

Race Instructions – The Impossible 2025

Gday all,

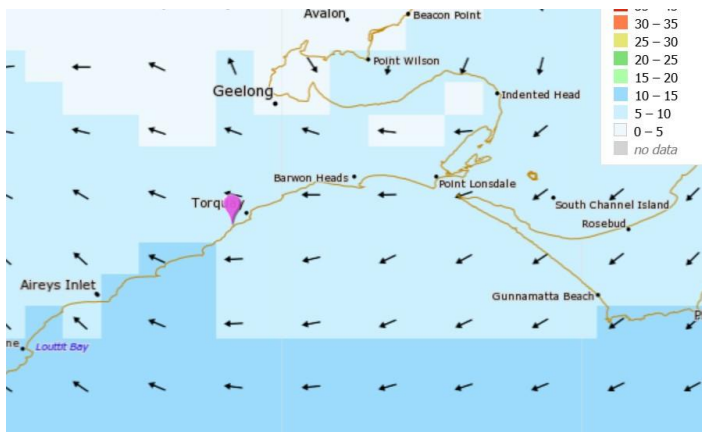
Welcome to the 10th edition of the Impossible. We thank you for your support of this Victorian race. To date, we have just on 40 paddlers, almost all skis with two outriggers and one prone. Interesting, this year there are no SUPs. In the past we may have expected more than 20 SUPs.

Please note:

- 1. The race will be run in reverse direction, Barwon Heads to Torquay, unless something unexpected happens in the next 24 hours. We will be starting a little earlier than advertised to take advantage of favourable winds. See below for further info.**

Further to the rules of the race listed on the event website: <http://www.swracemanagement.com/the-impossible.html>

- 2. Winds are predicted by the BOM to be largely easterly with a small ground swell. This will give a very good downwind run to the buoy located 750m offshore from Pt Impossible Beach. Both the synoptic chart and the coastal forecast predict winds to be around 8-10 knots during the time of the race. The BOM Meteeye map is shown below.**



- 3. The check-in registration table (number and , safety gear check..) will take place at Torquay, outside the Torquay Sailing Club. This will be opened from 7.15am and close at 8.40am.**

Registration will involve Inspection of safety gear – flare, PFD, hi viz as outermost layer, mobile phone in waterproof bag, leg leash. Note: There will be new flares for sale at the desk.

- 4. Start will be at Barwon Heads just downstream of the bridges. Finish will be Fishermans Beach near the sailing club, end of Darian Road**

1. Tracking paddlers

As we will be operating under the auspice of Paddle Vic, participants will need to use the tracking facility on Webscorer. Please download the Webscorer app from your app store prior to the morning. More information will be given on the morning.

- 5. Bus transport:** Wave Rider bus is picking up paddlers from Torquay and departing at **8.35am**. Load your own skis before 8.30am and bring your own straps. **Please have \$15 cash to pay the driver unless negotiated prior. Call Pete at Waverider Bus 0438 516997 if you aren't attending.**

We can take bags back to the finish from Barwon Heads.

6. Safety Boats:

Assisting us will be 5 jetskis and the 7.5m CoastWatch boat from Ocean Grove. All are experienced drivers and rescue crew.

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 description of the safety boat drivers or anchored to a buoy offshore. Emergency exit point will be Pt Impossible where a race official will be posted. If directed to do so, you must make your way into Pt Impossible to the beach near the river mouth.

All paddlers must carry a mobile phone or PLB. In addition to the tracking app, mobiles will need the Coast Watch boat number in their phone 0437 776041. Set as a favourite. Please do not pass this number onto family or friends.

7. Course:

Start will be downstream of the Barwon Heads Bridges, marked by a red buoy and an onshore flag. Deliberate jumping of the start will incur a two minute penalty.

Paddlers will then travel downwind to Pt Impossible and round a large orange buoy located 750 hundred metres off shore and 600m south of Pt Impossible. This buoy is important to keep the field within 2nM of shore. Failure to round it this year will mean disqualification. Coordinates are -38.313020 144.380865 A very large hi-vis green flag will be situated on the cliff above the vicinity of the turning buoy to help with direction finding.

The course then head to the finish on the beach in front of the Torquay Sailing Club.

8. Safety Gear

Please read the section on compulsory equipment on the website. **This means PFD, flouro outershell, flare, mobile phone in a waterproof bag, a leg leash. A paddle leash is also highly recommended.** Both red signal and orange flares will be for sale at registration check-in for \$20

9. All paddlers will be timed and this will be posted on the website and local media.
10. Presentations at the finish as soon as practicable. Trophies and medals for category placegetters and many random draw prizes.
11. Start Times: Assembly on the beach near the start for briefing 12 mins prior to each start.
 - a. Start 0 9.15am
 - b. Start 1 9.25
 - c. Start 2 9.35
 - d. Start 3 9.45
 - e. start 4 9.55
 - f. start 5 10.05

12. Craft Safety Check

Please check your craft for seaworthiness prior to the day. This means leaks and particularly rudder cables. Craft found not seaworthy will not be allowed to start.

13. START ORDER – please let me know on the morning if there is any concerns with starts.

STARTS	
Tim Watson	0
Neil Maddigan	1
Michael McMahon	1
Jen Jackson	1
Roger Waters	1
Daniel Goldsworthy	1
Norman Lote	1
Cory Avison	1
Jono Punchedard	2
Alex Lewis	2
Duncan King	2
Rodney Gange	2
Ethan Clift	2

Tom Harms	2
Matt Gibson	2
Mark White	2
Grant Henry	2
Adam Morley	3
Luke Ogarey	3
Phillip Galea	3
Alexis Jane	3
Campbell Batchelor	3
Chloe Hardman	3
Byron Bowman	3
Arnie Shanahan	3
Rodrigo Azubel	3
Gareth Johnson	3
Susan Wieczkiewicz	3
Jason Nicholson	3
Peter Bolton	3
John Fitzgerald	4
Jonathan Hutchings	4
Rebecca Mann	4
Alana Johnson	4
Chris Bolton	4
Bruce Dunlop	4
Jason Hegert	4
Will Richards	5
Todd Boreland	5
Gabriel Cornwell	5
Tim Altman	5
Luca Zanoni	5
Tim Munro	5
Casey Haynes	5
Anthony Deague	5
Charlie Cornwell	5

Safe and happy paddling

Pete

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