

2016 SUP NATIONAL TITLES – GERALDTON, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Marathon and Technical Racing Courses & Information

SUP Surfing Locations & Information



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2016 Toyota Australian SUP Titles
Geraldton, Western Australia
SUP RACING & SURFING INFORMATION

Racing Schedule

2016 Toyota Australian SUP Titles – Friday 2nd – Tuesday 6th September

Friday 2nd September – OPENING CEREMONY (all Competitors, Team Managers and Judges to attend)

The Geraldton Multipurpose Centre is located on the Geraldton Foreshore at 250 Marine Tce (*finger food provided*)

- > 6.00pm - 6.20pm : Competitor Welcome & Briefing
- > 6.40pm - 8.30pm : Opening Ceremony Function
- > 6.40pm – 7.10pm : Team Managers Meeting
- > 7.10pm – 7.30pm : Judges Meeting

Saturday 3rd – Sunday 4th September, 2016 - COMPETITION PERIOD for all:-

- SUP Technical Racing
- Prone Technical Racing
- SUP Marathon Racing
- Prone Marathon Racing
- Community Marathon Racing Divisions

The event is fully mobile within the City of Greater Geraldton region, Mid-West WA.



Full RACING Schedule

Technical and marathon racing will be taking place over the period of Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September. Conditions and wind direction will determine what disciplines run on what day. Call the event hotline from 6.30am on the day of competition for the confirmed location and start time **0467 794 988**

SATURDAY 3rd – SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2016:

- **TECHNICAL RACING (SUP and PRONE)**

Where: Possible locations include

- Back Beach Geraldton: <https://goo.gl/maps/1yV75HYoRn42>
- St Georges Beach, Geraldton: <https://goo.gl/maps/QhmR9cSjp152>

- **MARATHON RACING 20km (SUP and PRONE)**

Where: START: St Georges Beach, Geraldton
FINISH: Drummond Cove, Geraldton

- **SUP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE MARATHON RACING (20km)**

Where: as per Elite Marathon Race above – will be run simultaneously

- **EVENT PRESENTATIONS**

PRESENTATION: following the finalisation of the Marathon Racing, at the Geraldton Multi User Facility –Geraldton Foreshore at 250 Marine Tce



TECHNICAL Racing

Rules

Beach Start - Competitors holding their boards and paddles. Competitors must follow the Race Starters instructions. A hooter will signify the start of the race.

Finish - After rounding the last buoy, competitors return to shore in a standing position. Once ashore, competitors must beach their boards (board to be left completely out of the water) and then run through the marked transition area to the finish line carrying their paddle. Each competitor must cross finish line to receive a finish time and placing. Any jostling/hassling (involving contact) for position in transition area at finish line will result in disqualification. Competitors must remain in the finish area until their place, name and number is recorded by the race timer.

Board Certification - All boards will be measured and assigned a race number. Boards must be 12'6 (or under) stock boards with fixed fins and of a mono-hull design. There is no board weight restriction, board design is open, foils are not allowed, foot straps are not allowed. Board Measurement will be conducted at the Beach Marshal tent no later than 1 hour prior to start of the race. Boards will not be measured post the 1 hour board measurement time specified.

Competition Rash Shirts - All competitors must wear their competition rash shirts at the start, duration and finish of all events. Failure to do so at any point will result in disqualification. Competition rash shirts will be distributed by the beach marshal 30 minutes before the designated race time (time is subject to change depending on number of participants).

Race Director - The Race Director will be responsible for officiating the race start and finish of the race. The Race Director is the head official for all disciplines at the event as a whole (including racing events) and has the final say in disqualification rulings, finishes and race protest filings.

Protests - A written protest must be filed within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the event. Protests must be filed with the Beach Marshal. The Race Director, Race Marshal and associated event officials will determine the outcome of any protest filed.

Course - The course (see course diagram for graphic representation) involves 3 separate legs with each separated by a beach run. The race is around all buoys as directed by the Race Director. At no time during the race may a competitor impede another competitor. Unsportsmanlike conduct/actions will result in disqualification. Any competitor failing to round all buoys will be disqualified from the race. Competitors must complete each leg of the course once and then return to the Start/Finish line. Event race distance will be approximately 4-8km. Once ashore, competitors must beach their boards (board to be left completely out of the water) and then run through the marked transition area to the finish line carrying their paddle.

