**2024 Salt 66 Magnetic Island Swim - Frequently Asked Questions**

**How do I qualify for the swim?**

As an indication that they can do the distance solo swimmers must complete a 4km swim (open water preferred) within 6 months prior to race day, in a time of less than 1h 35m. Team swimmers must complete a 2km swim (minimum – open water preferred) within 6 months prior to event day, in a time of less than 48 minutes. Other ‘qualifying swims’ (eg. Cairns Ironman swim) will be considered by the race committee.

All solo swimmers must be a minimum of 14 years old as at 11 August 2024.

All team swimmers should be a minimum of 12 years old as at 11 August 2024.

**Do I have to check in before the race?**

Every swimmer should attend check-in to collect swim cap, tow float and timing chip on Friday afternoon 19 July 2024 at The Drill Hall Studio 27 Mitchell St North Ward, Townsville. Check-in is available between 4pm -6pm.

**Where is the briefing?**

There will be no presentation of the race briefing this year. Please read the briefing document at [www.towsa.com.au](http://www.towsa.com.au) as well as the Race Rules and Information document. Race officials will be available at check–in to answer any questions.

**When do I collect my cap & timing chip?**

Caps, tow floats, timing chips and paddler numbers will be available at the check-in.

**Do you know my paddler?**

Probably not. If you don’t already know your paddler, encourage them to come along on Friday afternoon to the check-in to meet and discuss tactics.

**Can I have 2 paddlers?**

Yes. They must be careful not to impede other paddlers/swimmers and may be called upon if another paddler encounters difficulty.

**How do I get to the start-line?**

Meet at the Sealink Breakwater Ferry Terminal by 6.15am Saturday to get to the island and catch the shuttle bus.

**How does my paddler get to the start-line?**

Many paddle over. Some should go with the team support boat. The Barge ‘Hercules’ and maybe vessel ‘’Rhino Dive’’ will collect craft from Strand Park Beach from 6am Saturday and leave shortly after.

**Will the Surf Club on the Island be open?**

Yes. Public toilets are located nearby.

**Will there be a bag drop that takes my bag back to the Strand Beach?**

Yes, follow directions at the final briefing.

**What happens if there is bad weather?**

In the event of inclement weather or swim conditions, the event venue may be changed or cancelled prior to commencement at the sole and unquestionable discretion of the Race Director. If, during the event, the event conditions become dangerous or unsafe, the event may be cancelled without notice.

**What happens if there is a shark sighting?**

IRBs and support boats will be notified and swimmers in the vicinity evacuated.

**What happens if I can’t finish the swim?**

Signal to your paddler to get assistance of an IRB. Please ensure the race recorders are made aware and your timing chip is returned.

**When can the duo / teams swimmers swap over?**

Duo and Team swimmers can change at any time after the 1km buoy. Changeovers must occur in the water and boats should be clear of swimmers. The 2km, 4km & 6km buoys are for guidance only.

**What happens if one of the duo / team swimmers can’t complete their leg?**

Emergency changeovers are allowed. To be eligible for prizes all swimmers should swim an equal share.

**What do the support boats do?**

Carry their swimmers to the island and during the race. Get close to undertake changeovers, be careful of swimmers in the water, keep a lookout, help evacuate the course if needed.

**Can our duo / team finish together?**

Duos & teams may swim into the beach together. The swimmer with the timing chip must cross the finish line.

**Are there prizes?**

Yes, male and female overall, age groups, wet-suiter, duo and teams.

**When and where will the presentations be?**

From 5pm. Venue to be confirmed – most likely The Drill Hall Studio.

**Will the TPBSLSC be open at the finish?**

Yes, for all day breakfast and drinks. Bookings recommended for tables and subject to time restrictions to facilitate sharing and co-vid safe protocols.

**If I withdraw, can I get a refund?**

All applications for refund must be made by 6 July. An administration fee of $30 per entry will be retained. As a general rule there will be no refunds after this date. Should the race be abandoned due to dangerous conditions, no refunds will be made.