathon.com/
Tue, 02-Jul-19	Trek Carnegie Winter Series Race 2 (Multi-sport)	Lysterfield Park	Peak Adventure
Tue, 04-Aug-19	Trek Carnegie Winter Series Race 3 (Multi-sport)	Blores Hills MTB Park	Peak Adventure
14 to 15-Aug-21	Avon Descent (RR)	Western Australia	https://www.avondescent.com.au/
3 to 5-Sep-21	X-Marathon Adventure Race (Multi-sport)	Paynesville	Adventure Junkie
16 to 19-Sep-21	Sprint World Championships	Copenhagen	ICF
Sat, 11-Sep-21	Myall Classic (Ultra Marathon)	Myall River	http://myall.paddlensw.org.au/
27 to 28-Sep-21	Masters World Cup ICF Marathon	Bascov, Pitesti, Romania	ICF
30 Sept to 3 Oct-21	Marathon World Championship ICF	Bascov, Pitesti, Romania	ICF
02 to 03-Oct-21	Upper Murray Challenge (Multisport)	Khancoban/Corryong	
08 to 10-Oct-21	Clarence 100 (Ultra Marathon)	Copmanhurst, NSW	https://www.facebook.com/TheClarence100/
Sat, 17-Oct-21	Bendigo Friendly Sprints	Lake Weeroona	Bendigo Canoe Club
30 to 31-Oct-21	Hawkesbury Canoe Classic (Ultra Marathon)	NSW	https://www.canoeclassic.net/
Sat, 23-Oct-21	King Valley Challenge (Multisport)	Lake William Hovel	http://www.kingvalleychallenge.com/
Sun, 31-Oct-21	Broken Creek Classic (Marathon)	Nathalia	Nathalia CC
Sat, 06-Nov-21	Goulburn Classic (DR/WW)	Trawool	PA Wildwater
21 to 26 Nov-21	Massive Murray Paddle (Ultra-Marathon)	Yarrawonga/ Swan Hill	Sydney Harbour Kayaks
04 to 05-Dec-21	Burley Griffin 24 hour (Ultra-Marathon)	Canberra	Burley Griffin CC

Entry Fees for 2021 Events

- The race registration system depends upon the type of event: state championships and Winter Series events are run by PV Marathon, while other events are generally run by designated clubs.
- Race registration for PV Marathon events is conducted on-line and there are no “on-the-day” registrations. This is to take up less of your time on race day and enable us to get races underway more quickly. Race entry fees will be paid via credit card or PayPal as part of the on-line registration process.
- Please contact the Marathon Treasurer if you need to make alternative arrangements (for example, if you don’t have a credit card or PayPal account or manage a school program).
- You can save on race entry fees by taking advantage of the early bird registration option (see below).

2021 PV Marathon Winter Series race entry fees (\$)

Entry fees unchanged from 2020.

Age	Early Bird	Standard	Late
Entries close	One week prior to standard entry	Friday, 8 pm (Thursday for Sat races)	Saturday, 12 noon (Friday for Sat races)
Non-members (includes PA Event Licence)			
Juniors & U23	\$25	\$30	\$40
24-64	\$45	\$50	\$60
65+	\$40	\$45	\$55
For those who are Adult Members you will receive a \$20 discount to <u>above</u> fees and Junior Members will receive a \$10 discount			

- **No entries will be accepted after the close of the “late” period.**
- No entries will be accepted on the day; substitution of paddlers is accepted.
- No refunds will be provided for no-shows; however, the entry fee for bona fide cases, such as illness, can be applied towards future events.
- Member discount applies to Paddle Australia members and organizations with whom Paddle Victoria has agreed to extend registration entitlements (such as LSV, DBV, SUPVIC, AOCRA, etc).

A Paddle Australia “event licence” is included in the non-member registration fee above. There is no limit on the number of races in which non-members can participate (previously a maximum of 3 races).



Geelong Short Course, 13th December 2020 Photo: Tony Bond



2020 Vic Championships at Geelong

Grand Prix 1 - Murray River Classic (Cancelled)



Yarrawonga Sunday 17th January 2021

Venue: Murray River. Yarrawonga Caravan Park. Piper St. Yarrawonga Vic

Distance:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
Elite Classic Race *	5 laps equals 25km	9.00 am
Classic Challenge *	4 laps equals 20km	9.00 am
Kevin Phillips Canoe Classic	3 laps equals 15km	9.15 am
Adventure Race	2 laps equal 10km	9.30 am
Novice, Sub Junior, U14	1 short lap 1, 2 or 4km	10.00 am

* The 20 and 25km races will start at the same time; this enables paddlers to enter either race at the start and must be on the last lap by 11am.

All boats welcome Inc. Outriggers, SUP, Ski's and relay teams. (Min 3 required for class)

5km course.

Yellow Buoys. 5km circuit on the Murray river starting at the Yarrawonga Caravan Park boat ramp paddle downstream on the right of the river 2.5km to the Yellow turning buoys turning anticlockwise and paddling upstream on the right hand side towards the dead river and a portage at the Green Patch boat ramp and turning anticlockwise just before the Caravan park boat ramp to complete circuit, on the last lap the finish will be upstream level with the boat ramp.

Short course.

Green Buoys. Short courses same start at the boat ramp paddle downstream but turn at green buoy at the 500m, 1km or 2km mark then return upstream.



Typical Murray River conditions- slight current and snags

Race Fee: Seniors \$25. Students \$20, Juniors \$15 Sub Juniors/Novice \$5

Entries From: On the day from 8.00am until Briefing

Briefing: Classic & Challenge 8.45am Adventure & Novice 9.15am

Services: The YMACC will have a full range of food and drinks from the club house for the duration of the race and a BBQ after the race.

Arrive on Saturday afternoon and enjoy the Yarrawonga Waterfest from 4pm at the Yarrawonga Yacht Club that will include junior paddle time trial and other water sport activities including Yachting, Rowing, SUP and windsurfing.

Contact: Tim Roadley, email: timroadley@gmail.com, Mobile 0417373376

More Info: <https://www.facebook.com/yarmulcanooclub/>

2021 Victorian Canoe Marathon Short Course Championships



Geelong Short-course 13th Dec 2020 Photo: Tony Bond

Date	Saturday 30th January											
Location	Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre, Loddings Lane, Nagambie											
Host club	PV Marathon											
Race format / course description	ICF Canoe Marathon short course format, consisting of three short laps (~1.1k each), with two portages for certain ICF classes, no portage for other classes. Singles only.											
Race distances	~3.3 km											
Race categories	Open, Women's and Mixed ICF (K/C) portage: U16, U18, U23/Open, V35, V45, V55 - Kayaks/skis (non-portage): U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, U23/Open, V35, V45, V55, V65+ Canoes (non-portage): TC, C/UC, OC/Va'a, SUP											
Portage	Beach portage for portage classes. No portage for touring/rec craft or ICF craft U14 or V65+.											
Start / finish	Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre building											
Entry fee	There is just one entry fee that covers <u>both</u> the Short Course event on Saturday 30 th and the Sprint event on the Sunday 31st. <table border="1" data-bbox="414 1237 1421 1298"> <tr> <td>U18/U16/U14:</td> <td>\$30.00</td> <td>Non-member U18/U16/U14:</td> <td>\$40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U23/Senior/Vet35+:</td> <td>\$60.00</td> <td>Non-member U23/Senior/Vet35+:</td> <td>\$70.00</td> </tr> </table> Enter on-line, entries close midnight pm, 26th January 2021. No entries on the day.				U18/U16/U14:	\$30.00	Non-member U18/U16/U14:	\$40.00	U23/Senior/Vet35+:	\$60.00	Non-member U23/Senior/Vet35+:	\$70.00
U18/U16/U14:	\$30.00	Non-member U18/U16/U14:	\$40.00									
U23/Senior/Vet35+:	\$60.00	Non-member U23/Senior/Vet35+:	\$70.00									
Check-in time	2.00pm – 2.30pm											
Briefing time	You will be sent the briefing by email the day before. Please read.											
Race start time	tbc: notionally 3:30 pm men's singles, 4:00 pm women's singles											
Presentations	No on-site presentations (COVID-19)											
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory (no inflatables). All boats must have fixed positive buoyancy and float in a level orientation when full of water.											
Food	None unless advised otherwise											
Facilities	Parking, changing facilities and toilets are available											
Services	First Aid provided.											
Prizes / trophies	Medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd placegetters. Trophy for best performing club.											
Registration link	https://regattas.paddle.org.au/regattas/1189 Note: Short Course Championship registration is via the Vic Sprint Champs registration on "Regattas"											
Other information	Age groups will be amalgamated if necessary to form constituted classes											
Facebook event	PV Marathon will set this up shortly											
Website link	https://vic.paddle.org.au/paddlesports/marathon/											
Contact	John Young, Chair, PV Marathon, 0417 444 350											

2021 Victorian Canoe Marathon Short Course Championships

Course map



Course description

1. All races start in front of the regatta centre. 3 * 1.1 km laps
2. Paddle just over 400 m to the top turn, turn anti-clockwise around the three buoys and back towards the regatta centre.
3. Non-portaging classes will turn around the bottom buoys.
4. ICF portaging classes will portage at the beach area in front of the regatta centre on the first and second laps. There is no portage on the third (and final) lap. The portage is on sand and is ~80 m long. There are small stones in the sand so take care.
5. Use common sense as you paddle down the course to avoid cross-overs; if you aren't portaging paddle on the inside of the course, if you are portaging keep further to the right.
6. Only go through the finishing buoys when you are finishing.
7. Exit the lake at the pontoon, taking care to keep out of the way of other paddlers still racing.

Grand Prix 2 - Saltwater Classic

Footscray

Sunday 7th February 2021



Venue:	Footscray Canoe Club, Farnsworth Ave (cnr Maribyrnong Blvd) Footscray Melways map 42 D2	
Course:	One or more laps of the Maribyrnong River. Flatwater, no snags, no eddies. Cycle track follows the entire course.	
Start/Finish:	Footscray Canoe Club	
Distance:	Open, Mens V35, Mixed V35	24km
	Womens V35, Mens V45, Mixed V45, All U18	18km
	Womens V45, Mens V55, Mixed V55, All U16	12km
	All canoes	12 km
	Womens V55, All U14	8km
	Sub Juniors	2.5km
Classes/Rules:	As per PV Marathon rules	
Entry Fee:	AC members:	Seniors \$25 / Juniors \$15
	Non-AC members:	Seniors \$35 / Juniors \$20
Registration Link	https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=212307	
Late Entries Briefing:	Online entries close 8pm on Fri 5th Feb. On the day: Open: 8.00 am; Close 9.00 am 9:30 am	Late entry fee \$5 will apply
Race Start:	10:00 am (Sub Juniors Start 9:30am) Hot food, drinks, coffee available for the duration of the race.	
Canteen:		
Contacts:	footscray@paddle.org.au Neil White 0400 985 121 (a/h) or Uby Woods 0419 166 664	



Grand Prix 3 & 4 – Frank Harrison Memorial

(Cancelled)



FRANK HARRISON MEMORIAL RACE

13th & 14th FEBRUARY 2021

(Paddle NSW Marathon Series Bonus Round and Paddle VIC Marathon GP3 & GP4 Races)

COURSE: Murray River, good, open, fast flowing water with some snags.

RACES: 26km Open Classes & Veteran 35 16km Junior & Veteran 45 and over

Saturday Afternoon (Senior Singles, Junior Doubles):	Weir Wall	26km	3:00pm Start
	Waterworks	16km	4:00pm Start
Sunday Morning (Senior Doubles, Junior Singles):	Weir Wall	26km	10:00am Start
	Waterworks	16km	11:00am Start

RACE FEE: Seniors \$30.00, Juniors \$20.00 (Discount if entry on both days)

ENTRIES: Only online entries <https://www.webscorer.com/8959>
(No entries on the day. Entries close 9pm Friday 12th February 2021)

FUNCTION: Saturday 13th February 6:30pm at The Bended Elbow (480 Dean Street, Albury), Drinks @ Bar Prices. You will need to let us know via the facebook page or via email if coming. Meals can be ordered and paid for at the venue.

CONTACT: Russell Wood: Email mittamittacanoecclub@gmail.com or Mobile 0401 901 456



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COVID-19 Restrictions - Key Information for this race

As the race course starts in Victoria and ends in NSW you must check ahead of the travelling to the race if you need (many) permits and also what other conditions apply.

Albury is classed as an “orange zone” this means unless you are from the border community in Albury-Wodonga, you will/may need to apply online for a travel permit, get tested for COVID-19 and isolate.

