



# Official Program



## **MARION MARLINS MASTERS Swimming Club**

### **Somerton 2km Classic Sunday 25th January 2026**

**At Somerton SLSC  
from 8.30 am**

**Major Event Sponsors:  
Sammy's on the Marina  
Marion Outdoor Pool Centre**

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## **Principal Officials 2026**

**Event Manager: Ben Warr**

**Registrar / Clerk of the Course: Mike Perkins / Ben Warr**

**Referee: Mark Trenwith**

## **Race Instructions & Conditions**

***The Committee of the Marion Marlins Masters Swimming Club has the discretion to cancel the event at any time.***

### **All OWS Competitors**

- The race is open to any competitor 18 years and over.
- All entrants must complete the online entry form prior to 23:59 on 23 January 2026
- Payment of the entry fee is required on the day by credit card only.
- The Club committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any competitor at its complete discretion.

### **Prizes:**

- All entrants will be eligible to win the title of Fastest Male/Female.
- Only registered SA Masters Swimmers will be eligible for age group awards.

### **Registration**

- Registration will occur on the beach in front of the Somerton SLSC between 8.30 am and 9.30 am.
- **Swimmers are encouraged to bring their own bathing cap**, must be high vis colour that can be clearly seen in the water. Caps will also be available for sale at registration. The swim cap must be worn throughout the race. Swimmers will also be numbered.
- Please assist the race officials by wearing your cap in the marshalling area.

### **The Start**

- The 2km OWS will commence at 10am in a single wave.
- Air cover is generally available from 10am onwards.
- Swimmers who cross the starting line before the sounding device is heard may be liable to disqualification.
- The Race Director may vary the start time prior to the commencement of the race.

## **The Course**

- Swimmers will be required to swim a rectangular course marked by buoys, from an in water start line to a finish line near the water's edge near the inflatable arch. Swimmers will complete the 1000m course two times in a counterclockwise direction.
- In the interest of your safety please swim carefully around the buoys. Course officials will be requested to warn swimmers of any potential collision.
- A map of the course will be displayed in the registration area.

## **THE VENUE**

The published course may be amended in length and direction by the OWS Coordinator for the safety of swimmers.

1. All turns or alterations of course shall be clearly indicated by large, coloured buoys in contrast to local markers.
2. The course shall be in salt water that is subject only to minor current or tidal flow.
3. The course shall be safe for swimmers in that:
  - a. Sea conditions allow swimmers of all abilities to complete the event and to be sighted by surf life savers at all times. As a guide- line winds exceeding 30kph if directed from the south or southwest and/or breaking waves exceeding 0.6 meters may be grounds for cancellation. There should be no strong currents or rips on the course.
  - b. There is minimal or no turbidity on the course associated with a significant rainfall event and storm water or pollutant discharge in the three days preceding the event.
  - c. There is no significant water discolouration or foam associated with the algal bloom
  - d. The average water temperature (measured at a depth of approximately 400mm) shall not be less than 18°C.
4. In normal circumstances the minimum depth of water at any point on the course shall be greater than two meters.

## **PRE- RACE PREPARATION**

1. Following registration swimmers should remain in the competitor's area. Swimmers may leave their bags and belongings in this area but do so at their own risk.
2. Entrants holding a current Medic Alert registration may provide their Medic Alert Registration Number to the Registrar at the time of Registration.
3. Swimmers shall have their competition number clearly applied in waterproof ink on their upper back or arms, and/or displayed on swim caps. It is compulsory for all swimmers to wear highly visible coloured caps provided by the Race Organiser throughout the race.
4. Goggles, up to two caps, nose clip and earplugs may be used. No swimmer shall be permitted to use or wear any device that may be an aid to speed, endurance or buoyancy (wetsuits, swim fins, paddles, snorkels etc.).

5. The wearing of jewellery and watches except for Medic Alert supplied registration disc, is not allowed to avoid cuts and scratches to other swimmers resulting in blood in the water on the course.
6. Wetsuits and FINA non-compliant swimwear may be allowed at the discretion of the Event Manager, but the swimmer then becomes ineligible for prizes, trophies or championship honours. Any published results or records will clearly indicate swimmers who wore wetsuits.
7. Swimmers shall be allowed to use grease or other such substances providing these are not, in the opinion of the Event Manager, excessive or contravene any law.
8. Swimmers Entered but not Registered by the published "Close of Registration Time" on race day will be disqualified.
9. All swimmers Registered for the event shall attend the "Pre-race Briefing" to be held within 30 minutes of the published Race Start Time.

## **THE START**

1. The Marshall shall keep swimmers and officials informed of the time before the start, eg. five minutes to go, a verbal command will be given that swimmers may enter the water and move toward the Start Line. The Marshall shall then hand over to the Starter by verbal advice or pre-arranged signal.
2. The start line shall be clearly defined by removable equipment at water level, ie. *between two buoys*. With one minute to go swimmers shall assume their start positions at the start line as directed by the Starter.
3. The event shall start with all swimmers standing or treading water in a depth sufficient for them to commence swimming on the start signal.
4. The Starter shall be positioned to be clearly visible to all swimmers.
5. The Starter shall indicate, by a flag held upright and verbal command, when the start is imminent.
6. The Starter shall start the race by dropping a flag and sounding an air horn. The flag drop is the sign for the Timekeepers to start watches; the air horn is the sign for the competitors to start their race.