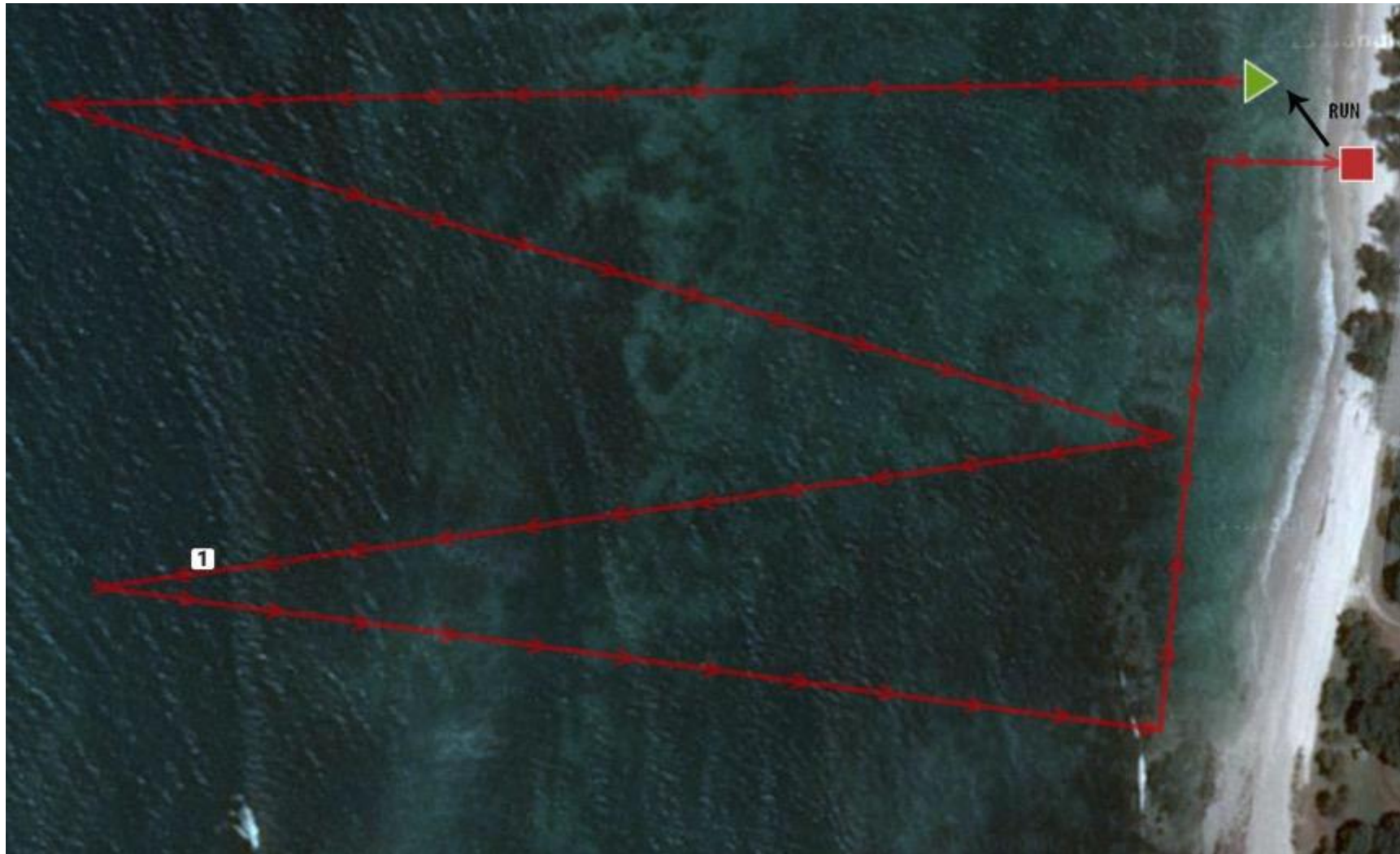
Five Stroke Rule - If a competitor falls, he/she will be allowed 5 strokes to get back on his or her feet and stand up. This rule is in effect so a paddler does not achieve an advantage by not standing up. Each competitor must complete the course in a standing position on their board (this ruling is subject to change as determined by the Race Director).

Transition Areas - When returning to shore after each paddle leg, competitors must beach (drop) their board in the designated 'Shoreline Transition Zone' and run the marked beach course carrying their paddle. Competitors must re-enter the designated course by collecting their board in the designated 'Shoreline Transition Zone' after each running leg.

Leg Ropes – SUP competitors must wear a suitable leg rope during the technical race. Only upon completion of race may a SUP competitor remove leg rope to run to finish line.



TECHNICAL Racing Course Map



PLEASE NOTE Course map change directions dependent on wind direction.