CHECK THE RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR YOU IN THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE RACE

VPS Junior Race

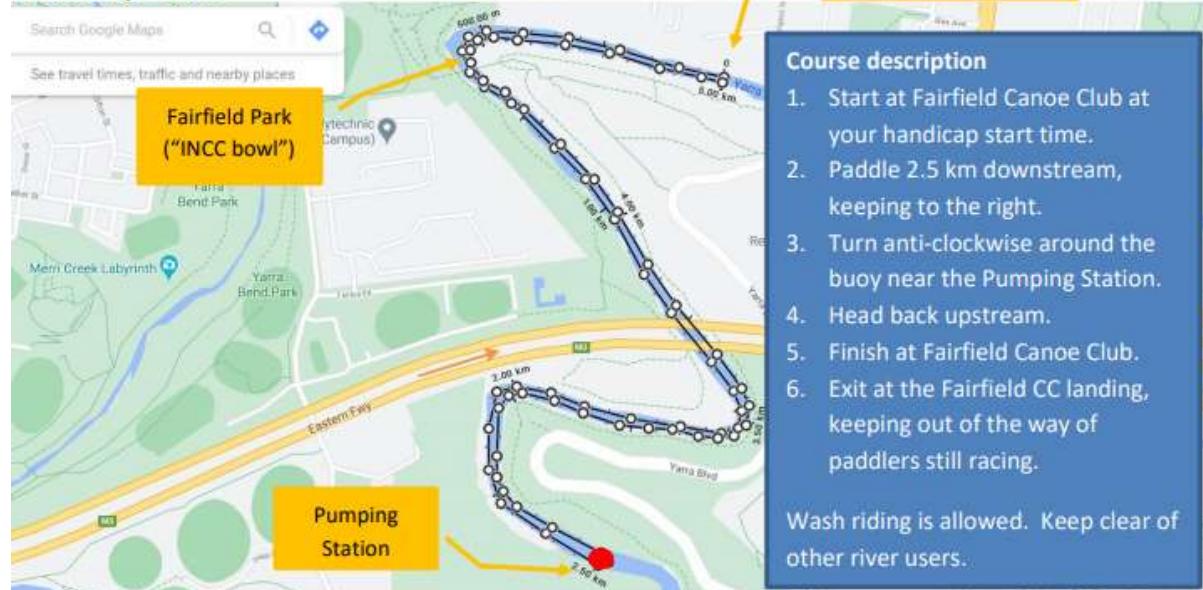
Series Event 1: Long Distance 5 & 10km



Short Course, Geelong, Dec 2020 Photo: Tony Bond

Event	VPS Junior Race Series Event 1: Long Distance 5 & 10k	
Location	Fairfield Canoe Club, Yarra River, Fairfield, VIC	
Event date	Saturday 20th February 2021.	
Start time	Check-in: 8:00-8:30 am. First start (1 km seeding sprint) 9:00 am. 5 km event start 9:20 am; race finish ~10:00 am. Event finish 10:30 am.	
Participation	Victorian junior club and school programs. Expected participant numbers: ~20 students	
Event personnel	Chief Official/Umpire: John Young Safety Officer: tba Competition Manager: Debbie Bennett	
Event format	The event consists of two parts. The first part is a 1 km sprint from Fairfield CC to the INCC bowl and back to establish handicap times. The second part is a 5 km out-and-back loop, from Fairfield CC to Bellbird Park return. Racers will start at times based on the 1 km sprint so that all paddlers finish at the same time. The winning crew will be decided by the outcome of the 5 km event. The event has been scheduled for the Saturday morning training time and location to simplify logistics. The course has been designed to minimize the river length that requires monitoring and to provide opportunities for parents to spectate.	
Event classes	Single class; handicap based on 1 km sprint seeding race.	
Key hazards	The river is relatively narrow and has minimal current and other river users. Snags and fishing line present the main hazards. Avoid paddling close to the banks.	
Safety procedures	An approved PFD/life jacket must be worn at all times on the water. School and club coaches will monitor student progress. A safety boat will follow the paddlers. Turn buoy officials will be in place at course extremities, providing the ability to extract participants if required. The event will be run according to the PV Marathon Safety Risk Management Plan and COVID-19 state requirements. Assist any paddler in distress (e.g. capsized, etc.).	
First aid	Fairfield clubhouse.	
Water conditions	Summer water temperature, minimal flow.	
Other water users	Negligible over most of the course. Pleasure craft rented from the Studley Park (or Fairfield) Boat house may be encountered near the event area (but unlikely given timing).	
Course description	See attached course map. One lap from Fairfield Canoe Club to Bellbird, return.	
Entry / exit	Enter and exit from the Fairfield CC landing. All boats on the water prior to the first start.	
Scrutineering	Boats will be checked for positive buoyancy prior to racing. No weighing of boats.	
Competitor procedure	School and club coordinators to collect boat numbers from race check-in between 8:00- 8:30 am.	
Parent involvement	Parents are encouraged to participate as spectators and race volunteers. School kayaking support groups are encouraged to provide morning tea for their students after the event (subject to COVIDSafe requirements).	
Race registration	Via Excel spreadsheet or Webscorer. Entries close 8 pm Thursday, 18th Feb 2021. Competitors: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=230859 Volunteers: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=232448	
Registration fee	\$10 per student (PA member). Entry fees cover event costs (radio hire, ribbons, prizes, etc.) plus contribute to paddling awards (each junior will receive a VPS paddling cap on completion of five VPS/PV events and a long-sleeved tee on completion of 10 events).	

Course map – 5 km



Source: Google Maps, accessed 15th Feb 2021

Buoy coordinates:

Buoy	Latitude	Longitude
Fairfield Canoe Club	37°47'11.2"S -37.786447	145°01'09.3"E 145.019237
Fairfield Park (INCC bowl)	37°47'10.2"S -37.786172	145°00'47.7"E 145.013248
Pumping Station turn	37°47'42.8"S -37.795217	145°00'59.6"E 145.016549

Course map – 1 km seeding sprint



2021 Victorian Marathon Championships



Geelong Short Course 13 Dec 2020 Photo: Tony Bond

Date	Saturday 27th February & Sunday 28th February 2021.
Location	Corio Bay Rowing Club, Barwon Terrace, South Geelong (NOT AT THE CANOE CLUB)
Host club	PV Marathon & Geelong Canoe Club
Race format	ICF World Championship laps with portage for certain age/craft classes
Race distances	3 km – 27 km depending upon age/gender/craft type
Race categories	U12, U14, U16, U18, U23/Open, V35, V45, V55, V65+ Open / Women / Mixed. ICF K, touring/rec K/ski, ICF C, UC, TC
Portage	For U16, U18, U23/Open, V35/45/55 ICF craft. No portage for touring/rec craft.
Start / finish	Corio Bay Rowing Club
Entry fee	\$40/adult for 1 day, +\$30/adult 2 nd day, PA Members (juniors \$10 less). Enter on-line, entries close 8 pm, 27 th Feb 2021. No entries on the day.
Check-in time	Saturday - 8:30 to 9:00 am sharp Sunday - 7.30 to 8.00 am sharp
Briefing time	Saturday - 9:30 am Sunday - 8.30am
Race start time	Saturday - 10:00 am Sunday - 9.00 am (as racing needs to be finished before noon on Sunday).
Presentations	12:30 pm Saturday, 11:30 am Sunday. Event finishes at 1:30 pm Sat / 12:30 pm Sun
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event. All boats must have fixed positive buoyancy and float in a level orientation when full of water.
Food	Hot food, drinks, coffee available for the duration of the race
Facilities	Parking, showers, changing facilities and toilets are available
Services	First Aid provided.
Prizes / trophies	Medals for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd placegetters. Trophy for best performing club.
Other information	This is also the selection event for the Victorian Team to compete at the Australian Championships in Geelong in April.
Registration link	<i>Online entry link https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=230878</i> Entries close 8 pm, 25 th Feb 2021. No entries on the day.
Facebook event	Paddle Vic
Website link	www.vic.paddle.org.au
Contact	John Young, Chairperson, PV Marathon, 0417 444 350

Non-paddlers and support crew, the championship events require many volunteers to be successful. Please consider volunteering!

Register here: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=231108>

2021 Victorian Marathon Championships Race Distances

The race distances for the 2021 Vic Champs are shown below. These have been set to broadly match the race distances set for the Australian Marathon Championships.

Classes for Vet paddlers have been set based on ten-year age groups, given the smaller number of paddlers relative to Australian Championships. Vet paddlers who are unable to portage may request a time penalty in lieu of portaging, as explained in the PV Marathon portage policy, which is available on the PV website. Paddlers in touring, recreational or unrestricted class canoes, kayaks or skis are not required to portage.

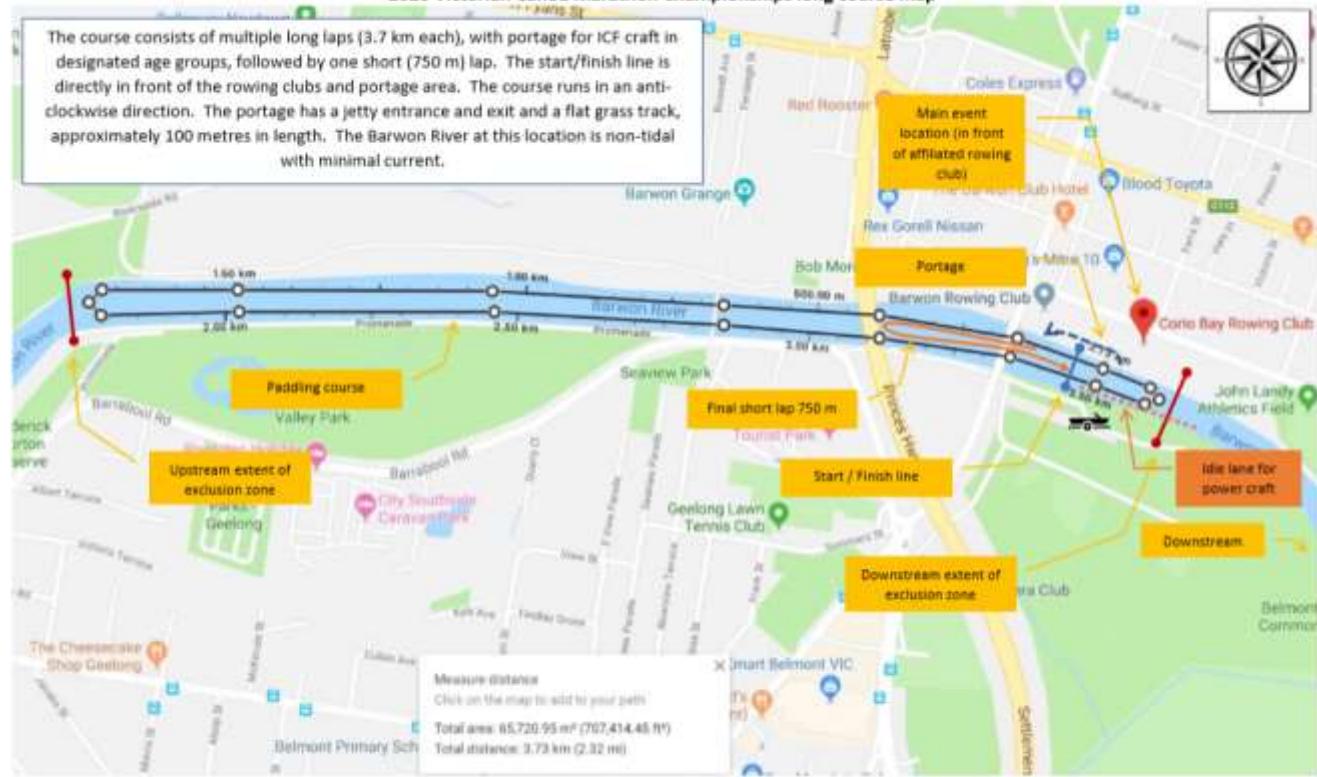
As in previous years we may need to consolidate some classes depending upon entry numbers. We may also adjust the race distances to accommodate paddler requirements. Depending upon entry numbers we may consolidate U23 and Open age groups and thus have set common distances for these classes.

We look forward to your involvement in the Vic Champs and two days of great racing.

Paddle Victoria Canoe Marathon Championships Class Distances

Class	Portage	3.0 km	8.2 km	11.9 km	15.6 km	19.3 km	23.0 km	26.7 km	30.4 km
Long Lap length (km)		3.70							
Short Lap length (km)		0.75							
Number of long laps			2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number of short laps		4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Number of portages (ICF selection classes)			2	3	4	5	5	6	7
ICF selection (ICF craft only, portage as per ICF requirements)									
U16	Y				WK,MK				
U18	Y			WC		MC,WK	MK		
U21 & U23	Y				WC		MC,WK	MK	
Open	Y				WC, Para-C		MC,WK	MK	
V35-44	Y			WC		MC,WK	MK		
V45-54	Y			WC		MC,WK	MK		
V55-64	Y			WC	MC,WK	MK			
V65-74	N			WC,MC,WK	MK				
V75+	N		WC,MC,WK	MK					
Non-selection (all craft types - no portage)									
U10	N	all							
U12	N		all						
U14	N			WK,MK					
U16	N		WC,MC	WK,MK					
U18	N			WC,MC	WK,MK				
Open (inc. U21 & U23)	N				WC, Para-C	MC	WK	MK	
V35-44	N			WC	MC	WK	MK		
V45-54	N			WC	MC	WK	MK		
V55-64	N			WC	MC,WK	MK			
V65-74	N			WC,MC,WK	MK				
V75+	N		WC,MC,WK	MK					
Notes:									
1a) ICF selection class: C = ICF Canoe; K = ICF Kayak; Para. WK = Women's Kayak, MK = Men's Kayak, XK = Mixed Kayak, etc.									
1b) Non-selection class: C = Canoe (C, TC, UC, OC, vaá, SUP), K = Kayak/ski, etc.									
2) Same distances for mixed crews as women's crews. Same distances for singles and doubles.									
2c) Distances shown above for MK and WK are for ICF kayaks (i.e. K1, K2); other kayaks/skis paddle the same distance as ICF K, up to a maximum of ~19 km									
2d) Distances shown above for MC and WC are for ICF kneeling C1, C2; other canoes (sit & switch C, UC, TC, etc) paddle the same distance, up to max of ~19 km									
3a) No portage for "non-selection" classes (even if paddling ICF K or C craft).									
3b) ICF selection age groups must portage in accordance with ICF rules (no portage for V65+).									
3c) For Victorian Championships see PV Marathon portage policy for exemptions for other vet categories.									
4) 10 year age groups for Masters.									
5a) Separate U21 & U23 classes if sufficient numbers to constitute both age groups. U21 & U23 race same distance, same start.									
5b) U21 & U23 "ICF selection class" MK1, WK1 and MC1 paddlers are eligible for U23 selection (no U21 class at Worlds).									
5c) U21 and U23 "ICF selection class" WC1 paddlers are eligible for Open selection (no C1 W U23 class at Worlds).									
5d) U23 ICF selection class doubles race same distance as Open (and same start as Open)									
6) Separate classes for TC and C/UC assuming sufficient numbers for constituted classes for both.									

