

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND CANOE CLUB

# G1 INTRO TO SEA KAYAKING (REDCLIFFE)

An introductory day from Clontarf Beach (Redcliffe) in Moreton Bay to learn basic sea kayak skills at the beach. This is a great chance to learn or refresh your skills.

We will put in at along Margate Beach at Redcliffe. We will learn and practice sea kayak rescue skills. After lunch we will paddle along the shore next to the beaches to Clontarf Beach for a stop before paddling back.



During this trip we will be swimming so please bring a bathing suit, towel and warm clothing with you.

#### Prerequisites:

- You will be swimming so make sure you have completed a UQ sport 400m swim test and uploaded the certificate on the website.
- IF YOU CAN, PLEASE ATTEND GENERAL POOL SESSIONS OR INTRO TO FLATWATER TO LEARN TO USE A SPRAY DECK (i.e. complete a wet exit). PLEASE MAKE THE LEADER AWARE, IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THIS TRAINING.

Spaces are limited, so please register early. Preference will be given to those members who have not done it before. However, please still register your interest. Please bring along enough water (3L) and food for the trip, together with water shoes, sunscreen and sun protection. Bring some warm dry clothes for after you get wet!

Limitations: Up to 10-12 people, but depends on kayaks and transport.

Discipline	Sea kayaking	Paddle <u>Grade</u>	1
Date(s)	Sun 23 Aug 2025	Event ID	250823S
Distance	10 km	Duration	5 hrs (4 paddling)
Leader	Martin Wynne	2IC	TBC



Route Map – Clontarf beach (red) and Margate beach (yellow)

Tides	H: 9:35 (1.92m) L: 15:37 (0.35m)	Moon	New Moon (Bigger tides)
Sunrise/set	5:46 - 6:10 (sunrise)	17:30 - 17:53 (sunset)	

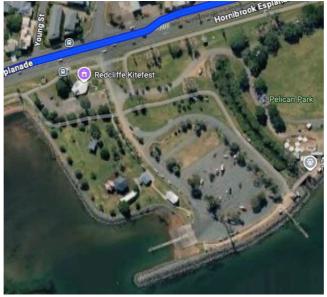
#### **Trip Outline**

- 6:00 AM Meet club shed to pack trailer (or 6:30 AM if packed or no trailer)
- 7.00 AM depart club shed.
- 8:00 AM Meet Put in Margate boat ramp (or Clontarf boat ramp or Clontarf Beach depending on conditions) and unpack boats
- 8:30 AM Land introduction (prior to on water activities)
  - Layout of Sea kayaks and design features
  - o Sea kayaking equipment, including safety equipment
  - Club grading system

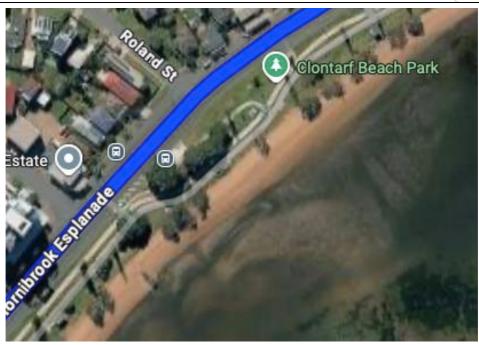
- Basic tide/ current knowledge how these impact on our trip planning/ ferry gliding
- What to take (for a day trip) and where to stow it (basic intro)
- PACK BOATS
- Seat adjustment/ posture / set up
- Dangerous marine animal awareness
- Basic Paddle strokes forward/ reverse/ stop -turning/ keeping straight/ 'edging' to turn
- Bracing low brace, high brace.
- o Rules of the pod/ paddle signals
- Identification of hazards/ dangers (basic intro)
- · Complete a standard trip and activity briefing
- 10:00 RESCUE TRAINING IN WATER (while the tide is high)
  This activity will occur near the put in point where there is a sandy beach, and while the tide is still high. Demonstrate and execute a wet exit and understand hazards associated with this exercise.
- Assisted rescue learn the 'T' rescue
- Self-rescues learn the paddle float rescue, cowboy rescue
- 12:00 LUNCH on beach (and warm up). You will need to bring lunch as there is no shop nearby.
- 13:00 PADDLE TRAINING
  - approx. 4-5 km paddling. Demonstration and assistance with execution of paddle strokes, turning/ keeping straight/ ferry gliding/ edging. Channel Crossing, basic marine markers. Reinforcement of knowledge conveyed at briefing prior to getting on water.
- 14:00 Afternoon tea on Clontarf beach (or Woody Point Beach)
- ~14:30 RETURN PADDLE TOWING and Paddle Skills
- 15:30 Exit and pack gear
- 16:30 depart
- 17:30 Arrive Shed
- 18:30 Depart Shed



