

SUPSA Gold Coast presents the 2012  
**“12 TOWERS Ocean SUP Race”**

***Introduction***

SUPSA Gold Coast invites you to be involved in the inaugural 2012 “12 TOWERS Ocean SUP Race” on Queensland’s Gold Coast.

***The Race***

This race will see scores of Stand up Paddle athletes contest an Open Water distance pursuit in the pristine ocean waters of the Gold Coast.

The start of the race will see competitors grace the sand of world famous Kirra Point before setting off on a 14 km stretch to beautiful Burleigh Heads, passing by 12 Lifeguard Beach Surveillance Towers. (Hence establishing the race name)

Competitors will sit on their boards approximately 150 meters off Kirra Point between two stationary buoys, (established start line) being counted down to commence the race.

Once competitors round Burleigh Headland, they will encounter one marked “turning buoy” approximately 150 meters from the viewing platform/pipe in the centre of Burleigh Beach.

Competitors will steer their race boards towards the shore where they will endure a dry sand beach finish with their paddle in hand.

The first competitors who cross the finish line in their respective divisions are deemed the race winners.

***Venue***

Start – Kirra Point

Finish – Burleigh Heads

Distance – approximately 14 km’s

Competitor Marshalling – 8:30am – 10:00am at Starting Venue

Start Time – 10:30am Sharp

Presentation & BBQ – on completion of all race competitors at Finish Venue

***Scheduled Race Date***

<b>RACE DATE</b>	
12 Towers	January Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>

***Divisions***

- 12’6” Open Men/Women + Seniors Men/Women 40-49 + Masters Men/Women 50 Over
- 14’ Open Men/Women + Seniors Men/Women 40-49 + Masters Men/Women 50 Over
- Unlimited Open Men/Women + Seniors Men/Women 40-49 + Masters Men/Women 50 Over

***Entry Cost***

\$35 per competitor includes

- Race entry fee
- Insurance cover
- Water patrol
- Refreshments and BBQ at event’s conclusion/presentation

***Race Rules***

**12’6” Open Men/Women + Seniors Men/Women 40-49 + Masters Men/Women 50 Over**

- This race will commence with an open water start.
- All competitors must be seated on their boards prior to the race “countdown” start.

- Each competitor must finish with their paddles in their hands and in control.
- If a competitor falls from his/her board at any time, no more than 5 “prone paddle strokes” can be engaged before getting to their feet unless resigning from race.
- Legropes must be worn and attached securely to their craft.
- 12’6” length board must have fixed or removable fin fitted only.

**14’ Open Men/Women + Seniors Men/Women 40-49 + Masters Men/Women 50 Over**

- This race will commence with an open water start.
- All competitors must be seated on their boards prior to the race “countdown” start.
- Each competitor must finish with their paddles in their hands and in control.
- If a competitor falls from his/her board at any time, no more than 5 “prone paddle strokes” can be engaged before getting to their feet unless resigning from race.
- Legropes must be worn and attached securely to their craft.
- 14’ length board must have fixed or removable fin fitted only.

**Unlimited Open Men/Women + Seniors Men/Women 40-49 + Masters Men/Women 50 Over**

- This race will commence with an open water start.
- All competitors must be seated on their boards prior to the race “countdown” start.
- Each competitor must finish with their paddles in their hands and in control.
- If a competitor falls from his/her board at any time, no more than 5 “prone paddle strokes” can be engaged before getting to their feet unless resigning from race.
- Legropes must be worn and attached securely to their craft.
- Unlimited length board can have fixed or removable fin or rudder system.

***Trophies/Prize Money***

- Trophies 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division plus ample random competitor prizes.
- Prize Money awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in the 12’6” Open Men and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Open Women’s, Senior 40-49 yrs Men & Women and Masters 50 - Over Men & Women.
- Prize Money awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 14’ Open Men.
- Prize Money awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 14’ Women, Senior 40-49 yrs Men & Women and Masters 50 - Over Men & Women division.
- Proposed Prize Money breakdown as shown below (Prize money breakdown may change depending on numbers in categories)

12’6” Race Board							
Men		Women		Senior Men & Women 40-49		Masters Men & Women >50	
1st	\$500	1st	\$300	1st	\$200/\$100	1st	\$200/\$100
2nd	\$400	2nd	\$200	2nd	\$150/\$75	2nd	\$150/\$75
3rd	\$300	3rd	\$100	3rd	\$100/\$50	3rd	\$100/\$50
4th	\$200						
5th	\$100						

14’ Race Board							
Men		Women		Senior Men & Women 40-49		Masters Men & Women >50	
1st	\$200	1st	\$150	1st	\$150/\$100	1st	\$150/\$100
2nd	\$150						
3rd	\$100						

***Conclusion***

- The designated course may be reversed if wind and ocean conditions aren’t favourable.
- Good sportsmanship is promoted during whole event.
- No Exhibitors and SUP affiliated Brands to be on display or showcasing their products unless supporting the event. Please contact Event Co-ordinator for more details.