2020 Victorian Canoe Marathon Championships long course map



2020 Vic Champs long course map - v2

30 December 2019



Victorian Schools Marathon Championships 2019 – Le Mans Start

Photo: Paddle Vic



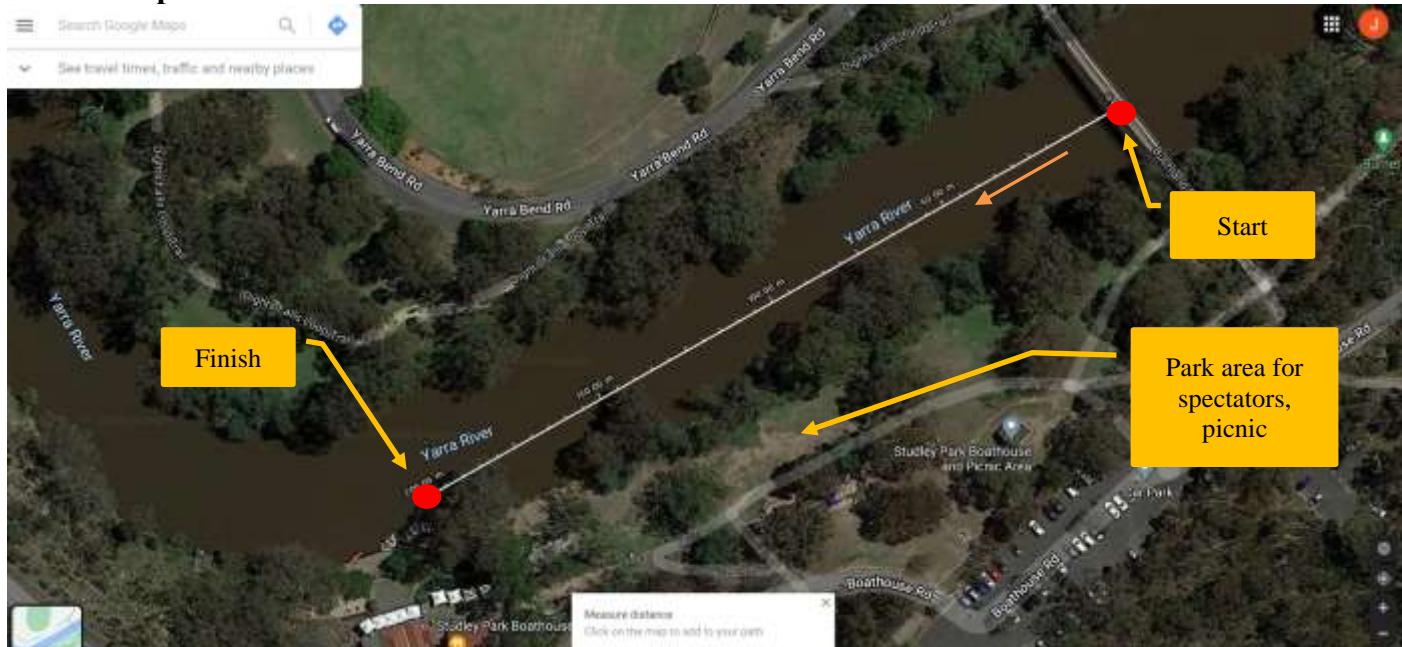
VPS Junior Race Series

Event 2: 200m Twilight Sprints

Event		2021 Paddle Victoria VPS Term 1 Twilight Sprints Event
Location	Yarra River, Studley Park Boathouse, Kew. (Fairfield Park, Fairfield as a backup location)	
Event date	Friday, 5 th March 2021.	
Start time	Check-in: 4:00-4:30 pm, first start 5:00 pm. Event finishes: ~6:30 pm at Studley Park, then 40 minute paddle back to Fairfield, finished by ~7:30 pm. Sunset is 7:54 pm. (Duration: ~100 students, 1 singles race and 1 doubles race per student => 150 crews, 5 crews per heat (river width restriction) => 30 heats @ 3 mins/heat => 90 minutes)	
Participation	Victorian junior club and school programs, including: CGS, MLC, Trinity, Strathcona, YVG, Girton, INCC Junior Program, etc. Expected participant numbers: ~100 students	
Event personnel	Chief Official/Umpire: John Young (PV Marathon) or PV Sprint nominated official Safety Officer: tba (PV Marathon or PV Sprint) Competition Manager: John Young (PV Marathon)	
Event format	200 metre sprints. Each paddler may participate in two events. The event has been scheduled for Friday evening to enable juniors to participate and parents to spectate after work, and perhaps stay for a picnic. Studley Park boat house provides a suitable river stretch for short sprints and land location for viewing.	
Event classes	Age (U18, U16, U14, U12), gender (M, W, mixed) and craft-type classes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICF (K1, K2, K4, C1, C2) ▪ Touring singles (e.g. TK, skis, sea kayaks, etc), Touring doubles 	
Key hazards	The river is relatively narrow and has minimal current and other river users. Snags and fishing line present the main hazards. Avoid paddling close to the banks.	
Safety procedures	An approved PFD/life jacket must be worn at all times on the water. A safety boat will be stationed on the course. School and club coaches will accompany students down and back. The event will be run according to the PV Marathon Safety Risk Management Plan and COVID-19 state requirements. Assist any paddler in distress (e.g. capsized, etc.)	
First aid	PV marquee to be setup in an appropriate location near the boat house.	
Water conditions	Summer water temperature, minimal flow.	
Other water users	Negligible over most of the course. Pleasure craft rented from the Studley Park (or Fairfield) Boat house may be encountered near the event area (but unlikely given timing).	
Course description	See attached course map.	
Entry / exit	Enter and exit the river from the Fairfield Park landing (not the Fairfield boathouse landing). Paddle down to Studley Park.	
Scrutineering	Boats will be checked for positive buoyancy prior to racing. No weighing of boats.	
Competitor procedure	School and club coordinators to collect boat numbers from race check-in between 4:00-4:30 pm.	
Parent involvement	Parents are encouraged to participate as spectators and race volunteers.	

Event	2021 Paddle Victoria VPS Term 1 Twilight Sprints Event
Race registration	Via Excel spreadsheet or Webscorer Competitors: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=230865 Volunteers: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=233093
Registration fee	\$10 per student (PA member). Entry fees cover event costs (radio hire, ribbons, prizes, etc.) plus contribute to paddling awards (each junior will receive a VPS paddling cap on completion of five VPS/PV events and a long-sleeved tee on completion of 10 events).
Other	Studley Park boathouse has been advised of the event. The boathouse closes at 5:00 pm and this event will not impact its operation.

Course map



Source: Google Maps, accessed 11th Jan 2021

Course coordinates:

Position	Latitude	Longitude
Start	37°48'00.1"S -37.800034	145°00'34.8"E 145.0009660
Finish	37°48'03.3"S -37.800920	145°00'27.6"E 145.007675

2021 Victorian Schools Canoe Championships



Geelong Short Course 13th Dec 2020

Photo: Tony Bond

Date	Sunday, 14th March 2021 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Location	Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre, Loddings Lane, Nagambie
Host club	PV Marathon & PV Sprint
Race format	Short-course Marathon races in the morning, with a Le Mans beach start for U16 and U18 paddlers and an on-water start for U12 and U14 paddlers. There will be a beach portage for U16 and U18 ICF boats (K1, K2, C1, C2). 200 m Sprint races in the afternoon (singles, doubles and K4). Paddlers may compete in up to four events (marathon singles & doubles, sprint singles & doubles). All craft type welcome (canoes, kayaks, skis, SUPs, etc).
Race distances	Marathon: U12 (2.2 km), U14/16/18 (3.3 km). Sprint: 200 m (for all ages).
Race categories	U12, U14, U16, U18; Open, Women's, Mixed; ICF, touring, canoes
Portage	2 portages for U16 & U18 ICF boats, 50 m long, beach entry/exit
Start / finish	Regatta Centre building
Entry fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$35/person for PA junior members, \$45 others before 5th March 2021. ● Early bird registration closes 5pm 26 Feb. ● Late fee of \$5 per paddler after 5th March. ● Entries close 5 pm, 11th March 2021. No entries on the day. ● The flat fee is for the day and you may enter up to four events (marathon singles, marathon doubles, sprint singles, sprint doubles, sprint K4).
Check-in time	8:30 to 9:00 am sharp
Briefing time	9:30 am for Marathon, 12:15 pm for Sprint
Race start time	10:00 am for Marathon 1, 11:00 am Marathon 2. 12:30 pm Sprint 1, 2:00 pm Sprint 2
Presentations	Ribbons/medals awarded at the conclusion of each event. Event finishes at 4:00 pm
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event. Footwear and sun smart hat/clothing is required at all times. All boats must have fixed positive buoyancy and float in a level orientation when full of water. Warm change of clothes required.
Food	Hot food, drinks, coffee available for the duration of the race
Facilities	Parking, showers, changing facilities and toilets are available
Services	First Aid provided. All schools must have a nominated teacher/parent contact.
Prizes / trophies	Doak Trophy, Boys Team/School Trophy & Girls Team/School Trophy, Paddle VIC Trophy (smaller schools), Sprint Trophy
Other information	See the Schools Championships invitation letter for more information
Registration link	<i>Online entry link https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=230129</i> Entries Close at 5 pm, Thursday 11th March
Contact	John Young, Chairperson, PV Marathon, 0417 444 350 Reka Abraham, Chairperson, PV Sprint, 0432 684 249

2021 Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Championships (Cancelled)

THURSDAY 25TH – SUNDAY 28TH MARCH

**Corio Bay Rowing Club,
Geelong, Victoria**



For up to date information on the event go to www.paddle.org.au or join the event on [Facebook](#).

The Paddle Australia Marathon Technical Committee and Paddle Vic look forward to hosting the 2021 Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Championships (PACMC) on **25 to 28th March 2021** at Geelong, Victoria.

Registration Details

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 26 January 2021 | – Entries opened |
| 17 March 2021 | – Early bird entries close |
| 24 March 2021 | – Entries close |

PACMC Event on-line registration:

<https://paddleaustralia.azolve.com/workbench/public/events?ref=3BDF54E63B3E2EABAFE4E3548679884E36840782>

Novice Event on-line registration: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=229973>

Paddle Victoria Marathon is excited to be able to include a novice event at the 2021 Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Championships. The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity to introduce new paddlers to competitive events in a fun environment.

The format is a 3 x ~1 km relay, using the final short lap and bottom turn of the long distance course. There are a few rules in the interests of fairness and inclusion which are all detailed on the on-line registration page.

Volunteers needed! You can indicate which days you can assist

Register here: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=231106>

Order your 2021 PACMC Merchandise here:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=42186>



Schedule

DATE / TIME	ACTIVITY
Thursday 25 March 2021	
12:00pm	Boat control available
Afternoon	Long and Short Course set up
4:00pm	Boat control closes
4:30pm	Team Leader meeting
Friday 26 March 2021	
8:30am	Number collection – open
9:30am	Short Course – Open Men and Women C1
10:00am	Short Course – Open Women K1
10:30am	Short Course – Open Men K1
11:00am	Presentation
4:30pm	Team Information Briefing
5:00pm	Volunteer / Official Briefing
Saturday 27 March 2021	
7:00am	Number collection – open
8:00am	Juniors (U10, U12, U14, U16 all and U18 non-selection) Singles
10:00am	Masters Singles
12:30pm	Open, U23, U21 and U18 – Men and Women – K1 and C1
3:15pm	Presentations
Sunday 28 March 2021	
7:00am	Number collection – open
8:00am	Juniors (U12, U14, U16 and U18 non-selection) Doubles
8:00am	Masters Doubles
11:00am	Novice Event Register for the Novice Event on Webscorer https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=229973
12:30pm	Open, U23 and U18 – Men and Women – K2 and C2
2:45pm	Presentation and Post-Event Celebration (don't forget to Register)

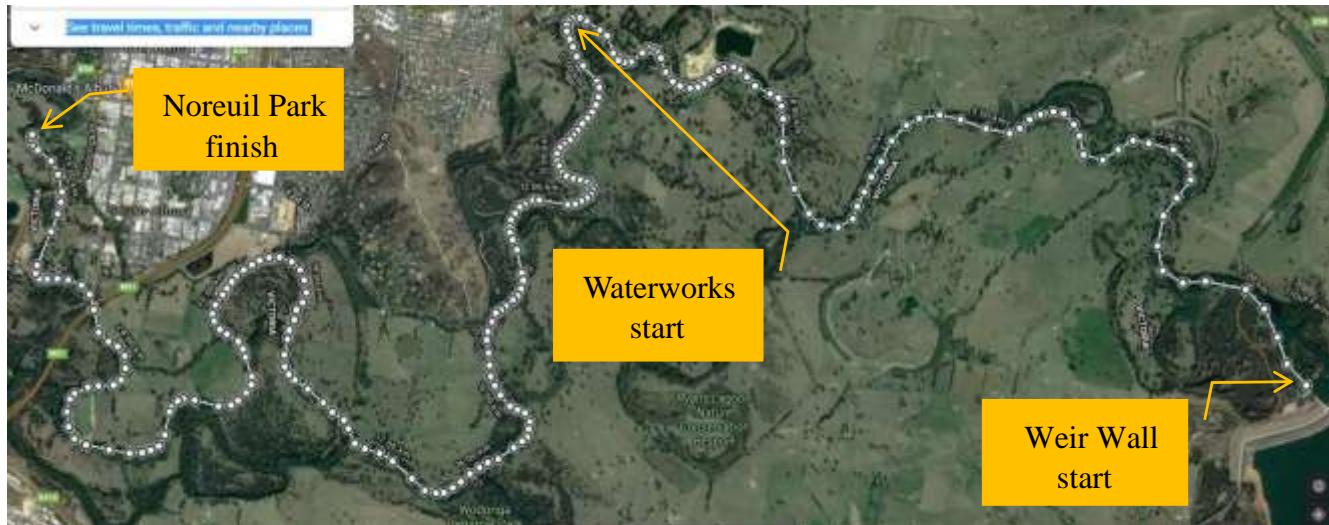
Jerry Dunn, Chair, PACMTC, jerrydunn.marathon@gmail.com

John Young, Paddle Victoria Marathon Technical Committee 0417 444 350 marathon@paddlevic.org.au

2021 Frank Harrison Interstate Marathon Cup – State of Origin event (New)

Date	Saturday, 27 th and Sunday, 28 th March 2021
	 
Location	Murray River, Albury, NSW
Host club	Mitta Mitta Canoe Club in conjunction with Paddle Victoria Marathon
Race format	Point-to-Point river race from the Weir Wall (26 km) or Waterworks (16 km) to Noreuil Park, Albury, plus 6 km lap-based option at Noreuil Park. Singles on Saturday, doubles on Sunday. Good, fast flowing water, some snags and gravel banks. Suitable for undertern K1 and K2 craft and skis (with low profile rather than surf rudders). No portage. All races finish at Noreuil Park.
Race categories	11 categories: Divisions 1-7 plus canoes (TC, UC, etc)
Entry fee	PA adult members: \$30/1 day, \$55/2 days; juniors \$20/1 day, \$35/2 days Entries close 8 pm, Thu, 25 th March. No entries on the day.
Check-in time	Saturday: Weir Wall and Noreuil lap 1:00-2:00 pm, Waterworks 2:00-3:00 pm Sunday: Weir Wall and Noreuil 8:00-9:00 am, Waterworks 9:00-10:00 am.
Race start time	Saturday: Weir Wall 3:00 pm, Noreuil lap 3:30 pm, Waterworks 4:00 pm Sunday: Weir Wall 10:00 am, Noreuil lap 10:30 am, Waterworks 11:00 am
Presentations	Saturday evening and Sunday lunchtime. Interstate Marathon Cup awarded on Sunday based on state team results over the two days.
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event. All boats must have fixed positive buoyancy and float in a level orientation when full of water. Three safety boats will be in operation (2 from VRA, 1 from NSW RMS). You must provide assistance to any paddler in distress.
COVIDsafe plan	The event will operate under PV Marathon's Safety Risk Management Plan and COVIDsafe plan, and will comply with NSW and Victorian requirements. The race starts in Victoria and ends in NSW; hence you may require one or more permits depending upon government restrictions at the time. Check prior to travel.
Other river users	Little other river traffic for most of the course, other than occasional fishing tinnies or recreational canoes/kayaks. Beware of swimmers near the finish line.
Food	Food, drinks and coffee available after the conclusion of each day's racing
Facilities	Parking and toilets at all three locations. First Aid provided.
<u>State of Origin trophy</u>	Frank Harrison Interstate Marathon Cup for the winning state. 12 divisions/day; 100 points for each division (1 st /2 nd /3 rd : 50/30/20 points) + 1 pt for every paddler. Frank Harrison Trophy for the winning TC2. Womens and mens K1 and C1 trophies
Saturday night function	Dinner at 6:30 pm, Saturday. Venue to be advised (awaiting confirmation).
Registration link	https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=235252
Contact	Russell Wood, MMCC, 0401 901 456, mittamittacanooclub@gmail.com John Young, PV Marathon, 0417 444 350, marathon@paddlevic.org.au