MARATHON Racing (Elite AND Community 20km)

Registration / Check-In Area / Safety Briefing

Location: To be confirmed pending conditions
Call the event hotline from 6.30am on the day of competition for the confirmed location and start time **0467 794 988**.

Communication: Event hotline will specify location daily, registration and brief will take place at the confirmed location

Check In: **Tent 1 - REGISTRATION TENT**
Staff will communicate and provide map of start location A or B when location is confirmed
Each competitor must check in to be allocated their race number and have their board measured.
Communication of next process - Race Safety and Course Brief

Tent 2 - COMPETITOR BAG TENT
Each competitor will receive a competitor tote bag.

Safety Briefing: Attendance at the Race Safety Briefing is mandatory for all competitors

- > Welcome to race and race course brief on paper and visually
- > Questions answered
- > Ensure Race # is correct, mark off names, PFD and leg ropes on
- > count downs to start from 15min



MARATHON Racing (Elite AND Community 20km)

Rules

Water Start – competitors will be placed between two buoys in the selected location. All SUP and prone competitors must be in a seated position prior to the race start. Communication will occur from land and a safety vessel. A hooter will signify the start of the race.

Finish - after rounding the last buoy, the competitor will be required to paddle between two buoys to the shore line. Competitors must beach their boards (board to be left completely out of the water) and then run through to the finish line carrying their paddle. Each competitor must cross the finish line to receive a finish time and placing. Any jostling/hassling (involving contact) for position in transition area at finish line will result in disqualification. Competitors must remain in the finish area until their place, name and number, is recorded by the race timer.

Board Certification - All boards will be measured and signed off at race registration. Stock boards with fixed fins and of a mono-hull design are compulsory. Board Measurement will be conducted at the registration tent at the start of the race.

SUP Board Classification - 14' ft maximum length, no board weight restriction, fins must be fixed in, board design is open, multi hulls are not allowed, rudder(s) are not allowed, foil(s) are not allowed, footstrap(s) are not allowed.

Competition Rash Shirts - All competitors must wear their competition rash shirts at the start, duration and finish of all events. Failure to so at any point will result in disqualification. Competition rash shirts will be distributed by the beach marshal 30 minutes before the designated race time (time is subject to change depending on number of participants).

Race Director - The Race Director will be responsible for officiating the race start and finish of the race. The Race Director is the head official for all disciplines at the event as a whole (including racing events) and has the final say in disqualification rulings, finishes and race protest filings.

Protests - A written protest must be filed within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the event. Protests must be filed with the Beach Marshal. The Race Director, Race Marshal and associated event officials will determine the outcome of any protest filed.

Five Stroke Rule - If a competitor falls, he/she will be allowed 5 strokes to get back on his or her feet and stand up. This rule is in effect so a paddler does not achieve an advantage by not standing up. Each competitor must complete the course in a standing position on their board (this ruling is subject to change as determined by the Race Director).

Leg Ropes – SUP and Prone competitors must wear a suitable leg rope during the marathon race. Only upon completion of race may a competitor remove leg rope to run to finish line. PFD's are not compulsory however are highly recommended for Prone competitors.

Directional assistance (vessels) – There will be a designated leader boat which is designated to guide competitors with the general direction of the race course, It will stay ahead so there will be no wake disturbance. There will also be a vessel following behind the last competitor to ensure safety as well as two jet skis to the side of competitors at all times.

Disqualification - At no time during the race may a competitor impede another competitor. Unsportsmanlike conduct/actions will result in disqualification. Any competitor failing to round all buoys as directed will be disqualified from the race. Competitors must complete each leg of the course and then cross the finish line as required by the finish rules.

Course options – There are three options for the Course depending on the wind and swell conditions.



MARATHON Racing (Elite AND Community 20km)