Put in 1 – Margate Boat ramp (Margate Parade and Eveline St)



Put in / Take Out 2: Clontarf boat ramp (Hornibrook Esplanade - near Young St)



Lunch (Put in / Take Out 3): Clontarf beach park (Hornibrook Esplanade - near Rolard St)

Put in Point	Margate boat ramp (or Clontarf Beach Boat ramp)	Lunch Point	Clontarf Beach
Alternate Route Variations	<ul> <li>Paddle to Woody Point beach instead of Clontarf.</li> <li>Put in at Contarf beach or boat ramp and stay in the Clontarf – Woody Point area.</li> </ul>		
Facilities	Toilets & water at all	access points	

## **SAFETY**

Sea kayaking on Moreton Bay can be hazardous. If conditions are unfavourable we will not go. We will register with the coast guard prior to departure and be in telephone contact. If you have medical conditions, consult your doctor, let the leader know if they are relevant (eg asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, allergies, epilepsy, etc), and bring any required medication.

Risks and Management			
Club Sea Kayak Risk Assessment (reviewed 4/4/25) Detailed Assessments available			
☑ Drowning ☑ Fitness / Fatigue			
☑ Sunburn	☑ Equipment Failure		
☑ Medical Conditions	☑ Enter / Exit Boat		
☑ Cuts Strains and Sprains	☑ Carrying Boats		
☑ Dehydration	☑ Algae / Contamination		
☑ Ineffective Rudder	☑ Boat Traffic / Shipping		
☑ Entire Group Capsizing  ☑ Separation from Boat			

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<ul> <li>☑ Hypothermia</li> <li>☑ Heat Exhaustion / Hyperthermia</li> <li>☑ Tripping While Walking</li> <li>☐ Group Getting Lost</li> <li>☑ Getting Separated from Group</li> <li>☑ Animals and Plants (minor injury)</li> <li>☑ Animals and Plants (major injury)</li> <li>☑ Bad Weather / Weather Change</li> <li>☑ Sea Sickness</li> <li>☑ Capsize</li> <li>☑ Rough Seas</li> <li>☐ Sinking Boat</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>☑ Missing / Broken Paddle</li> <li>☑ Paddle Related Injuries / Tendonitis / Blisters</li> <li>☐ Hit by Paddle</li> <li>☑ Strainers (Overhanging Trees / Mangroves / Fishing lines / Structures</li> <li>☑ Panic / Fear</li> <li>☑ Rocks and Submerged Objects</li> <li>☐ Darkness / Stranded at Night</li> <li>☐ Paddling in the Dark / Night Paddling</li> <li>☑ Cooking</li> <li>☐ Camping</li> <li>☑ Covid</li> </ul>
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- ☑ Drowsiness while Driving
- ☑ Loads Falling from Vehicle or Trailer, or Hitting Occupants in Accident
- ☑ Injury from Loading / Unloading Equipment from Vehicle
- ☑ Unleaded Petrol

- ☑ Incident/Accident while Driving
- ☑ Becoming Lost
- ☑ Breakdown or Breakdown in Remote Areas
- ☑ Towing Trailer
- ☑ Covid

### **General Risk Management**

## Paddler Requirements

Conditions can be calm, but can change dramatically with winds and tides contributing significantly to this.

Paddlers must advise leaders if they have health issues or injuries that may affect participation. Ensure medication is carried and is accessible. If unsure, they should check with their doctor beforehand.

Participants must self-assess their, and their equipment's ability to cope with this grade of club event. The <u>club grading scale</u> is located on the club website. This should be consulted prior to registration, and any concerns or anything needing clarification should be raised with the trip leader beforehand. Participants need the skills for the grade of the trip, unless modified below "Additional Comments".