Course map Weir Wall to Waterworks to Noreuil Park

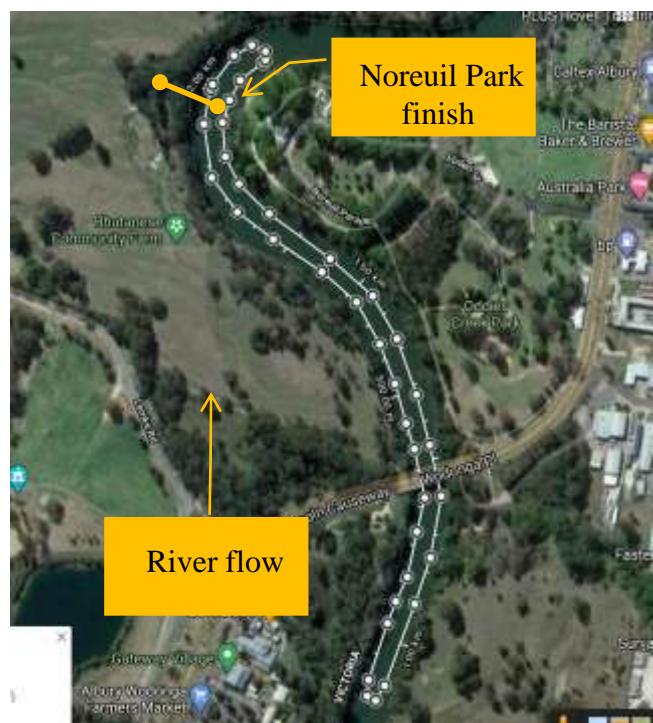


Noreuil Park lap circuit

This event is for juniors or adult paddlers who wish to paddle in a more closely supervised location close to the event finish. It consists of three 2 km laps, starting upstream at the finish line and finishing downstream at the finish line.

The river flows from south to north in this location.

Course map:



Race categories – Frank Harrison

Location	Saturday (singles)	Sunday (doubles)	Nominal speed* (km/hr)	
Weir Wall (26 km) - Point to Point				* refers to the nominal flatwater (zero current paddling speed) for singles paddlers for the division.
	Division 1	Division 1	>12.5	
	Division 2	Division 2	12.0-12.5	
	Division 3	Division 3	11.5-12.0	
	Division 4	Division 4	11.0-11.5	
	TC1 Women's	TC2 Women's/Mix	-	The river flows at ~3 km/hr. Based on the past four years the fastest singles paddlers will complete the 26 km in ~1:37-1:41 (~15.516.0 km/hr average speed).
	TC1 Mens	TC2 Mens	-	
	UC1 Open	UC2 Open	-	
Waterworks (16 km) - Point-to-point				
	Division 5	Division 5	10.5-11.0	
	Division 6	Division 6	10.0-10.5	
	Division 7	Division 7	-	
	Single blade Open	Single blade Open	-	
Noreuil Park (6 km) - 3 * 2 km laps				
	Division 7+	Division 7+	-	

Race points

- ◆ This is a “state of origin” event. Paddlers will earn race points for their state. Each race category each day will provide 100 points, with 50 points for first place, 30 points for second place, 20 points for third place and one point for every paddler, regardless of finishing position. The winning state will be the state with the most points over the two days.
- ◆ Paddlers will also earn points for their normal state marathon events as per current arrangements. This event is a bonus round for PNSW Marathon and is part of the 2021 PV Marathon race series.

State of origin rules

Paddlers need to have a connection to the state for which they paddle: e.g. were born there, lived there, currently live there, partner is from there, etc.

Race video

See the 2018 video for an overview of the course <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuDkXLndgQ>

History of the Frank Harrison race

The original Albury race began in 1979 and was run from the Weir Wall to Albury in winter. These races were cancelled soon after because there is usually little water in the Murray during winter. The second version of the race was staged in 1985. It ran in summer and was a two day event, upstream and back from Noreuil Park, harder and longer than it is today. The format of the race was later changed to downstream from the Weir Wall to Noreuil to accommodate a wider range of paddlers and paddle craft.



After Frank’s death in 1990 the race was named the Frank Harrison memorial Race to honour the long association and contribution Frank and his wife Fran had with the Mitta Mitta Canoe Club.

For more information see the MMCC website: <https://www.mittacanoe.com.au/frank-harrison/>

Winter Series Race 1

– Tay Creggan –

Doubles



Geelong Short Course 13th December Photo: Tony Bond

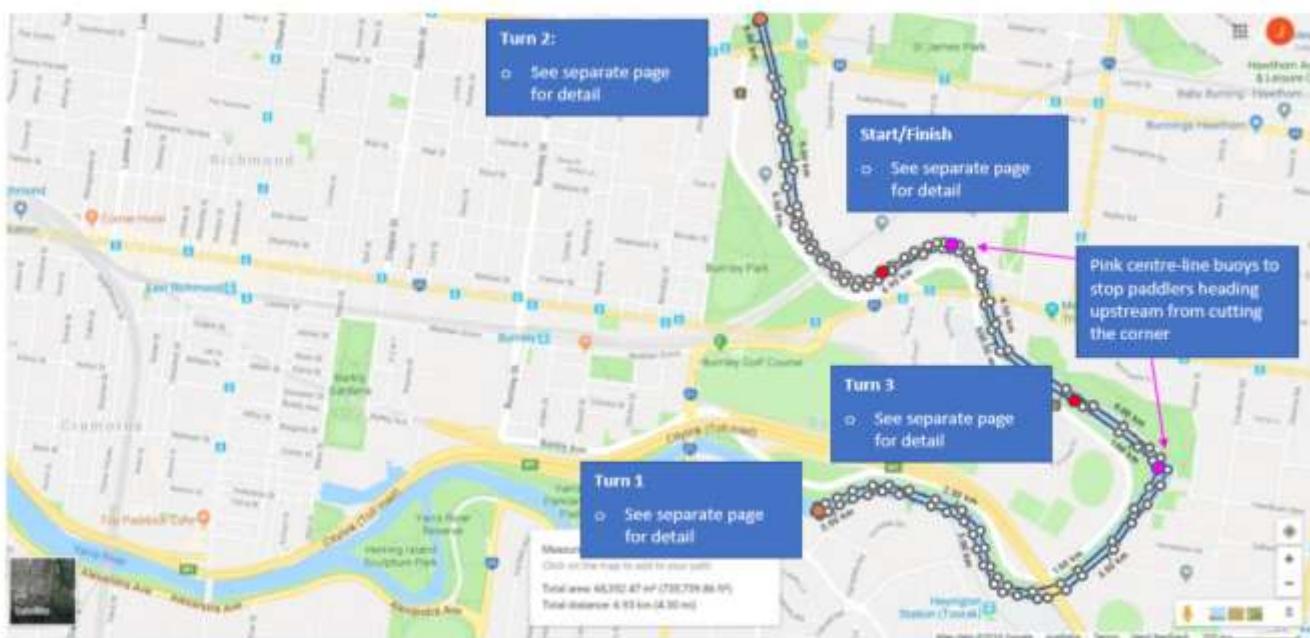
Date	2nd May 2021
Location	Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School, Tay Creggan, 30 Yarra St Hawthorn. Thank you to Strathcona for the use of their campus
Host club	Fairfield Canoe Club (FCC)
Race distances	Div 10 = 2.8km, Div 7-9 = 8km, Div 5-6= 15km, Div 1-4 = 22km
Race format / course description	The course comprises one or more long (7 km) laps and a final short lap of 1.4 km. Paddlers will head towards the city, turning after 2.5 km and heading upstream past Tay Creggan and turning again just upstream of the Bridge Road bridge. Divs 1-4 will do 3 of these long laps, Divs 5-6 will do 2 and Divs 7-9 will do 1, before finishing with a final short lap turning just downstream of Leonda. Div 10 (U12) will do two short laps, for a total distance of 2.8 km. This is a designated 'doubles' race but 'singles' are also welcome.
Portage	No
Start / finish	Tay Creggan
Entry fee	PV Marathon Winter Series
Check-in time	8:30 to 9:00 am for 10:00 am start
Briefing time	9:30 am
Race start time	10:00 am
Presentations	12:30 pm
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event.
Food	Hot food, drinks, coffee available for the duration of the race (Covid Permitting)
Facilities	Parking, showers, changing facilities and toilets. (Covid Permitting)
Registration link	https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=231515 Before 5.00 pm Friday 30 th April 2021. No entries accepted on the day.
Facebook event	PV Marathon will set this up
Website link	Paddle VIC website
Contact	PV Marathon: PV Marathon: Joe Alia (0418 920 401) Fairfield Canoe Club: tba

WS1 Tay Creggan – Course Map

Long Lap 6.9 km



2020 Paddle Victoria Marathon Winter Series Race 1 – long lap (6.9 km)



Divisions 1-4: 3 long laps, 1 short lap, total distance = 22 km

Divisions 5-6: 2 long laps, 1 short lap, total distance = 15 km

Divisions 7-9: 1 long lap, 1 short lap, total distance = 8 km

Division 10: 2 short laps = 2.8 km

Short Lap 1.4 km



2020 Paddle Victoria Marathon Winter Series Race 1 – final short lap (1.4 km)



2020 Paddle Victoria Marathon Winter Series Race 1 – Turn 3 (short lap turn, downstream)



2020 Paddle Victoria Marathon Winter Series Race 1 – Start / Finish



Start: downstream (facing right)

Finish: upstream (facing left)

Winter Series Race 2 – Murray Classic at Yarrawonga – Singles

Date	30 th May 2021
Location	Murray River. Yarrawonga Caravan Park. Piper St. Yarrawonga Vic
Host club	Yarrawonga Mulwala Amateur Canoe Club
Race distances	Div 1&2 25 km, Div 3&4 20 km, Div 5&6 15 km, Div 7,8&9 10 km, Div 10 2-3 km
Race format / course description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a designated ‘singles’ race but ‘doubles’ are also welcome. Typical Murray River conditions- slight current and snags Yellow Buoys. 5km circuit on the Murray River, starting at the Yarrawonga Caravan Park boat ramp paddle downstream on the right of the river 2.5km to the Yellow turning buoys turning anticlockwise and paddling upstream on the right-hand side towards the dead river and a portage at the Green Patch boat ramp and turning anticlockwise just before the Caravan park boat ramp to complete one lap, on the last lap the finish will be upstream level with the boat ramp. Green Buoys. Short courses same start at the boat ramp paddle downstream but turn at green buoy at the 500m, 1km or 2km mark then return upstream.
Portage	
Start / finish	Looping course from the YMACC at the caravan park.
Entry fee	PV Marathon Winter Series
Check-in time	8:30 to 9:00 am for 10:00 am start
Briefing time	9:30 am
Race start time	10:00 am
Presentations	12.30 pm
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event.
Food	The YMACC will have a full range of food and drinks from the club house (Covid-19 permitting) for the duration of the race and a BBQ after the race.
Facilities	Parking, changing facilities and toilets. (no showers)
Registration link	https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=231516 Before 5.00 pm Friday 28 th May 2021. No entries accepted on the day.
Facebook event	PV Marathon will set this up and at https://www.facebook.com/yarmulcanooclub/
Website link	Paddle Vic Website
Contact	PV Marathon: PV Marathon: Joe Alia (0418 920 401) YMACC: Tim Roadley, email: timroadley@gmail.com, Mobile 0417373376



Winter Series Race 3

- INCC Yarra

Paddlers Fairfield –

Team Pursuit



Vic Champs, Geelong 2020 Photo: Karl Schulz

Date	20th June 2021
Location	INCC Fairfield Park Boathouse, Fairfield - Melway Map 30, J12
Host club	INCC Yarra Paddlers
Event Format Team Pursuit (for more details see next page)	The race format will be a 'Teams Race' for each division. Teams race with 2 to 4 boats in each team and can comprise singles or doubles or a mix of both. Timed race with staggered starts. The objective is to work together to get ALL of your team over the line in the fastest time. Your teams time is taken as your last team boat comes over the finish line. All starts face downstream, just before the Pipe Bridge. All finishes face upstream
Race distance	Divs 1:4: 19 km (2 long laps); Divs 5-6: 14 km (1 long lap, 1 short lap); Divs 7-9: 9 km (1 long lap); Div 10: 4 km (1 short lap) Long lap (9.4 km): INCC bowl to Kane's Bridge return Short lap (4.4 Km): INCC bowl to bowl just upstream of Bellbird landing All starts face downstream, just before the Pipe Bridge. All finishes face upstream
Portage	No
Start / finish	Fairfield Park Boathouse
Entry fee	PV Marathon Winter Series
Check-in time	8:30 to 9:00 am for 10:00 am start
Briefing time	9:30 am
Race start time	10:00 am
Presentations	12:30 pm
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event.
Food	Hot food, drinks, coffee available for the duration of the race
Facilities	Parking, showers, changing facilities and toilets. (Covid Permitting)
Registration link	https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=231517 Before 5.00 pm Friday 18 th June 2021. No entries accepted on the day.
Contact	PV Marathon: Joe Alia (0418 920 401) INCC: Sally Miller (0409 564 329), Penny Young (0417 597 564)

