

## Frequently Asked Questions - 2022 Salt 66 Magnetic Island Swim

### 1. How do I qualify for the swim?

As an indication you 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 21 August 2022.

All team swimmers should be a minimum of 12 years old as at 21 August 2022.

### 2. Do I have to check in before the race?

Every swimmer should attend check-in to collect swim cap, tow float, timing chip and merchandise pack on Friday afternoon 29 July 2022 at the Arcadian Surf Lifesaving Clubhouse next to the Rockpool on the Strand, Townsville. Check-in is available between 4pm -6pm.

### 3. Where is the briefing?

The race briefing is on line. Please ensure you read the briefing document, Race Rules and Information documents that can be found at [www.towsa.com.au](http://www.towsa.com.au). Race officials will be available at check-in to answer any questions.

### 4. When do I collect my cap & timing chip?

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

### 5. 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.

### 6. 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.

### **7. 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. TOWSA members will be there to assist and guide you if this is your first time.

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

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

### **9. Will the Surf Club on the Island be open?**

Yes, and Public toilets are located nearby.

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

Yes, follow directions at the final briefing. Please ensure your bag is sealed and has your name on it – no open plastic bags please as your belongings may get lost.

### **11. 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.

### **12. What happens if there is a shark sighting?**

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

### **13. 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. You can pick up your towel at the finish line.

### **14. When can the duo / team's 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.

**15. 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.

**16. What do the support boats do?**

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

**17. 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.

**18. Are there prizes?**

Yes, male and female overall, age groups, wetsuits, duo and teams.

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

Presentations will be held at the West End Hotel, 89 Ingham Road West End from 4:00pm. Dinner will also be available if you would like to stay.

**20. 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.

**21. 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.