Participants should have an appropriate level of fitness. This is a trip that requires a moderate fitness level and a minimum sustained cruising speed as required by the paddle grade.

#### Emergency Contact Information

- VMR 403 Redcliffe 3203 5522
   VHF Channels 16, 21, 67, 73, 81 (closes at 21:00)
- Emergencies only: 000

Nearest Medical Help and Contacts	Hospital(s) Redcliffe Hospital, Anzac Avenue, Redcliffe – Phone: 3883 7777			
	Medical Centre(s) Scarborough Majellan Medical Centre (107 Landsborough Avenue, Scarborough QLD 4020 Ph: (07) 3880 1444)			
	Safety and Perso	nal Equipmen	nt	
Personal Equipment  (Full list)  Kayak Equipment	<ul> <li>☑ Clothing you can get wet (on the water)</li> <li>☑ Dry clothing (to keep warm)</li> <li>☑ Equipment Requirements for Grade</li> <li>☑ Food adequate for trip duration</li> <li>☑ Footwear suitable for paddling, swimming. Extra for on land. No thongs/flip flops or bare feet (oysters and spiky/venomous animals can get you!)</li> <li>☑ Paddle clothes to protect from cold/wind (e.g. thermal/spray jacked or cag)</li> <li>☑ Water and snacks accessible while paddling</li> <li>☑ Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, long sleeved paddle clothes sunscreen, etc)</li> <li>☑ Water – 3L per day. Not in old milk containers!</li> </ul>			
(Required sea kayaking equipment for grade)	<ul> <li>☑ Dry Bag</li> <li>☑ Life Jacket (type II) and Paddle</li> <li>☑ Paddle Tie</li> <li>☑ Pump, Sponge, and Bailer</li> <li>☑ Paddle Float</li> <li>☑ Spray Deck - if you have not used one tell the leader before or when you register! Pre-trip training may be needed.</li> <li>☑ Suitable Craft [(sea kayak)]</li> <li>☑ Whistle</li> </ul>			
Communications	<ul><li>☑ Flares</li><li>☑ Mobile Phone</li><li>☑ PLB/EPIRB</li></ul>	☑ Signal Mirror ☑ V-Sheet	☑ VHF Radio ☑ Whistle	
Safety Equipment	☑ First Aid Kit ☑ Hand Pump	☑ Paddle Floats ☑ Repair Kit	☐ Rescue Stirrup ☑ Spare Paddle	
Additional or Emphasised Equipment	Please make sure you bring water (2-4 litres), lunch, snacks, sun protection and foot wear. Water and snacks need to be accessible whilst you paddle			
Check Paddlers' Equipment (prior to launch)	<ul> <li>☑ Bailer/Pump</li> <li>☑ Life Jacket</li> <li>☑ Suitable Craft</li> <li>☑ Paddle Leash</li> <li>☑ Sunsmart Gear</li> <li>☑ Medication</li> <li>☑ Spray Deck</li> <li>☑ Water</li> </ul>			

# **LOGISTICS**

Pre-Trip Meeting	[If needed – Details]		
Boat Loading Details	[Date, Time and where]		
Costs	<ul> <li>\$10 wear and tear contribution for club gear use (per day)</li> <li>\$ for petrol for your driver / trailer tower</li> <li>A few extra dollars for a coffee etc afterwards (if time).</li> <li>If you can't use payID, please bring cash as we like to complete reimbursing everything at the end of the trip. If cash, please bring a range of notes as needed for the club, your driver, and/or organiser for costs they may have incurred on your behalf, etc.</li> </ul>		
Additional Comments/ Instructions	Numbers will be limited by transport, the number of people with sufficient skills, and the weather. Within these constraints it will be first come first served and number will be limited.		

# **EVENT REGISTRATION**

Register with	Martin	Email	Martin ( <u>Members</u> <u>Contacts</u> )
Limits on Numbers	Register soon. Numbers will be limited by transport, the number of people with sufficient skills, and the weather. Within these constraints it will be first come first served and number will be limited. Trip Leader will decide.		
Register by	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2025	Club Event ID	250823S