

Singapore Ocean Cup 2019

02 – 03 NOVEMBER 2019
Emerald Pavilion, Siloso Beach, Sentosa Island



Race Start Protocol

- After Race briefing, proceed to your craft for marshalling (we will check boat number, wrist band, safety equipment)
- Getting to the start line on time is your responsibility – make sure you are at the individual race briefings
- Minimum 2 meters between OC-6 at start line – 2 meter between any Ama and hull of the adjacent boat
- There is no line advantage between the pontoon and Palawan island. Any current through here is fairly uniform
- Starter will provide a 5 minute warning. Followed by a 2 & 1 minute flag. The start will be via sounding of an air horn.
- Starters orders are final. There will be no re-starting of races. There will be time penalty to any craft that jumps the start = 1 minute.

General Race Rules

- Rules of engagement at corners:
 - With at least 20m prior to the turn, the inner canoe has right of way if the forward tip of its HULL is level with or in front of the forward tip of the outer canoe AMA.
 - For the last 20m prior to the turn other craft must not contend position.
- Course Compliance:
 - Penalty for cutting the course - Disqualification
 - Course Buoys / Markers (inc. inflatables) must not be touched during turns. Penalty - 1 minute
- Collisions:
 - If a canoe causes another canoe to huli, there is a penalty on protest (if confirmed by at least 1 race official) of 5 minutes
 - If a canoe causes another canoe to lose forward motion i.e. turn greater than 90 degrees, there is a penalty on protest (if confirmed by at least 1 race official) of 1 minute
 - If a canoe significantly or dangerously impairs another at a corner due to not observing the rules of engagement at corners, there will be a 30 second penalty on protest.
- Contentious Incidents
 - Any complaints from race incidents or craft issues can be submitted by the steer to race control for consideration within 30 minutes of finishing race
 - No decision can be upheld unless a race official sees incident
- Progressions / Contingencies
 - If conditions cause time to be lost, courses may be shortened to pre-determined alternatives
 - For categories with heats, progressions shall be communicated at the race briefing
 - In the event of the final being cancelled for any reason, race results shall be determined by timing in the heats
 - If conditions cause a race to be cancelled mid-race, race results will be determined by race position at the time that the race is aborted. The lead support craft will record positions in this case.

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Safety Rules

- Indemnity form must be signed by all paddlers.
- All Paddlers in ALL single craft (OC-1 / SS / SUP) must don a life jacket while at sea
- Single craft paddlers must be attached to their craft via leg leash
- Single craft paddlers must wear high Vis Cap OR Shirt
- OC-6 must have safety bag on board at all times (steer's responsibility)
- OC-6 must have 1 bucket and 1 bailer on board at all times (steer's responsibility)
- A life jacket MUST be attached to every OC-6 seat. You may wear it (optional).
- Condition and sea-worthiness of the canoe is the crew / individual responsibility. If you are unhappy with the boat pre-race you must come to race control and we will advise. You will either be assigned another craft or allowed to RE-rig. Any other issue will be resolved - final call is Race Control's.

Safety Guidance

The pre-weekend race briefing will cover the following in more detail.

Support Craft

- There will be 2 support motor craft on duty
- Identifiable by Flying WHITE + RED SPC Flag
- An additional RIB will support starting and near shore issues

Marine Traffic

- Awareness and avoidance of ferries and other motorised / sailing traffic
- Entry to One'15 Marina - give way to any traffic entering or exiting - be aware
- Ferries have the right of way in the channels AT ALL TIMES. If you are called to STOP due to ferries crossing, you are REQUIRED to stop. There will be no time adjustments due to stopping.

Conditions & Obstacles

- Be aware of ferries and other motorised traffic, especially at channel Crossings
- Be aware of currents – these are mostly dictated by tide direction
- Careful at buoy / marker turns - take potential strong current into account
- Areas to be aware of rocks and shallows
- If conditions cause a race to be cancelled mid-race, the support craft may direct you to the nearest safety zone to shelter
- Don't forget sun protection and hydration – it will be HOT!

Safety Bag items

- In an unfortunate event of distress on-water, each OC6 is fitted with basic safety equipment for temporary fixes only.
- Each safety bag has the following items inside: Whistle, Rubber straps, Duct tape, Pen knife, Small pliers, Basic First aid kit, Ratchet straps, D-ring carabiner, Small LED lights, Batteries, Rigging rope