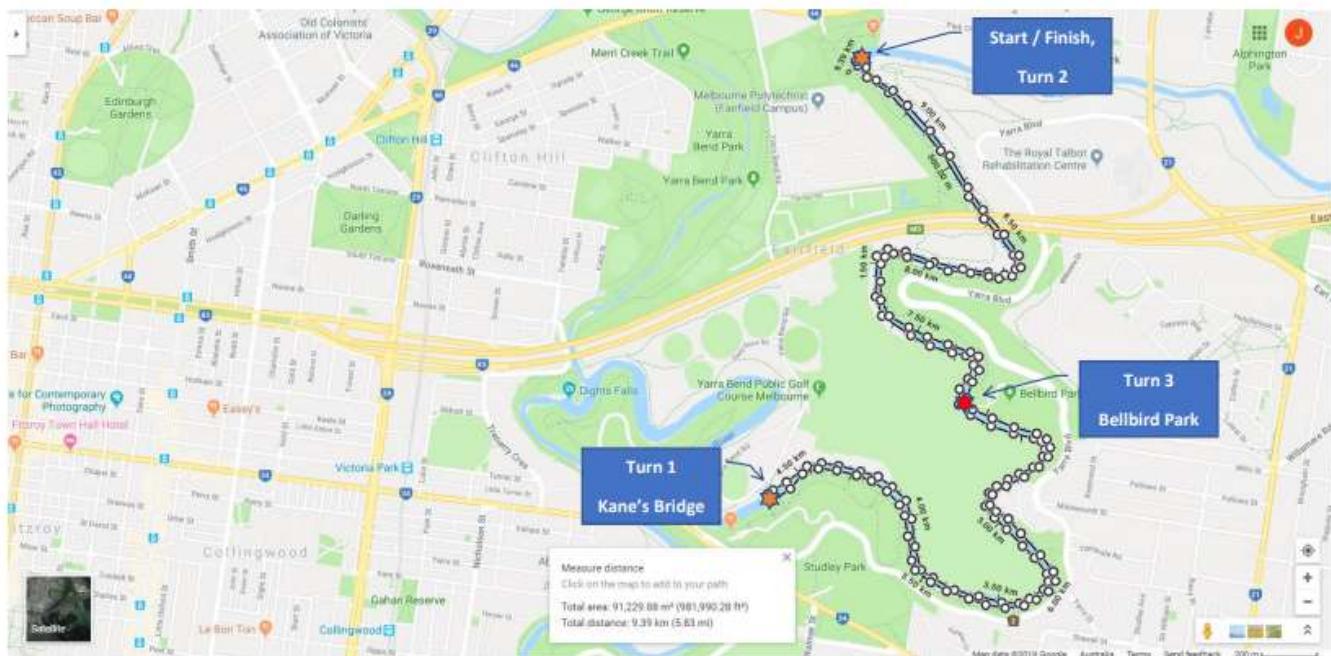
2021 Marathon Winter Series Race 3

INCC Yarra Paddlers Team Pursuit Race Format Information

- 1) **Format:** This is a team-based race, with teams comprised of **two to four** boats (singles and/or doubles). The objective is to work together to get your team over the line in the fastest time.
- 2) **Team composition:** Team members can be from any age group, gender, divisional ranking or club affiliation and can paddle any craft. All craft types are welcome. All team members paddle the same distance.
- 3) **Course layout:** The short loop is from the start at INCC to the just upstream of the Bellbird bowl. The long loop is from start to turn at Kane's Bridge and back to INCC. All boats will assemble on the stretch of water between Fairfield Canoe Club and INCC prior to the first start. Gather your team together (you will all have the same start number written on your arm) and line up next to each other. Starts are facing downstream. Finishes are also downstream coming from FCC back down to INCC.
- 4) **Start order:** Teams will be **assigned a start number at check-in** on race day and **we will write this on your arm** so you can remember. All members of a team will start together. Each start will comprise one to two teams, with starts at ~20second intervals. Long course teams will start first, followed by Sub-jnr then short course and then medium course teams. This will minimize over-taking and congestion at turns.
- 5) **Results:** The objective is to work together to get your team over the line in the fastest time. The finishing time for each team will be the time of the last team boat across the line. **At least two boats from each team need to finish for the team to get a result. There is a time penalty for the team of one minute for each boat in the team that doesn't finish** (so if you start with four boats and only two finish, your team's time will be the time of the second boat across the line plus a 1+1=2 minutes penalty; if you start with two boats and only one finishes your team won't get a result).
- 6) **Race points:** Points will be allocated using the PV Marathon points system. Each team's handicap factor will be the average of the handicap factors of each of the members in the team that complete the race.

Course Maps – WS3 INCC Yarra Paddlers

Paddle Victorian Marathon Winter Series Race 3 course map



Long lap (9.4 km): INCC bowl to Kane's Bridge return

Short lap (4.4 Km): INCC bowl to bowl just upstream of Bellbird landing

Divs 1:4: 19 km (2 long laps); Divs 5-6: 14 km (1 long lap, 1 short lap); Divs 7-9: 9 km (1 long lap); Div 10: 4 km (1 short lap)

All starts face downstream, just before the Pipe Bridge. All finishes face upstream

Paddle Victorian Marathon Winter Series Race 3 course map- INCC bowl



Divs 1-4 will have finished their first lap before Divs 5+ finish

Divs 5-6 will have finished their first lap before Divs 7+ finish

Winter Series

Race 4 –

PATTERSONS LAKES – DOUBLES



Adele Walker and Stew Nicol, Pattersons Lake WS4 2019

Photo: Frank O'Rourke

Date	18 July 2021
Location	Launching Way, Carrum (not the National Watersports Centre)
Host club	Patterson Lakes Canoe Club
Race distances	Course distances are 8km, 12km, 15km, 20km, 23km
Race format / course description	The course is a lap format starting and finishing at the same point. Due to a change of tide during the event paddlers may experience current when passing through the gates into the main canal. The course can be windy and paddlers may encounter the occasional motorboat, as the river is not closed. This is a designated 'doubles race but 'singles' are also welcome.
Portage	ICF boats in Div 1-5 may portage depending on conditions
Start / finish	Launching Way, Carrum
Entry fee	PV Marathon Winter Series
Check-in time	8:30 to 9:00 am for 10:00 am start
Briefing time	9:30 am
Race start time	10:00 am
Presentations	12:30 pm
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event.
Food	Hot food, drinks, coffee available for the duration of the race
Facilities	Parking, showers, changing facilities and toilets. (Covid Permitting)
Registration link	<u>https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=231518</u> Before 5.00 pm Friday 16 th July 2021. No entries accepted on the day.
Facebook event	tba
Website link	tba
Contact	PV Marathon: Joe Alia (0418 920 401) PLCC: Stefan Tulloch (0431 245 803), stefantulloch@optusnet.com.au

Footscray Salty Single Blader



Sunday 1nd August 2021

Venue	Footscray Canoe Club, Farnsworth Ave (cnr Maribyrnong Blvd), Footscray Melways map 42 D2	
Course	One or more laps of the Maribyrnong River (TBD). Flatwater, no snags, no eddies. Cycle track follows the entire course.	
Start/Finish	Footscray Canoe Club	
Boat Classes	Singles: C1, TC1, OC1, V1, SUP Doubles: C2, TC2, OC2, V2	
Age Classes	Open (no age categories)	
Classes/Rules	As per PV Marathon rules. Medals awarded for the first 3 placings in each class.	
Distance	All races 6km	
Entry Fee	AC/AOCRA Junior (under 18)	\$15 for 1 race \$25 for 2 or 3 races
	AC/AOCRA Senior Racing (18+) Non-member junior (under 18)	\$20 for 1 race \$30 for 2 or 3 races
	AC Senior Recreational Non-member senior (18+)	\$30 for 1 race \$40 for 2 or 3 races
Entries	NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY! Entry is only online. Payment is only on the day (cash only). Online entries close 8pm Sat 31 st September.	
Registration link	<i>Online entry link tba</i>	
Payment	07:30 to 08:15 on the day Pay on the day and pick up race numbers.	
Briefing	08:30 am	
Race 1	09:00 am	Women's C1, TC1, OC1, V1 Men's C2, TC2, OC2, V2
Race 2	10:15 am	Women's C1, TC1, OC1, V1 Men's C2, TC2, OC2, V2
Race 3	11:30 am	Mixed C2, TC2, OC2, V2 Men's SUP, Women's SUP Novice (Any gender, any of C1,TC1,OC1,V1,SUP)
Canteen	Hot food, drinks, coffee available for the full duration of the race. (Covid Permitting)	
Facilities	Ample car parking. Hot showers, change room, toilets available. (Covid Permitting)	
Contact	footscray@canoe.org.au Neil White 0400 985 121 or Uby Woods 0419 166 664	

Winter Series Race 5 - Venue (tba) Doubles



Geelong Short Course 13 Dec 2020 Photo: Tony Bond

Date	Sunday 15th August 2021
Location	tba
Host club	tba
Race distances	tba
Race format / course description	tba
Portage	tba
Start / finish	tba
Entry fee	PV Marathon Winter Series
Check-in time	8:30 to 9:00 am for 10:00 am start
Briefing time	9:30 am
Race start time	10:00 am
Presentations	12:30 pm
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event.
Food	
Facilities	
Registration link	<i>Online entry link tba</i> until 5pm Friday 14 th August. No entries on the day.
Facebook event	tba
Website link	tba
Contact	PV Marathon: Joe Alia (0418 920 401) Host club: tba

Winter Series

Race 6 –

Venue (tba)

Geelong Short Course 13 Dec 2020
Photo: Tony Bond



Date	6th September 2021
Location	tba
Host club	tba
Race distances	tba
Race format / course description	Tba
Portage	tba
Start / finish	tba
Entry fee	PV Marathon Winter Series
Check-in time	8:30 to 9:00 am for 10:00 am start
Briefing time	9:30 am
Race start time	10:00 am
Presentations	12:30 pm
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event.
Food	
Facilities	
Registration link	<i>Online entry link tba</i> until 5pm Friday 14 th August. No entries on the day.
Facebook event	PV Facebook
Website link	Paddle Vic Website
Contact	PV Marathon: Joe Alia (0418 920 401) Host club: tba

2021 Echuca Mini



Date	Saturday 9th October 2021
Location	Barmah to Echuca (part of Day 3 of the MMP)
Host club	PV Marathon / Echuca Moama CC
Race distances	Three options: full (50 km), relay (50 km) or short (20 km) The relay has three legs: 12km, 18km, 20km.
Race format / course description	Point-to-point from Barmah to Echuca
Portage	None
Start / finish & Check-in time	This event covers part of Day 3 of the Murray Marathon/Massive Murray Paddle course. Please note the MMP changed the checkpoint naming in 2018 so on the new maps the old Checkpoint D is new Checkpoint C, and old C is new B. Full distance and relay: check-in at Jack Edwards Park, Barmah from 6:00 am. Briefing 6:45 am. Crews will start at 7:00, 7:30 or 8:00 am depending upon craft type/speed. Possible 6:30 am start for slower craft. Short course check-in at Checkpoint C (old D): 9:30 to 10:00 am sharp. Briefing 10:15 am. Start: 10:30 am. The intention is to have all paddlers finishing reasonably close together (between ~11:30 and 12:30 pm) to simplify on-water safety near Echuca (given the presence of power boats and jet skis).
Entry fee	Full distance: \$25 PA Juniors, \$40 PA adults, \$50 non-members; Relay: \$15 PA Juniors, \$30 PA adults, \$40 non-members
Presentations	Presentations at Victoria Park boat ramp, 1:00 pm. Informal social paddle on Sunday morning for those interested.
Compulsory safety equipment	Safety requirements: Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event. Paddlers will also need a mobile phone in a waterproof pouch, a pea-less whistle attached to their PFD, an emergency blanket and a dry bag with a change of warm clothes. Mobile phone needs to have the Australian Government "Emergency Plus" app loaded: https://emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au/
Food	Your support crew will need to provide food for the day for themselves and the paddler/s.
Facilities	Public toilets are available at the Start (Jack Edwards Park, Barmah) and Finish (Victoria Park, Echuca) .Please note there are no toilets at Checkpoint C and Checkpoint D.
Registration link	tba Registration closes 8 pm, 7 th Oct
Facebook event	tba
Website link	tba
Contact	PV Marathon: Joe Alia (0418 920 401) Echuca Moama Canoe Club: Rod Clark (0408 065 964)

Bendigo Cup Marathon & Sprints

Part of the Festival of Paddling

The Bendigo Cup is a popular event for paddlers on the lovely Loddon River and includes a **Community Fun Paddle**. All craft are welcome including canoes, outriggers, Sit-ons, sups, skis, sea kayaks, whitewater and touring boats.

Saturday 16th October: Marathon & Community Fun Paddle

Venue	Bridgewater (follow signs)
Entries open:	9.00am
Entries close:	10.00am
Briefing:	10.30am
Start time:	11.00am

Bendigo cup Marathon. Distances will be either 10 or 20 km

- Course map will be available on the day
- Lifejackets must be worn
- Toilets and showers available on site
- Catering and other refreshments will be available

Trophies:

Robert Bearham Memorial Trophy (20 km)
 Handicap Trophy (20 km)
 Schools Trophy (10 km)
 Medals for all place getters in age groups.

Great spot prizes.

Community Fun Paddle For those who wish to just enjoy the river, for all levels and types of craft, everybody gets a chance to win a nice spot prize. Distance is between 6 and 8 km.

Sunday 17th October: Bendigo Friendly Sprints

Bendigo at Lake Weeroona

All craft including canoes, outriggers, Sit-ons, sups, skis, sea kayaks, whitewater and touring boats are welcome.

Division style racing based on your 200-metre time. When emailing us, include an estimate of your time.

Entries open:	8.00am
Entries close:	9.00am
Briefing:	9.30am
Start time:	10.00am
Distances:	400,200's and also a LD event (tbc)

Toilets are available on site
Catering and other refreshments will be available
Great spot prizes

Entry Process and fees:

1. Can you please email the club with the following: your name, type of boat, your age, estimate of your time and if paddling a double your partners name and their age. Contact: bcc@live.com.au
2. You can pay on the day, **however please bring correct money**
3. Can Groups and schools please email the club their list, one week prior or asap.