## **THE RACE**

1. All swimmers must swim freestyle where possible. Backstroke or Breaststroke kick in congested areas, (starts and turns), may be considered 'unsporting interference' and lead to disqualification.
2. Obstructing, interfering with or making intentional contact with another swimmer shall, if deemed by the Referee as "unsporting interference", lead to disqualification.
3. Swimmers shall maintain a reasonable clearance from other swimmers. At the start, finish and turns swimmers shall take every possible action to avoid contact with another swimmer.

4. Swimmers shall not receive support from any fixed or floating object and shall not be touched by an escort craft or crew therein or paddler unless the swimmer requests assistance. Such assistance shall be deemed as a Withdrawal.
5. The pacing of a swimmer by a craft, paddler or another person entering the water is not permitted.
6. If a swimmer is unable to complete the swim, they shall raise their arm and wait for assistance from support craft.
7. A cut-off time for the event shall be determined and announced with the race details. After expiry of the designated time limit, the Event Manager may order any or all swimmers still on the course to leave the water.

## **THE FINISH OF THE RACE**

1. The final approach to the finish shall be clearly defined with markers of a distinctive colour.
2. The finish shall be a clearly defined line including the water's edge. **The race finishes when a swimmer can no longer swim and stands up to approach the finish line and your time is taken at this point.**
3. Swimmers shall swim/walk across a defined finish line and be placed in order of finish. If a swimmer cannot stand or walk to a finish line, they may be assisted or use a representative to walk to the official finish. Swimmers running past walking swimmers may be disqualified.
4. Swimmers must stay in their finish order and have their name and race number marked off at the timing tent

## **APPEALS**

1. Any swimmer disqualified by a Referee may appeal the disqualification to the Referee within 30 minutes of the last swimmer finishing.
2. The Event Manager and Referee must consider the appeal with the disqualified swimmer prior to any results being published.
3. The decision of the OWS Coordinator on any appeal including any time or place penalty or disqualification is final and no further avenues of appeal are open to a disqualified swimmer.

## **Swim Rules**

The Masters Swimming Australia **Open Water Swimming** rules and policy applies to this race. The full text can be found at:

<https://mastersswimming.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/MSA-OWS-Rules-May-2022.pdf>

Please note in particular that:

- No extraneous aids are allowed. Goggles are allowed and recommended.
- Wet suits, if used will disqualify the swimmer from any prizes or awards.
- Swimmers will be required to have an official swim cap issued at registration which must be worn at all times.
- Race Officials reserve the right to withdraw competitors at any time preceding or during the race. The Race Officials will consider water and air temperature and weather conditions prior to each race and may vary the event accordingly.
- Race Officials shall have the authority to remove a competitor from the race if the competitor is judged to be physically incapable of continuing the race without the risk of injury to them or others or the time limit has, or will, expire.

- A spirit of friendly competition should be maintained throughout the race. Any un-sportsman like conduct will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
- Decisions of the Race Officials are final and are not subject to appeal.
- Water cover personnel are considered as Race Officials.

### **Time Limits**

- A time limit of 75 minutes will apply for safety reasons:
- Swimmers may be asked to withdraw from a race if it becomes evident to the Race Officials that a competitor is unlikely to complete the race within the time limit set.

### **Safety**

- To ensure the safety of all swimmers, the Race organisers have engaged the Somerton SLSC to maintain a high presence in the water. If you require help do not hesitate to call on safety personnel – ski, rescue board or power boat by raising your arm.
- You must leave the water if requested by any official or if a shark warning (siren or other signal) is given.
- The Race Officials may determine that a competitor should be asked to leave the water if they are of the opinion that the competitor's safety is at risk. This decision is at the complete discretion of the Race Officials who may consider all factors including the water temperature and the condition of the competitor.
- A medical officer will be present in the Somerton Patrol tent.

### **The Finish**

- All competitors must proceed across the finish line, which will be located at the water's edge. As soon as you cross the finish line your time will be recorded.
- Please place your swimming cap in the bin provided just near the competitors' area.

### **Non- Finishers**

- All registered competitors who fail to complete the course for any reason are required to notify the recorders at the finish line.

### **Results and Prizes**

- Your final position will then be determined by the official timekeeper. Official results will be announced at the presentation ceremony in the Somerton SLSC at approximately 12.30pm.
- Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 males and females in the 2km race. Age Group prizes will also be awarded to registered Masters swimmers.
- Any swimmer may wear a wetsuit or non-FINA approved suit but will not receive an official placing or be eligible for an award or prize.
- Door prizes will be awarded to competitors during the presentation ceremony.

### **10 and 20 Year Awards**

- The Club recognises long- time supporters of the Marion OWS. From the records held by the organisers those competitors who have completed 10 or 20 events up to and including the 2026 event will receive an award at the presentation ceremony.

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