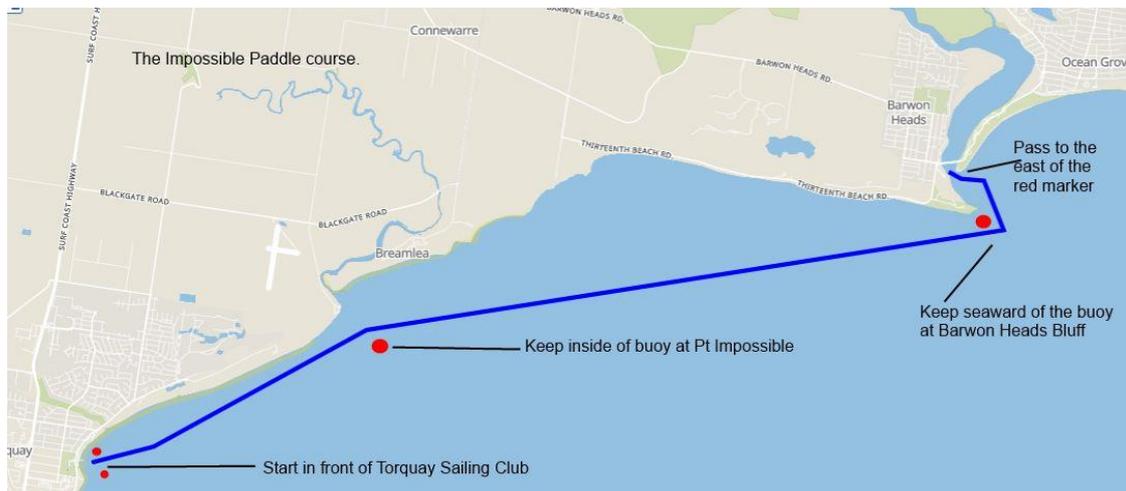


Race Instructions – The Impossible (as at Thursday 28th November 2018)

Further to the rules of the race listed on the event website:

<http://www.swracemanagement.com/the-impossible.html>

1. Winds are predicted by the BOM to be south then tending SW at 10-15 knots. We will be running the race in the direction as advertised; Torquay to Barwon Heads. The race may be delayed by a short time if it looks like more favourable conditions are imminent.



2. Whilst not likely, if the BOM has a late prediction of a change in winds on Saturday morning, the course may be altered.
3. **Paddlers will meet and register at Fishermans Beach near the sailing club from 7.45am to 9.30am.** Registration will involve
 - a. acknowledging your presence
 - b. Checking you have the correct safety gear and adding a mobile number to your phone. Some flares will be for sale at \$20 for those whose are out of date. This is important as our licence to run the event is from Maritime Safety Vic.
 - c. receiving your race number which must be attached to the front port (left) side of the craft. (SUPS and prone boards may have to be creative)
4. Race briefing for SUPs and prone boards will be 9.40am near the start line. Others' briefing will be 10.10am, after the SUPs start.
5. **If any ski paddler believes they may take more than two hours for the distance, upon request, they may start earlier. Call earlier or negotiate with Pete on the morning.**
6. **Bus transport:** As per the website, the Wave Rider bus is picking up paddlers from Barwon Heads and departing at 9am. Load your own skis and bring your own straps. We can take bags down to the finish at Barwon Heads from Torquay.
7. **Course:**

As per website. Start line will be from an imaginary line between the pink buoy off Fishos seaward of the sailing club and a jetski. Deliberate jumping of the start will incur a one minute penalty.

Paddlers will then travel to Pt Impossible and round a large buoy located three hundred metres off shore from Pt Impossible outers. **It will be dropped in the correct position this year and will be**

significantly larger than last year. In line with Paddle Australia rules, failure to round this buoy will mean a 2 min penalty for an indiscretion or disqualification for a deliberate action. This buoy is important to keep the field within 2nM of shore.

The course then heads past the Barwon Heads Bluff and to an orange mark off Barwon Heads which must be kept to your left. This mark is to ensure that paddlers avoid any bommies off 13th Beach. Paddlers will then aim for the red channel marker at the entrance to the river. You must pass to the right of this mark.

After this marker, you can make your own course to the finish line which will be clearly marked with flags about 100 metres seaward of the footbridge.

8. Safety Gear

Please read the section on compulsory equipment on the website. **This means PFD, flouro outershell, orange in-date flare, mobile phone in a waterproof bag, a leg leash. A paddle leash is also highly recommended.** Prone paddlers are the only ones who are allowed to wear a bum bag type PFD.

Should anyone get into trouble, the safety boats priority will be the safety of the paddler. Craft which have a bow fitting may be towed at the discretion of the safety boat drivers.

9. All paddlers will be timed and this will be posted on the website and local media.

10. Presentations will take place at Barwon Heads, near the finish line in a reasonable time after the after the majority, or all of the field has completed the course. Paddlers must be present to claim random draw prizes.

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