Community fun paddle \$10 or \$30 per family

Saturday marathon \$25 adults, \$20 junior

Sunday sprints \$20 adults, \$15 junior

Both day's \$40 adults, \$30 junior

For more information Contact: bcc@live.com.au



VPS Junior Race Series Event 3: Head of the Yarra Team Relay



Date	Saturday 30th October
Location	Yarra River, Fairfield Park (INCC), Fairfield (Melbourne)
Host club	PV Marathon
Race format	Relay with 4 legs: each leg ~2 km, total distance 8 km, baton change at each transition. Each team to comprise four boats (2 singles, 2 doubles) and have at least 2 boys and 2 girls
Race distances	Relay with legs xx km, X legs in to total for the team
Race categories	U12, U14, U16, U18
Portage	none
Start / finish	INCC
Entry fee	\$10 PA junior members Enter on-line, entries close 8 pm, 29 th Oct 2021. No entries on the day.
Check-in time	8:00 to 8:30 am sharp Saturday
Briefing time	8:30 am Saturday (Online during COVID-19 Restrictions)
Race start time	9:00 am Saturday
Presentations	10:30 pm. (if COVID-19 Restrictions permit)
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event. All boats must have fixed positive buoyancy and float in a level orientation when full of water.
Food	tba
Facilities	Parking, showers, changing facilities and toilets are available
Services	First Aid provided.
Registration link	<i>Online entry link tba</i> Entries close 8 pm, 29 th Oct 2021. No entries on the day.
Facebook event	tba
Website link	tba
Contact	PV Marathon: John Young (0417 444 350)

VPS Junior Race Series

Event 4: 3 *

3.5 km Short Course Relay



Lilydale Lake

Date	Saturday 6th November
Location	Lilydale Lake, Lilydale
Host club	PV Marathon
Race format	Relay with 2 legs, each leg 1 lap of lake (~1.8 km). Team transition/baton change on beach. 3 events: singles; doubles / mixed doubles. Paddlers can do one or two events. Doubles and mixed doubles events will run at the same time.
Race distances	~3.5 km per race (each paddler does ~1.8 km in each race)
Race categories	U12, U14, U16, U18; singles, doubles, mixed doubles, K or TK
Portage	beach transition for all paddlers: (paddle to beach, jump out, run (without boat), tag, new paddlers paddle off)
Start / finish	Beach area, eastern side of lake
Entry fee	\$20 per PA junior member Enter on-line, entries close 8 pm, 4 th Nov 2021. No entries on the day.
Check-in time	8:30 to 9:00 am sharp Saturday
Briefing time	9:30 am Saturday (Online during COVID-19 Restrictions)
Race start time	10:00 am Saturday
Presentations	12:30 pm. (if COVID-19 Restrictions permit)
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event. All boats must have fixed positive buoyancy and float in a level orientation when full of water.
Food	Bring your own
Facilities	Parking and toilets are available
Services	First Aid provided.
Registration link	<i>Online entry link tba</i> Entries close 8 pm, 4 th Nov 2021. No entries on the day.
Facebook event	tba
Website link	tba
Contact	PV Marathon: John Young (0417 444 350)



Salty TK and REC Challenge

Sunday 14th November 2021

Venue	Footscray Canoe Club, Farnsworth Ave (cnr Maribyrnong Blvd), Footscray Melways map 42 D2											
Course	One or more laps of the Maribyrnong River. Flatwater, no snags, no eddies. Cycle track follows the entire course. Ideal practice race for those wishing to do the "Ben Ward" the following week. The race is focused on TK1/TK2 and Rec boats, possible trophy for schools.											
Start/Finish	Footscray Canoe Club											
Boat Classes	Singles: TK1 and Single Rec 1.	Doubles: TK2 and Double Rec 2.										
Age Classes	U12, U14, U16, U18, O (Open), V35, V45, V55, V65											
Classes/Rules	As per CV Marathon rules. Each Boat/Gender/Age combination represents a class e.g. TK1-FV35 is TK1, Female, Vet35+ 'X' denotes Mixed Double: one Male + one Female. Juniors are permitted to race up to Open class. Seniors are permitted to race down to Open class. Medals awarded for the first 3 placings in each class.											
Distance	All races 6km											
Start 1	09:00	All Male Single classes (e.g. TK1-MV55, etc.) All Female Double classes (e.g. TK2-FU18, etc.)										
Start 2	10:15	All Female Single classes (e.g. TK1-FV55, etc.) All Male Double classes (e.g. TK2-MU16, etc.)										
Start 3	11:30	All Mixed Double Classes (e.g. TK2-XV35, etc.)										
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Non-member senior (18+)												
Entries	Online entries before hand but payment is made on the day. <i>Online entry link tba</i> Online entries close 8pm Friday December 12 th 2021. Late Entries: On the day (via your mobile phone): 07.45am to 08.15am; additional \$5 fee applies											
Payment	07:30 to 08:15 on the day. Pay on the day and pick up race numbers. PA members/non-member Juniors 1 race: \$20 per entrant, 2 races: \$25 per entrant, 3 races: \$30 per entrant Non-PA members: \$10 extra per entrant Juniors: \$5 off per entrant											
Briefing	8:30 am											
Canteen	Hot food, drinks, coffee available for full duration of the race.(Covid permitting)											
Facilities	Ample car parking. Hot showers, change room, toilets available. (Covid Permitting)											
More info	footscray.canoe.org.au Footscray Canoe Club Inc											
Contact	footscray@canoe.org.au Neil White 0400 985 121 (a/h) or Uby Woods 0419 166 664											



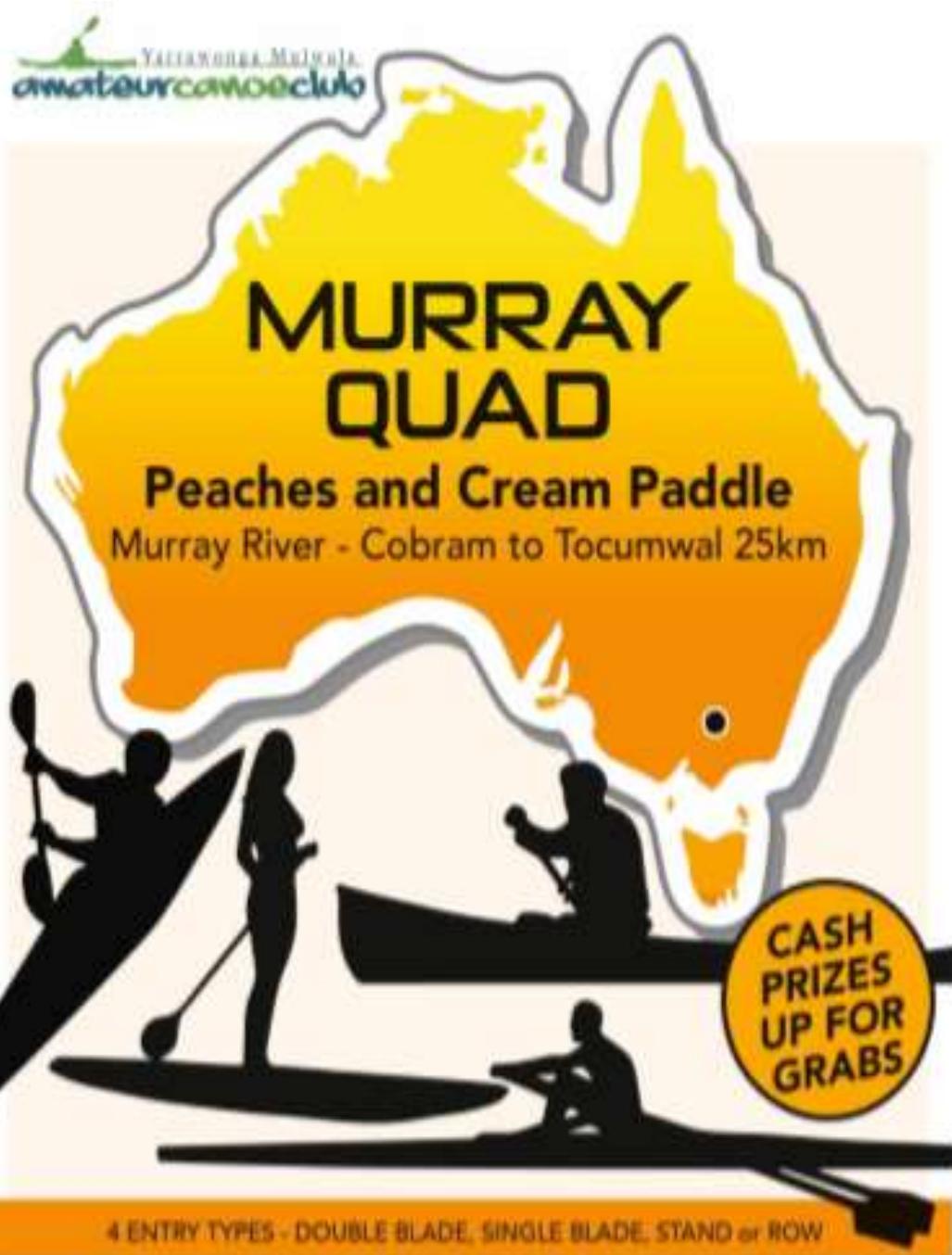
VPS Junior Race Series Event 5: 200m Twilight Sprints



Date	Friday 19th November
Location	Studley Park Boathouse, Kew (Melb)
Host club	PV Marathon / PV Sprint
Race format	200 m sprints, each paddler may do two events
Race distances	200m
Race categories	U12, U14, U16, U18; men's, women's, mixed; singles, doubles or K4
Portage	No
Start / finish	Studley Park boathouse
Entry fee	\$10/PA junior member Enter on-line, entries close 8 pm, 18 th November. No entries on the day.
Check-in time	4:00 to 4:30 pm sharp
Briefing time	4:45 pm
Race start time	5:00 pm
Presentations	Ribbons will be awarded at the conclusion of each final.
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event. All boats must have fixed positive buoyancy and float in a level orientation when full of water.
Food	Parents/school groups to bring picnic
Facilities	Parking and toilets are available
Services	First Aid provided.
Registration link	<i>Online entry link tba</i> Entries close 8 pm, 18 th November 2021. No entries on the day.
Facebook event	tba
Website link	tba
Contact	John Young, Chairperson, PV Marathon, 0417 444 350 Reka Abraham, Chairperson, PV Sprint, 0432 684 249

Peaches and Cream Paddle

27th November 2021



Event open to all self propelled water craft.
Rowers, surf boat, dragon boats and more

Saturday 27th November 2021

To register go to www.murrayquad.com.au

www.murrayquad.com.au



VPS Junior Race Series

Event 6: 'Paddle to the City'

Date	Sunday 28th November
Location	Start at INCC in Fairfield, finish at the Rowing Sheds near Princess Bridge
Host club	PV Marathon
Format	Not a race. Paddle in groups of similar ability. Some stops to re-group. All finish together.
Distance	22km
Race categories	n/a -but all Junior (school age) paddlers
Portage	Compulsory portage at Dight's Falls
Start / finish	Start at INCC in Fairfield, Finish at the rowing sheds at Princess Bridge in the city
Entry fee	\$10/PV junior member Enter on-line, entries close 8 pm, 16 th November. No entries on the day.
Check-in time	tba
Briefing time	tba
Start time	tba
Presentations	tba
Compulsory safety equipment	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event. All boats must have fixed positive buoyancy and float in a level orientation when full of water.
Food	Have someone meet you at the end bringing picnic food and towel and change of clothes
Facilities	Limited Parking at INCC and limited parking at Rowing Sheds. Toilets and showers available (TBA). School trailers to be arranged to transport boats back to clubs.
Services	First Aid provided.
Registration link	<i>Online entry link tba</i> Entries close 8 pm, 26 th November 2021. No entries on the day.
Facebook event	tba
Website link	tba
Contact	PV Marathon: John Young (0417 444 350) School coordinators: tba

Ben Ward Memorial 40 Miler

Ben Ward Circuit



Saturday 11th DECEMBER

Ben Ward Memorial 40 Miler

Sunday 12th DECEMBER

Ben Ward Circuit

Cobram Barooga Canoe Club

Both days:

- Entries from 7.30am to 8.00am.
- Briefing at 8.30am with Race Start 9.00am
- Course Maps provided with entries

Saturday 12th

- Start at Yarrawonga Caravan Park, finish at Thompsons Beach Cobram

Sunday 13th

- Start and finish Thomson's Beach Cobram (Saturday finish point)
- Circuit race of three approx. 7.5km laps.

Website: <http://cbcc.elementfx.com/index2.htm>

Facebook: Ben Ward 40 Miler Canoe Race

Club Contact: Damien Guthrie 0457 221 012

2 DAYS OF RACING

**SATURDAY TRADITIONAL
40 MILER – YARRAWONGA
TO COBRAM**

**SUNDAY CIRCUIT RACE
BASED AT THOMPSONS
BEACH COBRAM**

**3 CHECKPOINTS / LAPS
BOTH DAYS**

**FULL DISTANCE & RELAYS
BOTH DAYS**

Other Races

No Black Swan – Gunbower to Cohuna - race in 2021

Due to uncertainty with Covid-19 cross border restrictions, no Black Swan Race will be held in 2021

Riverland Paddling Marathon 12th – 14th June 2021, South Australia



<http://www.riverlandpaddlingmarathon.com>

Avon Descent 14th – 15th August 2021, Western Australia



<http://www.avondescent.com.au>

27-28 Sept 2021

ICF Canoe Marathon Masters World Cup, PITESTI, Romania



<https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-marathon-world-championships/pitesti-2021-0>

30 Sept - 3 Oct 2021



ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships, PITESTI, Romania

<http://kaiac.ro/wpn/>

<https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-marathon-world-championships/pitesti-2021>

Hawkesbury Canoe Classic 30th – 31st October 2021

<http://www.canoeclassic.asn.au>



Goulburn Classic: Sat 6th November 2021

Three stage races ideal for canoes, ocean skis and river kayaks (tk1s, tk2s, k1s & k2s), paddle 1, 2 or all 3 stages. Email Tony Mission tmission@iprimus.com.au with your name, type of boat, age, and for doubles, partner name and age.

<https://vic.paddle.org.au/calendar/>



Massive Murray Paddle 22nd – 26th November 2021

The Marathon is one of the world's longest canoe races covering a distance of 404km over its five-day duration. The event originated in 1969, when ten friends decided to paddle the Murray River to raise \$250 for charity. The Marathon attracts many paddlers and support crews.

The event starts in Yarrawonga and finishes in Swan Hill, passing through Tocumwal, Picnic Point, Echuca, Torrumbarry, Cohuna and Murrabit on the way

Details available from March 1st 2021



Bill Robinson Photo: Massive Murray Paddle

Note:
Whilst the
paddling



commences 22nd Nov, registration and briefing is on the day before, 21st November.

