



2023/24 Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series – Expressions of Interest

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Summary: This document contains all relevant information for rowers & Sweeps involved in the 2023/24 Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series.

OCEAN THUNDER SURF BOAT SERIES OVERVIEW

Hosted across four weekends at three iconic locations the 2023/24 Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series will incorporate the best of the open male and female surf boat crews from across Australia.

Summary of dates and locations are as below.

ROUND	DATE	LOCATION
Ocean Thunder Round 1	18 November 2023	Dee Why, NSW
Ocean Thunder Round 2	2 December 2023	Elouera, NSW
Ocean Thunder Round 3	6 January 2024	Dee Why, NSW
Ocean Thunder Round 4	3 February 2024	TBA, QLD

**All dates and locations subject to change if weather and/ or surf conditions and/or TV broadcast requirements dictate.*

ENTRY PROCESS

- SLSA will accept a maximum of twenty-four (24) Crew's in the Open Men's competition.
- SLSA will accept a maximum of twenty (20) Crew's in the Open Women's competition.

A EOI must be completed by one member of the crew using the link and supply all details including contact information, sizing and sponsor information.

Male Crew EOI - <https://forms.office.com/r/cGGpMeZ9Xm>

Female Crew EOI - <https://forms.office.com/r/M4iSkq51Pk>

All entries per round will be completed on the SLSA SEMS entry system.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee for the 2023/24 Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series will be \$5,000 (incl. GST) per crew.



PRIZE MONEY

SLSA is pleased to announce that \$46,800 in prize money will be on offer for the 2023/24 Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series for finalists for each round and overall series winners.

SERIES	AMOUNT
OVERALL SERIES MALE WINNER	\$4,000
OVERALL SERIES FEMALE WINNER	\$4,000

Round	AMOUNT
1 st	\$2,000
2 nd	\$1,250
3 rd	\$750
4 th	\$500
5 th	\$250
6 th	\$100
PER ROUND MALE	\$4,850
PER ROUND FEMALE	\$4,850

TOTAL PRIZE POOL	AMOUNT
MALE TOTAL	\$23,400
FEMALE TOTAL	\$23,400
TOTAL	46,800

LUCKY DRAW

SLSA will host a lucky draw at Round 4. To be eligible the crew must row at all 4 rounds of the Ocean Thunder series. Prize to be announced shortly.

EVENT INFORMATION

The format will be 5 round robins, eliminations, qualifier, quarters, semis, final (Double Final for men's). Start time for each round will be 8am. All Warm up's will be required to be complete by 7:45am.

STARTS/FINISHES.

Run finishes for all races.

Finals - Le Mans (run start) sweeps will not be able to run

Rounds – Traditional Jump start

COUNT BACK SYSTEM (if required) is as follows: Number of first placing, if equal, number of seconds, if equal, number of thirds, if still equal crew who achieved the higher result first, if still equal highest place getter in the preceding event (for event one will be at discretion of competition committee).

RESERVE ROWERS Each crew is allowed one crew substitution per event, this is inclusive of sweep. For television & insurance purposes the nominated names (crew persons) at the start of the series are required to finish the series. Subject to injury or agreement with SLSA.

TENTS Will not be provided. All crews are responsible for bringing their own tent.



POINT SCORE

The 2023/24 Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series will be conducted with the following point score system to ensure individual round winners are recognised and rewarded. It will also provide an overall leader board where points are accumulated and consistency is recognised and rewarded.

Placing In Final	Points Awarded
1st	10
2nd	9
3rd	8
4th	7
5th	6
6th	5
Out in Semis	4
Out In Quarters	3
Out In Qualifiers	2
Out in elimination	1

APPAREL

Competitors must wear the uniforms and any other clothing or accessories issued or provided by SLSA whilst competing or otherwise participating in the 2023/24 Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series.

- Competitors are representing SLSA, and the Ocean Thunder brand so MUST wear the Official apparel that has been distributed to each athlete.
- Athlete apparel should be clean and well presented.
- Ensure that the event sponsor logos are always visible.

Each crew will be issued with –

- 6 Sets of costumes
- 1 Pair board shorts (Sweep)
- 6 Rowing Singlets
- 6 Hats
- 6 T Shirts

Please take care of your gear as there are limited spares available and lost gear will incur a replacement fee.

For any sweeps that are sweeping both men's & women's crew in competition you will be required to wear the appropriate colour singlet for male & female competition.

CREW COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OCEAN THUNDER SURF BOAT SERIES

All crews will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements and costs for the Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series. Crews will also be responsible for the transport and storage of their boats.

SURF SPORTS MANUAL

2023/24 Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series is conducted under the authority and regulations of Surf Life Saving Australia Limited.

These rules for the Event must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, SLSA's Constitution and Regulations, the current 37th Edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual



(SSM) and any Policies, Bulletins, Circulars, or other publications as issued by SLSA from time to time.

SAFETY

All Competitors and Officials are referred to the Introduction on page (i) of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and in particular but not only paragraphs (d), (e) and (f). Paragraph (d) states:

“Surf lifesaving can be inherently dangerous. Serious accidents can and often do happen which may result in property damage, physical injury and even death. All members are assumed to have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in surf lifesaving.”

Water safety as part of the competition, is ultimately the responsibility of the Safety and Emergency Committee and Competition Committee, based on the advice of the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC), the Event Referee and Officials in determining postponement or cancellation of any or all events, or relocation to an alternate venue in accordance with Section 1 - Competition Safety, of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

The Event Referee and SEMC will conduct safety briefings to officials and competitors before commencement of competition and during the event as required.

CRAFT SCRUTINEERING

Boats must meet current specifications of SLSA.

All boats are subject to scrutineering at any time prior to, during or after the event. Crews with the directions of the event scrutineer and present their boat for scrutineering at any time during the Series. This could include presenting the boat for scrutineering immediately after the conclusion of any race or round.

MATCH FIXING AND ANTI-DOPING

Match-Fixing

The SLSA National Policy on Match Fixing and framework covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs includes special events, conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with Surf Lifesaving. Please refer to Policy Document 5.11 for further details.

Anti-Doping

Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.2 Anti-Doping Policy and Policy 6.23 Illicit Drugs in Sport (both available in the SLSA Members Portal).

It is strongly recommended that all competitors complete the online Sports Integrity Australia training module and conduct at least one (1) anti-doping education activity with all competitors from the Club. <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/education>

CONTENT, MEDIA AND PR

SLSA will organise to capture photos and vision to assist with the promotion of the Series across broadcast, media, and digital channels. Further details and information will be provided once they are finalised. Your assistance and participation in this will help assist in helping to grow the awareness and reach of the sport.

During any presentations or media appearances, competitors must wear the event Lycra race singlet, branded cap, and/or a supplied Event shirt. No other personal sponsor branding apart from the Lycra can be worn at these times.



TEAM APP

Ocean Thunder 23/24 will be using the 'Team App' smart phone application to send out updates and notifications to competitors. Download 'Team App' from your App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created a user login, search for '**Ocean Thunder**' in the search bar at the top of the screen and click on the event to join. From here you will be able to access event documentation, timetables and where to find all the latest and up to date information on the event. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at <https://www.teamapp.com/faqs>.