

NQ OCEAN PADDLE SERIES 2016

Race 7: Sealink Magnetic Loop

Race Information Booklet

Saturday October 8th



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This booklet consists of important information competitors will need prior to the event. Please take your time to read through this booklet to ensure you are prepared for the event.

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Magnetic loop will be raced in 2 groups, intermediate and beginners. The idea of this is to allow fast transitions after each stage and to implement the best water safety methods possible to all competitors. In order to race in the Sealink around Magnetic Island Loop, competitors must prove themselves at a long course prior or mention other courses you have done in the past.

There are 5 stages between 3.5km and 10.9km, taking paddlers the entire way around the island. You will see amazing sights that are not accessible to vehicles, amazing sights that so many people have never seen before!

And what makes it even better is that you will actually get a chance to stop and enjoy these places, with a bit of time to rest and refuel in between each stage.

Event

Date	October 8th
Briefing	7:00am
Race Start	7:30am
Distance	38km (dependant on buoy placement / wind)

Start Location: Nelly Bay Marina, 4819.

Finish Location: Alma Bay, 4819

Briefing

Location: 7:00am Nelly Bay.

It is Mandatory all competitors attend the briefing before the event race. This is where Joel will cover important information including exact start & finish points, markers and safety.

Getting to Magnetic Island

SeaLink allows passengers to walk onto the ferry, if you have arranged an alternate method for your boat to get to the island you can travel anytime on the SeaLink timetable. If you wish to walk on a SeaLink ferry with your paddle craft you will need to book below.

(On the morning trips to Island only possible by SeaLink 0530 and 0630am)

<https://www.sealinkqld.com.au/magnetic-island/timetable/>



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Make your job **EASY!**

1. **Sealink** has a few trips where you can walk on with your ski/ outrigger, you will need to rsvp to our schedule of when you want to have the craft transported. On the Friday morning we can receive your ski at the other side and store it under the carpark at peppers. Just advise if needed or if you are travelling with your craft. **(see the Sealink schedule for craft transport)**
2. **Trailer** to magnetic island- there is a small trailer with 10 spots left on it leaving on Friday at midday so skis can be loaded on the trailer all morning from 6am till 11:40am at Fantasea barge (bring straps and padding).It will be near the start line for you to unload on the morning of the event.
3. **Fantasea- walk-ons** that may not fit on the Friday arvo with Sealink are possible with Fantasea, you cannot do this race morning with Fantasea as their first service of the day will arrive after the race has started.

<http://www.fantaseacruisingmagnetic.com.au/ferry/magnetic-island-ferry-timetable/>

Storing your ski / outrigger on Magnetic Island overnight

Peppers Blue on Blue is kindly allowing us to store our paddle craft in their lower carpark to allow safe and secure storage overnight. This storage area is best accessed from the parklands just past the peppers reception area...handy as when you start the race this is the best spot to enter the water and offers a few hundred metres of warm up paddle area. *(we will have 8 x access card to this undercover parking so let us know when you need to access it)*

Starting the race

Just outside the mouth of the harbour we will start the race, this is to avoid the potential of oncoming ferry traffic and other harbour traffic. Visual start to the race with the use of a flag. All paddlers are starting together for stage 1.

Tag team paddlers getting to West point and Horseshoe bay

Registered tag team athletes can get to horseshoe or west point via a few options:

- **WE can transport you** (via our cars/ transport) Limited places & can only drop off at Horseshoe Bay and West Point. (must ADVISE WHAT YOU NEED by Friday morning)
- **You can hire a car-** Ensure it's possible to go to west point (this way you can swap more often if you like)
- **You can catch the bus** \$2.70 per trip to horseshoe bay but **doesn't go to west point**

Rest breaks

The fast group will be on a much stricter timeline than the second group but each person will have the chance to have a drink and some fruit at checkpoints. **CocoSAMU** will also have some complimentary Coconut water for you at the end of each leg.

You can also bring a bag for us to take to checkpoints with any food or drink you want in them. (ensure it is labelled with your name and if it is needed for a particular leg of the event)



Direction of the race based on weather

We will be leaving the direction open to the weather (clockwise or anti clockwise) so that we can get the best options for a following sea where possible. The announcement will be made via “Northqueenslandoceanpaddleseries” Facebook and email to all registered competitors the day before the event as well as detailed in the course briefing Saturday morning. ‘LIKE’ us to keep up to date with the latest information.

Finish of the race

Your finish time will stop when you get in line with peppers deck, you will need to ensure we can see your number (yell it out as you go past)

Getting your ski / outrigger back to the mainland

- Sealink has a few limited spots to return on the Saturday night and throughout **Sunday (see the schedule sheet)**
- The trailer will be returning to Townsville mainland Sunday afternoon 3:30pm to fantasea carpark
- Fantasea walk ons are able to get on at any time as per the Fantasea timetable

Points for Sealink magnetic loop

Overall points per stage

- **1st place 6pts**
- **2nd place 3 pts**
- **3rd place 2 points**

Overall win of magnetic loop

Points as usual to top 10 finishers 16 pts for 1st etc as per rest of season.

Series points

As per usual with stage placings being totalled onto the series points



End of Season Presentation Dinner

The end of season presentations will occur on the Saturday night 6pm on the 8th of October on the deck of Peppers, Magnetic Island. On the deck of peppers right near the finish area starting just after 6pm, make sure you stick around for a while and chat all things paddling including chatting to our paddling royalty Guests Dean Gardner and Cory Hill

The stage prizes will also be awarded for the Sealink around magnetic island stage race on the night. A great chance to dress up nice and have a good feed, a couple of drinks and maybe even stay the night on magnetic island and chill after a massive season of paddling.

MAINS

- Asian-style sweet and sour pork
- Coriander and ginger chicken stir-fry with hokkien noodles and cashews
- Sweet potato and chickpea curry (vegan) (gf)

SIDES

- Jasmine rice (gf) (v)
- Pappadoms and prawn crackers

*There will be snacks available to order straight after you finish the race, and also other dining options available inside peppers.

When: Saturday the 8th of October at 6pm

Where: The Deck, Peppers Resort Magnetic Island.

Cost: \$30 Per Adult

You MUST pre purchase all dinner tickets before the day, you can do this via the NQOPS Website.

Accommodation

As close as you can get to peppers is perfect in fact supporting peppers is a great idea as they are helping with presentations Saturday night after the race.

- 2-bed apartment @ \$395 pn (Sat) and \$356 pn (Sun) – includes breakfast for up to 4 guests and free WiFi and in-house movies
- 2-bed superior apartment @ \$415 (Sat) and \$374 (Sun) – includes breakfast for up to 4 guests and free WiFi and in-house movies
- 3 bed apartment @ \$515 (Sat) and \$465 (Sun) – includes breakfast for up to 6 guests and free WiFi and in-house movies
- 3 bed plunge apartment @ \$575 (Sat) and \$519 (Sun) – includes breakfast for up to 6 guests and free WiFi and in-house movies

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Images of the course below – see landmarks of the transition areas
 Photos will be shown at briefing.