- Full distance
- Part distance
- Individual or Team Relay
- ... many options

All the details you need to know about the race, how to enter, course maps and support information can be found at <https://www.massivemurraypaddle.org.au/>

Paddle NSW 2021 Marathon event schedule

Round	Location	Date
Bonus Round	Frank Harrison, Albury	13th – 14th February
Race 1	Wagga Wagga	Saturday 20th February
Race 2 & NSW State Singles Championships	Windsor	Saturday 6th March
Race 3	Canberra	Saturday 20th March
Australian Canoe Marathon National Championships	Geelong	25th – 28th March
Bonus Round	Frank Harrison, Albury (rescheduled)	27 th – 28 th March
Race 4	Brisbane Waters	Saturday 10th April
Race 5	Hunter Valley	Sunday 2nd May
Bonus Round	Batemans Bay Paddle Challenge	May, TBC
Race 6 & NSW State Doubles Championships	Lane Cove	Sunday 23rd May
Race 7	Penrith	Sunday 13th June
Race 8	Woronora	Saturday 26th June
Race 9	Narrabeen	Sunday 25th July
Race 10 & Final Presentations	Swallow Rock	Saturday 14th August

PNSW listing of race event available [here](#)

Paddle SA 2021 Marathon event schedule

Refer to the Canoe SA website (link below).

<https://sa.paddle.org.au/paddlesports/canoe-marathon/>

Paddle Tasmania 2021 Marathon event schedule

Refer to the Canoe Tasmania website (link below).

<https://tas.paddle.org.au/calendar/>

Paddle Victoria 2021 Downriver and Wild Water Series

<http://vic.paddle.org.au/paddlesports/downriver/>



Geelong Short Course 13 Dec 2020

Photo: Tony Bond

Links to Winter Series Race Forms

Marathon Winter Series – Where to find On-line Entry links

The links to enter online are found by going to <http://vic.paddle.org.au/paddlesports/marathon/> and select Calendar. A link to the Online Entry system will be posted here when entries open.

Race entries can also be found on Webscorer (if this changes then we will advise) by selecting the “Find registrations” option under the “Find races” tab at the top of the Webscorer webpage and searching by “Event name” for “2021 Vic” under the world map.



Geelong Short Course 13 Dec 2020

Photo: Tony Bond

Paddle Victoria Marathon Points System

There are two parts to the PV Marathon points system: the first part is the club points system to encourage participation; the second part is the paddler points system to recognize performance.

PV Marathon club points

We are revamping the recognition system for 2021 to encourage more people to participate in more events. **The club points system will be changed to reward participation**; the paddler points system will continue to recognize individual performance.

The new club points system includes summer and winter races, provides points for all paddlers for participation and extra points for class participation, and bonus points for new paddlers, juniors, bonus classes and for clubs travelling a long distance.

The perpetual trophy (and glory!) for the winning club, awards for the winning paddlers, lottery draw for all paddlers and volunteers.

The details:

1. The club points series will be for the full year and cover summer and winter events (the club points previously covered just the Winter Series).
2. Points will be awarded as follows for each race:
 - a. One point for every paddler who starts,
 - b. Ten points for each division/class in which the club fields a crew (up to a total of six classes to avoid favouring larger clubs), and
 - c. Ten bonus points for new paddlers attending their first race, for juniors and for paddlers in bonus classes at each event.
 - d. Double points for clubs travelling >200 km to participate.
 - e. See the attached example showing how this scoring system will work.
3. Races will have designated bonus classes to focus attention and increase opportunities for earning extra points. The bonus classes are listed on the following page.
4. School programs (e.g. MLC, Trinity, Camberwell, Strathcona, YVG, etc) will be treated as their own “club”, for club points purposes.
5. Paddlers do not have to be a member of Paddle Australia (or Paddle Victoria) to participate.
6. All paddlers will continue to earn paddler points throughout the season based on their handicap adjusted time as in previous years (and as explained in the Marathon Diary).
7. The winning club for 2021 will be awarded the VACA Long Distance Trophy for the year and will receive 5 free race entries for new paddlers for the 2022 season.
8. **All participants and volunteers at each event will go in the end-of-year draw to win one of three prizes (\$300, \$200 and \$100) at the end of the season; the more races you support, the more chances you have of winning.**



Table 1. 2021 PV Marathon race series & bonus points classes

Date	Event	Venue	Host club	Bonus points classes
Sun, 17-Jan-21 GP1: Murray River Classic	Yarrawonga	YMACC		bonus points for portage (regardless of boat type)
Sat, 30-Jan-21 Victorian Short Course Marathon Champs	Nagambie	PV Marathon		U18 K1, U18 C1
Sun, 07-Feb-21 GP2: Saltwater Classic	Footscray	FACC		first-time racing
Sat, 13-Feb-21 GP3: Frank Harrison Memorial (S)	Albury	MMCC		Weir Wall single blade singles
Sun, 14-Feb-21 GP4: Frank Harrison Memorial (D)	Albury	MMCC		Water Works double blade doubles
Sat, 27-Feb-21 Victorian Marathon Championships	Geelong rowing, tbc	PV Marathon		
Sun, 28-Feb-21 Victorian Marathon Championships	Geelong rowing, tbc	PV Marathon		
Sun, 02-May-21 Marathon Winter Series Race 1 (D)	Tay Creggan	PV/Fairfield		Div 7 doubles, at least one crew member V65+
Sun, 30-May-21 Marathon Winter Series Race 2	Yarrawonga	YMACC		bonus points for portage (regardless of boat type)
Sun, 20-Jun-21 Marathon Winter Series Race 3	Fairfield Park	INCC		mixed doubles
Sun, 18-Jul-21 Marathon Winter Series Race 4	Patterson Lakes	PLCC		Div 7 TK1, TC1
Sun, 01-Aug-21 Footscray Salty Single Blader	Footscray	Footscray		single blade
Sun, 15-Aug-21 Marathon Winter Series Race 5	tba	tba		doubles; crew to comprise U23 & V40+
Sun, 05-Sep-21 Marathon Winter Series Race 6	tba	tba		Div 3/4 ORS1, Div 5/6 OC1
Sat, 09-Oct-21 Echuca Mini	Barmah to Echuca	PV/EMCC		ski or outrigger relay
Sat, 16-Oct-21 Bendigo Cup - Marathon	Bridgewater	BCC		20 km singles, 10 km doubles
Sun, 14-Nov-21 Salty TK and Rec challenge	Footscray	Footscray		double blade
Sat, 11-Dec-21 Ben Ward Memorial - Day 1	Yarrawonga	Cobram Barooga		TK2 relay
Sun, 12-Dec-21 Ben Ward circuit - Day 2	Cobram	Cobram Barooga		

Key information:

1. No change to event classes: Championship events will still be age and gender based; Winter Series events will be divisional, etc.
2. You do not have to paddle in the designated bonus classes.
3. Bonus points are allocated to the club, not the paddler. Paddler points (based on handicap adjusted time) will continue to be allocated to each paddler.
4. The race calendar is subject to change given COVID-19. Summer GP1 has been shifted to WS2.
5. The above changes will apply for the 2021 race season and will be reviewed prior to 2022.

Table 2. One-way travel distances for extra points (km)

Race venue =>	Yarrawonga	Nagambie	Footscray	Albury	Geelong	Tay Creggan	Barwon Heads	Fairfield Pk	Carrum	Wodonga	Barmah	Bridgewater
Club	YMCC	-	FACC	MMCC	GCC	Fairfield CC	-	INCC	PLCC	MMCC	EMCC	BCC
Event(s)	GP1	Short Course	Saltwater Classic	Frank Harrison	Vic Champs	WS	WS	WS	WS	WS	Echuca Mini	Bendigo Cup
	Ben Ward		Salty Single									
			Salty TK/Rec									
Ballarat	323	178	110	396	87	121	113	124	160	373	246	123
Barwon Heads/Bellarine	369	236	90	442	22	101	0	117	96	418	341	228
Bendigo/Goldfields	198	97	148	313	178	163	208	157	203	279	120	39
Cobram-Barooga	38	128	256	151	334	271	344	251	311	127	72	212
Echuca Moama	136	97	220	249	273	235	285	213	275	225	33	111
Fairfield/INCC/Mercantile	265	128	12	335	92	7	103	0	58	311	235	181
CGS/MLC/Strathy/Trinity/YVG	265	128	12	335	92	7	103	0	58	311	235	181
Footscray/Essendon	270	134	0	341	79	18	90	12	57	317	241	173
Geelong	342	205	79	412	0	85	22	87	110	389	312	197
Mildura District	475	470	536	570	538	551	564	545	591	551	410	363
Mitta Mitta	95	210	318	21	396	333	406	313	373	2	196	319
PLCC	326	189	58	391	130	41	141	55	0	373	296	229
Shepparton	82	57	184	188	262	200	273	180	239	171	63	145
Swan Hill	280	248	333	375	357	348	387	342	388	355	188	160
Warrnambool	524	387	255	563	196	267	198	269	306	571	409	281
YMACC	0	142	271	110	349	286	360	266	326	92	106	226

Notes:

1) Distances per Google Maps recommended route, accessed 4 Jan 2019. n.b. distances from A to B may be different to B to A.

2) Distances originate at the applicable clubhouse

3) Albury Frank Harrison race assumes start at Hume Dam weir wall, accessed via Albury rather than Wodonga (car shuffle at MMCC)

4) Geelong races assumed at Geelong Canoe Club (even if at Geelong Rowing clubs venue)

5) Distances for other clubs will be published as required

Green shaded cells denote 0-199 km, yellow cells 200-299 km, orange cells 300+ km

Table 3. Example club points calculation

Club points example	Club A	Club B	Club C	Comment
Club participation				bonus class for this event: Div 7 TK1, Canoe TC1
Distance to event (one-way, km)	20	100	300	
Number of paddlers	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	
Div 1&2	2		2	
Div 3&4	3			
Div 5&6	4	2		
Div 7	3	1	1	TK1 bonus class in Div 7
Div 8,9&10		1	1	
Canoes	1	4		TC1 bonus class
number doing first race	2	0	2	
number junior paddlers	0	2	1	don't have to paddle Div 8-10
number doing bonus classes	4	5	1	
Points	123	118	148	
Participation points	13	8	4	per paddler who starts (no points if DSQ)
Class points	50	40	30	max of six classes (1 crew per class)
Bonus points				
New paddlers	20	0	20	
Junior paddlers	0	20	10	
Bonus classes	40	50	10	
Distance	0	0	74	doubles points above
Participation points	1			per paddler
Class points	10			per class in which club participates
Bonus points	10			per paddler in new, junior and bonus classes

This example is for illustration only

It demonstrates that a small club participating in an event over 200 km from its home base can earn more points than a larger club participating closer to home

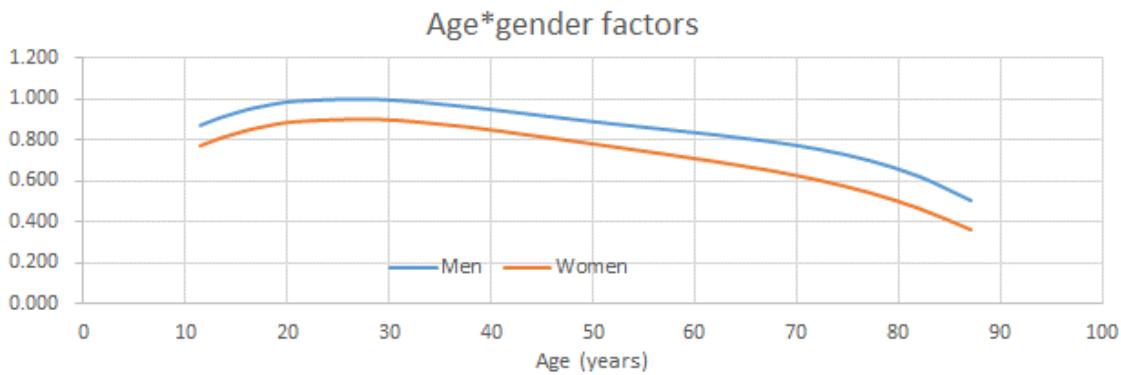
- The scoring system is designed to reward: o participation (every paddler contributes to the total)
- Encouraging new paddlers to attend (each new paddler earns extra points for the club)
- Encouraging juniors to attend (each junior paddler earns extra points for the club)
- Spread (fielding a crew in each division earns extra points), and
- Trying something new (supporting focus classes earns extra points for the club).
- It also recognizes the effort clubs make to travel to distant races.

PV Marathon paddler points

The purpose of the PV Marathon paddler points system is to provide a fair basis for comparing paddlers. We compare performance based on the handicap adjusted result for each paddler in each race. The handicap adjusts for age, gender, craft type and distance paddled. This means that if you are a capable paddler in a range of craft you should receive the same race points regardless of which type of craft or distance you paddle¹. The handicap factors are drawn from prior race results and controlled testing of craft performance²³

Your race results will show two times: the actual time it takes you to complete the class/division you enter (on which placing's for that class/division are awarded) and a handicap time, which compares the relative performance of all paddlers who participate in that race and on which points are awarded. The handicap time is based on a standard distance of 5 km for all paddlers.

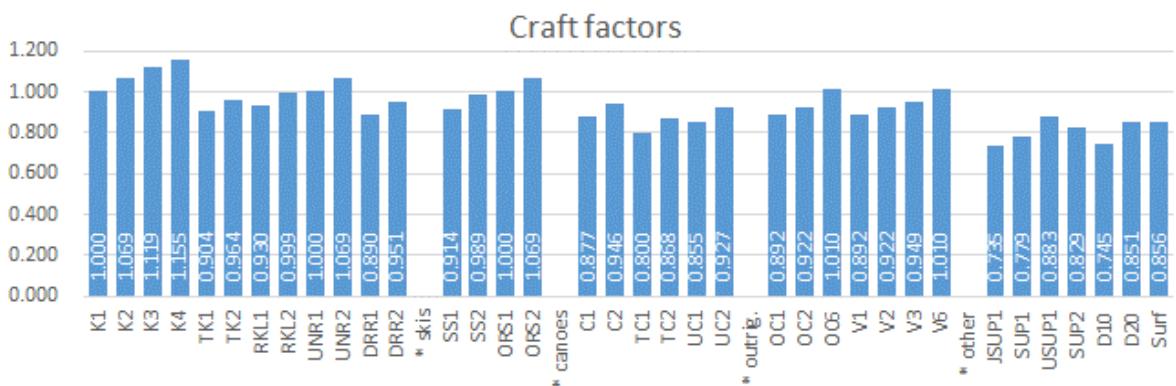
The winning paddler on handicap in each race will earn 100 points and the points of all other paddlers will reflect their result relative to the winner: a paddler 80% as fast as the winner will earn 80 points. The points for every paddler are tracked for the series. Paddlers will earn individual points for each race, regardless of "singles" or "doubles" race designation. The paddler's score for the series will be based on his or her best four races out of the six-race Winter Series.