Course Maps

OPTION A

St Georges Beach to Drummond Cove

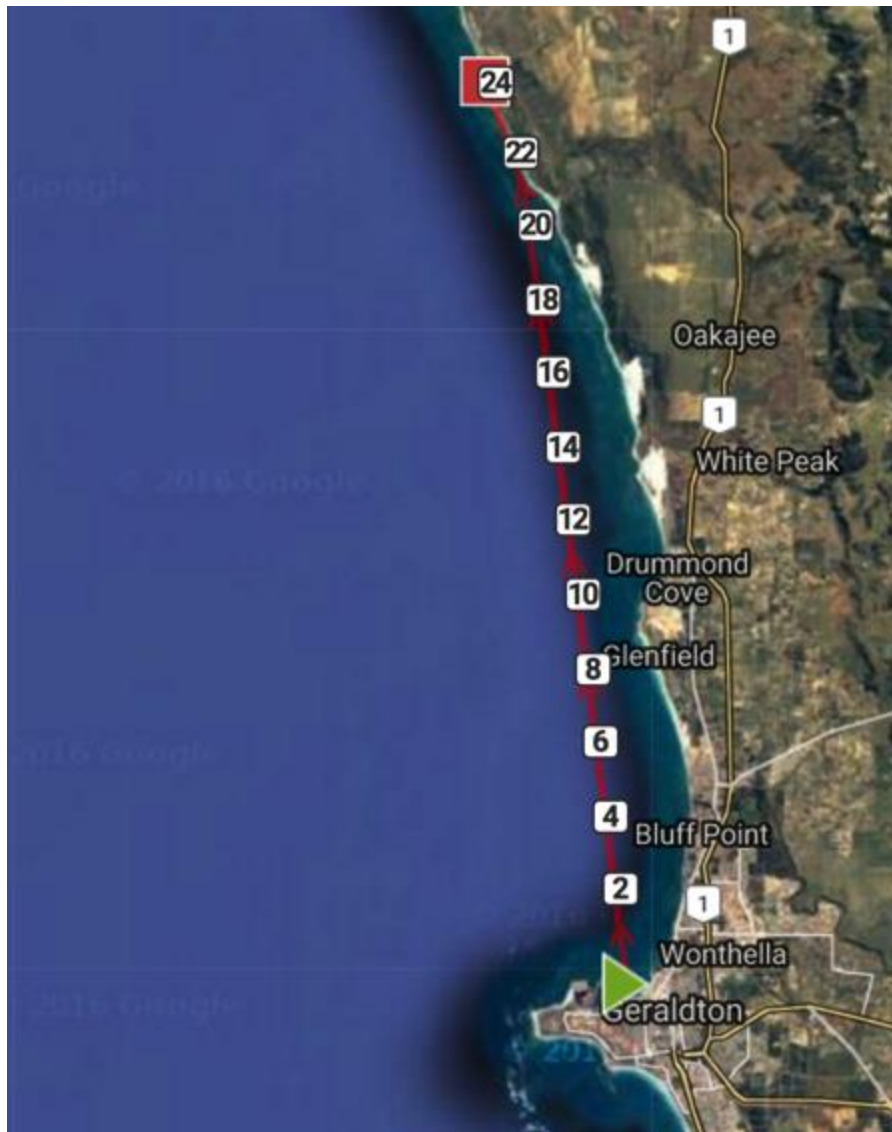


MARATHON Racing (Elite AND Community 20km)

Course Maps *continued*

OPTION B

Town Beach / Coronations Beach



Surfing Schedule

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Monday 5th – Tuesday 6th September, 2016 - COMPETITION PERIOD for all:-

- SUP Surfing Open Men
- SUP Surfing Open Women
- SUP Surfing Over 40 Men
- SUP Surfing Over 50 Men

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Full SURFING Schedule

All SUP Surfing divisions will be taking place over the period of Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September. Conditions will determine what divisions run on what day. The Event Hotline will confirm the location and start time for the day **0467 794 988**.

VENUE OPTIONS:

Geraldton has spectacular beaches catering for a variety of water activities including surfing, windsurfing and stand up paddling. The best surfing is between April to October when there is little wind and ideal swell conditions, while the warmer months between November to March provide the best wind conditions for the windsurfing and kite boarding enthusiast.

Back Beach:

Located right in Geraldton, Back Beach is great for both beginners and the more experienced depending on the swell size. 'Backers' as it is fondly known, is the place to go for beach-break surf, a boogie board or kite board. Back Beach prefers a small to medium sized swell and handles any winds from the northerly direction.



Flat Rocks:

Flat Rocks is located 35km south of Geraldton and is a popular surf break during bigger swells in the winter, offering a reef bottom break that offers both lefts and rights. Flat rocks handles most swell sizes and handles winds from the southerly direction best.



Greenough Rivermouth:

Located about 10km south of Geraldton, if the banks are good Greenough offers a great beach break set up for the intermediate to advanced surfer. Greenough prefers a small to medium sized swell and it handles a southerly wind making it a surf spot all year round.



Sunset Beach:

Located 5km north of Geraldton, Sunset Beach is popular for surfing, fishing, windsurfing and kite boarding. It needs a medium to large size swell before it starts to break. Prefers winds from the southerly and easterly direction.