¹ The handicap factors distinguish between the performance of the "motor" (i.e. the crew) and the performance of the "boat" (what the boat can do with an experienced crew).

² Handicap factor = age factor * gender factor * craft factor * distance factor * current factor. Crew factors are the average of the factors for each crew member. Contact John Young at marathon@paddlevic.org.au for further information.

³ The age and gender factors represent the average speed achievable for men and women of various ages, expressed relative to Open Age Men, over the same distance. The craft factor represents the speed achievable in a given craft, expressed relative to an ICF K1, for the same crew (i.e. if you put the same "motor" in each boat, how fast is one boat relative to the other). The current factor adjusts for the impact of current on relative speeds of participants.



Geelong Short Course 13th Dec 2020 Photo: Tony Bond

Paddle Victoria Marathon Rules and Regulations

M01 Races conducted by the Paddle Victoria Marathon Committee and affiliated clubs and organisations are open to all canoeists and are conducted under the rules set down by the International Canoe Federation and Paddle Australia Marathon committees. These rules are to be followed at all times. Any paddler infringing on these rules may be disqualified.

Competitors not members of Paddle Australia and Paddle Victoria affiliated clubs must on entry pay an Event License Fee.

M02 Competitors must agree to abide by the rules and the decisions made by the race committee.

M03 To be eligible to compete in the Victorian or Australian Championships paddlers must be “full” adult or junior members of a Paddle Victoria affiliated club or a club affiliated to Paddle Australia or the International Canoe Federation, not “recreational” members.

M04 A race jury shall be appointed for all major races or as required.

M05 All paddlers under the age of 18 years must have permission from their parents or guardian to compete.

M06 Age Classifications:

For junior competitors, ages are taken from 1st January in the year of competition.

Sub junior	under 12 years
Junior 14	under 14 years
Junior 16	under 16 years
Junior 18	under 18 years

For Open Competitors, over 18 years

For veteran competitors, the first year a veteran competitor may compete in the relevant age group is the year of his/her birthday matching the youngest age for the category falls. (e.g. A competitor turning 35 in the year of competition may compete in the V35 category.)

Veteran 35	35 years and over
Veteran 40	40 years and over
Veteran 45	45 years and over
Veteran 50	50 years and over
Veteran 55	55 years and over
Veteran 60	60 years and over
Veteran 65	65 years and over

M07 All paddlers may if they wish submit to the first aid officer a completed and confidential medical form prior to entering each race. Due to privacy reasons this information will be destroyed after each race.

This confidential medical form will only be available to the Marathon Committee Chairperson, the Secretary, the chief official and the Marathon First Aid Officer. The information supplied will not be used in any way to prevent a paddler from competing but is designed as part of Paddle Victoria Marathon Committee’s risk management policy.

M08 All winter series entries are to be made online prior to race day.

All paddlers must register in person on the day, and doubles paddlers must register together.

M09 All boat numbers will be issued at registration.

M10 Starting orders will be determined at each race by the race organisers and announced at the pre-race briefing which all paddlers must attend.

M11 The 1st race will start as soon as possible after the briefing but not prior to the advertised time.

M12 Any paddler who withdraws from a race must notify the finish line officials on withdrawal.

M13 Life Jackets - Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):

Regardless of the paddler's swimming ability or the river or water conditions, all paddlers must bring to the race, a PFD that is of a suitable size for them, in good order, and complies with Australian Standards and Victorian laws. All paddlers MUST wear an approved PFD in accordance with Victorian Laws. Exemptions may be granted by the appropriate regulatory authorities for events such as National Championships.

M14 Portaging:

Competitors may only portage at points designated and as set out by the race organisers. Portages are required for all racing boats (international classes - K1, K2, C1, C2) in Division 5 or higher or for Under 16, Under 18, Under 23, Open and Veterans international classes up to and including Vet 55. Competitors in Division 5 or higher or U16 and Veterans classes who are unable to portage must discuss this with the race committee prior to the race briefing. A time penalty may be applied. Portaging is compulsory for U18, U23 and Open international racing classes. Assistance with portaging may be provided consistent with ICF Marathon competition rules.

M15 State Marathon Team Selection Races As part of the race calendar each year the Paddle Victoria Marathon Committee is to select and nominate which races will be used as part of the selection criteria for those paddlers wishing to nominate for selection in the Victorian Team.



Thank you to our hardworking officials and volunteers across the 2020 races

Victorian Canoe Marathon: Divisional and Class Racing Systems

Paddlers may race under either the “divisional” or “class” systems at Victorian Marathon races. Under the divisional system paddlers compete against others of similar ability (i.e. speed) regardless of age, gender or craft type. Under the class system paddlers compete against others of similar age, gender or craft type (e.g. Vet Men’s TK1, Women’s TC1, etc.).

Divisional System

The aim of the divisional system is to enable paddlers to race others of similar ability and to provide a graduated system to prepare paddlers for national and international competition.

There are 10 divisions within this system, seven of which (Divisions 1 to 7) are performance based and three (Divisions 8 to 10) which are age based for juniors. Typical race distances, portage requirements and speed ranges for each division are noted below. In prior years a ranking system was used to promote or demote paddlers depending upon race results. The ranking system was suspended in 2015 to enable paddlers to choose the race distance in which they wish to paddle. However, paddlers should not choose the longest distance (Div 1 or 2) unless they meet the minimum speed requirement: it is not reasonable to expect volunteers to remain on station at races for one or two paddlers while all other participants have finished.

Division	Typical Distance (km)	Minimum speed (km/h) / (min/km)	Comment
Div 1	24-25	12.5 / 4:48	Portage
Div 2	24-25	12.0 / 5:00	“
Div 3	20	11.5 / 5:13	“
Div 4	20	11.0 / 5:27	“
Div 5	15-16	10.5 / 5:43	“
Div 6	12	10.0 / 6:00	No portage
Div 7	8	-	“
Div 8 (U16/U18)	8	-	“
Div 9 (U14)	8	-	“
Div 10 (sub-junior)	2-4	-	“

Notes:

1. The minimum speed is over the race distance (i.e. Div 1 needs to average 12.5 km/h or higher over 24-25 km).
2. Portage is only required for international class boats (K1, K2, C1, C2, including masters K boats) in Divisions 1 to 5 for paddlers less than 60 years old at certain events. V60+ paddlers may portage if they wish.
3. Division 7 is the beginning division for adult paddlers.
4. Junior paddlers can paddle in higher divisions (Div 7 and above) if they wish.

Class System

The aim of the class system is to enable paddlers to race others of similar age, gender or craft type. Race distances are usually set by agreement between the paddlers and the Marathon Technical Committee. As an example, classes may be constructed for canoes (TC, C and OC) regardless of age over say 12 km, or separate classes may be constructed for TC and C craft or men’s and women’s depending upon numbers. Similarly, classes may be constructed for Open men’s TK1, Vet men’s TK1, Vet mixed TK2, para/adaptive singles or doubles, SUPs or skis, etc., as demand requires. Furthermore, by arrangement with the Race Committee, a special race may be held for racing class boats where the paddlers collectively want to paddle a shorter distance than that available under the Divisional system.

Age brackets (age is determined as at 1st January in the year of competition):

- Junior: U12, U14, U16, U18
- U23:
- Open: 23 –34 years (older paddlers may choose to paddle in the Open class)
- Veterans: 5-year groupings from 35 years upwards for international competition, i.e. Vet35, Vet40, Vet45, etc

Gender: Open/Men's, Women's, Mixed. Women may race in Open/Men's or Mixed classes if they wish.

Mixed crews may paddle in Open/men's classes if they wish.

Race distances:

- Full Distance, $\frac{3}{4}$ Distance, $\frac{1}{2}$ Distance and $\frac{1}{3}$ Distance
- Full Distance will usually be the same course and distance as defined for Division 1 in the Divisional System
- Age/Class/Distance allocations are as determined by the Marathon Technical Committee

Note: A constituted class comprises at least 3 boats of the same type.

Portage Policy

Portage is an integral part of marathon canoe and kayak racing. We recognize, however, that some paddlers are unable to portage for health or injury reasons. This section explains our policy with respect to portage at Paddle Victoria Canoe Marathon events.

A time adjustment will be applied for those who do not portage who otherwise should have portaged. We understand that this is not a perfect alternative; for example, paddlers not portaging may gain an advantage by dropping paddlers who are portaging from a wash group at portage, which changes the dynamics of the race. In addition, paddlers who are portaging are exposed to increased risks, such as capsizing on exit or re-entry, trips and falls or boat damage. However, in the interests of a practical and simple system we believe the time penalty approach provides an appropriate balance.

The time adjustment will include an allowance to compensate for the additional risk borne by paddlers who portage as required. Importantly, the time penalty has been set based on actual data, to reflect the time difference for veteran paddlers who are unable to portage, not the time difference elite paddlers may take to portage.

1. Portage may be part of the prescribed course at PV marathon events for international class boats (i.e. K1, K2, C1 and C2, etc., including "masters" K boats). Touring boats, sea kayaks, skis, SUPs, outriggers and para-class paddlers do not need to portage at PV events.
2. In age-based racing U12, U14 and V60+ crews do not need to portage. In divisional racing Divisions 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 do not need to portage.
3. If portage is specified at championship races paddlers in international "selection" classes (i.e. U18, U23 and Open) will need to portage. Paddlers can request assistance at portage for bona fide health reasons consistent with ICF rules. However, not portaging is not an option in these classes. Non-portaging athletes will be recorded as "Disqualified" (DSQ), per ICF Marathon competition rule 29 (b).
4. Paddlers in V35 to V55 international classes may apply to the Chief Official prior to the race for exemption from portaging due to health issues. We rely on the paddler's integrity to only seek exemption for genuine reasons. The reason does not need to be disclosed unless the paddler wishes to do so.
5. Paddlers granted approval not to portage will be assigned a time adjustment decided by the Chief Official, which will be advised prior to the race. This adjustment will apply for each portage not

undertaken. The same time adjustment per portage will apply to all paddlers granted exemption, regardless of age, gender or racing class.

6. The time adjustment (i.e. time added) for a portage of ~100m distance with good exit and re-entry points and clear track in between will typically be 50 seconds per portage. For a portage such as at Geelong Canoe Club, of ~200 m length, the time adjustment will typically be 70 seconds per portage.

Victorian Team Selection Policy – updated 2021

The 2021 Paddle Victoria Canoe Marathon Championships are scheduled to be held at the Geelong Rowing Mile on Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th February 2021.

This will be the **selection event for the Victorian Marathon Team** to participate in the Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Championships in Geelong from **25th to 28th March 2021**.

You do not have to be selected to the Victorian team to participate at the Australian Championships. Selection is a point of recognition only; it is not required for entry.

We encourage all Victorian paddlers to participate in the Australian Championships: this is the easiest opportunity for you to compete: it will five years before the event returns to Victoria.

Eligibility criteria for selection to the Victorian team are listed in the selection policy, available on the Marathon page of the Paddle Victoria website <http://vic.paddle.org.au/paddlesports/marathon/> under the Resources tab.

We have expanded the list of qualifying races for the 2021 Victorian Marathon Team selection given the disruption to the racing in 2020. **Paddlers will still need to have participated in at least five qualifying races over the past 12 months of racing, one of which is more than 100 km from the paddler's home club.**

The list of qualifying races is shown below.

Qualifying races⁴:

2019	2020	2021
2019 WS1 Tay Creggan	2020 Murray River Classic	2021 Murray River Classic
2019 WS2 Barwon Heads	2020 Saltwater Classic	2021 Victorian Short Course
2019 WS3 Fairfield Park	2020 Frank Harrison singles	2021 Saltwater Classic
2019 WS4 Patterson Lakes	2020 Frank Harrison doubles	2021 Frank Harrison singles
2019 WS5 Nagambie	2020 Vic Champs singles	2021 Frank Harrison doubles
2019 WS6 Gateway Lakes	2020 Vic Champs doubles	
2019 Bendigo Cup	2020 Bendigo Short Course	
2019 Echuca Mini	2020 Geelong Short Course	
2019 Peaches and Cream		
2019 Ben Ward Day 1		
2019 Ben Ward Day 2		

⁴ Schools Championships don't count towards the total, because they aren't open to all paddlers. Likewise, the junior-only Victorian Paddle Sports events for Term 1 2021 don't count.

State and Club Colours

Club Colours are encouraged to be worn at all races. State or Club Colours should be worn at all Championships.

Students may wear their Schools colours for Club races and Schools Championships but the students should wear Club or State Colours at non-school Championships (e.g. state and national championships).

Club	Club Colours
Ballarat Amateur Canoe Club	Red singlet with a white chest band
Barwon Heads Canoe Club	TBA
Bellarine Paddlers Inc	TBA
Bendigo Canoe Club	Long sleeved blue polo with club logo
Cobram-Barooga Canoe Club	White top with gold and maroon bars
Echuca-Moama Canoe Club	Green and white vertical stripes
Eltham College Canoe Club	Rash vest, green with gold trim, Eltham down each arm
Essendon Canoe Club	Red singlet with vertical black stripe
Fairfield Canoe Club	Light blue logo on dark blue
Footscray Amateur Canoe Club	Royal blue, white and red
Greater Eastern Canoe & Kayak Organisation	Orange top with gecko emblem and black bottom
Geelong Canoe Club	White top, blue logo
Gippsland Kayak Club	Light blue singlet with a navy band
Goldfields Paddlers	tba
Ivanhoe-Northcote Canoe Club (Yarra Paddlers)	Black, white and teal
Mildura Canoe Club	Navy blue, red and white
Mitta Mitta Canoe Club	White top with navy stripe trim down length of sleeves
Patterson Lakes Canoe Club	Navy or white top with two vertical stripes green, white or navy blue with logo on left breast
Shepparton Canoe Club	White top with club name and paddler symbol on back and left breast
Tarwin River Canoe Club	Golden yellow single/polo shirt with logo
Warrnambool Kayak Club	Navy blue top, white and bottle green vertical stripes on left hand side
Yarra Valley Kayaking	Bottle green singlet with vertical gold stripe
Yarrawonga Mulwala Canoe Club	White shirt with club logo top right-hand side

Other Links

Club Points System

<http://vic.paddle.org.au/paddlesports/marathon/> Select Resources

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