



# PETE MARLIN

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## SURFSKI RACE



The beautiful Yellow Sands finish

## PETE MARLIN OCEAN RACE 2020

### AN ICF WORLD CUP EVENT



Paddlers enjoying a magnificent downwind

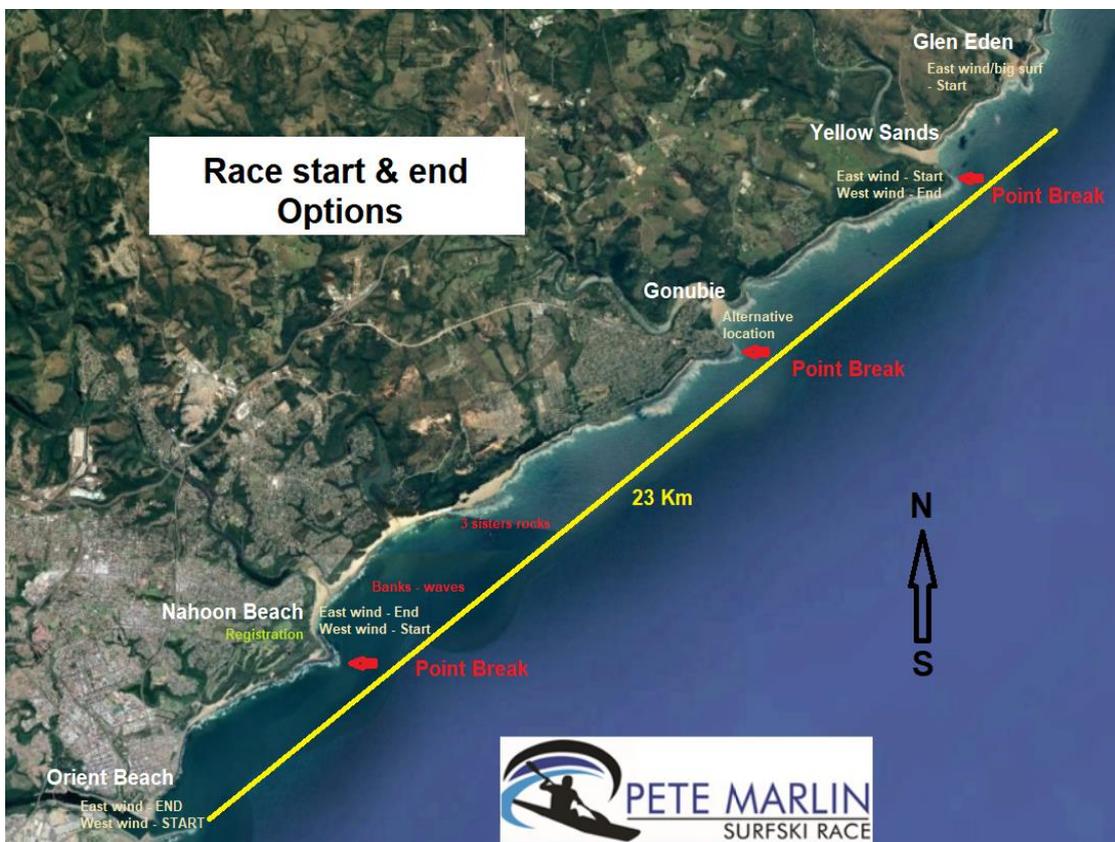
We are thrilled to announce that the ICF 2020 Pete Marlin Ocean race will take place on the weekend of 7 and 8 November 2020. The race is primarily a downwind race with a range of options depending on the prevailing wind and sea conditions which makes this event paddler friendly for entrants of various abilities. Paddlers are spoilt with a magnificent coastline to race along, a diverse and abundant aquatic life to enjoy as well fantastic downwinds with unproblematic launches.

## History

The Pete Marlin Ocean Race is an annual downwind race, held in honour of the late Pete Marlin, who lost his life on the Umkomaas River in 1988. The race holds special sentiment for many of the masters who paddle in East London. The camaraderie, kindness and warmth of the East London community has been a main draw card over the years, ensuring the return and support of paddlers from around the world. The race covers a manageable distance, approximately 23km which allows a bigger section of the paddling fraternity to participate and gives the top athletes a reasonable distance to race at high speed. The Border Canoe Club and people of East London look forward to hosting you and your families for what promises to be a spectacular event!

## Race Course

Depending on the sea state and wind conditions, the possible start and end locations provide sheltered locations in terms of the surf break, making it relatively easy to get out and get in. The race course has something to offer for everyone; beautiful scenery for supporters to enjoy, a magnificent coastline for paddlers to race along, manageable surf launches and a fantastic downwind if the wind blows.



Conditions (Km's)	Start	End	Distance
East Wind	Glen Eden Beach/Yellow Sands	Nahoon Beach/Orient Beach	18/23
	Cintsa West	Nahoon Beach	25
West Wind	Nahoon Beach/Orient Beach	Yellow Sands	18/23
No wind	Nahoon Beach (via Gonubie Bay)	Nahoon Beach	22
Unsafe sea	Orient Beach (harbour/sea circuit)	Harbour	20

## EVENT PROGRAM

### Friday 6 November 2020

Pre-Race registration and goodie bag collection at the EL Surf Lifesaving Club at Nahoon Beach from 17h30 to 20h00.

**Race & safety briefing will be held each day at the "START LOCATION" unless stated otherwise via (SMS).**

**Please ensure that your correct cell phone number is provided on your race entry to ensure you receive these notifications.**



Aerial footage of Yellow Sands

### Saturday 7 November 2020

The Singles race is scheduled for this day at a time to be determined based on prevailing sea and wind conditions.

The organisers reserve the right to swap the singles and doubles race days in the interest of safety and/or more favourable downwind conditions.

### Sunday 8 November 2020

The Doubles race is scheduled for this day.

**It is imperative that all paddlers are present from the Friday onwards to ensure that you don't miss your race due to organisers possibly swapping the days around and/or a very early morning start.**

There will be a Prize Giving on both the Saturday and Sunday after each race at the EL Surf Club.

A lunch and cash bar will be available at the East London Surf Lifesaving Club each day after the race.

### Directions

Maps to the various start locations will be handed out at registration.

## SAFETY

Race organisers ensure that safety is a top priority at the Pete Marlin Race. A race committee with years of surfski experience and ocean knowledge act as advisors, always making sure that the best possible decision is made.

The National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) will have 3 craft on the water to marshal safety out at sea

Paramedics will be stationed at both the start and end locations

All paddlers will need to prove their downwind proficiency

Safetrx will be the preferred tracking application

All paddlers will need to conform to the CSA safety regulations and pass through the various safety check stations:

Cell phone in a pouch, CSA approved PFD, Leg leash, preferably bright colour clothing/cap and ski decals, CSA number on ski



NSRI ensuring that all paddlers are safe



A beautiful finish destination

## RACE ENTRY

Race entry is ONLINE via the Canoe South Africa (CSA) portal:

<https://paddler.canoesa.com/>

Entries close on 30 October 2020

The first 180 entries are guaranteed of a fantastic goodie bag including an event hand-out

### ENTRY FEE

Once race only – R400

Both races – R600

### EVENT INFORMATION

Website: <http://www.bordercanoecub.co.za/pete-marlin/>

Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/PeteMarlinsurfski/>

### Enquiries

Email: [petemarlin@bordercanoecub.co.za](mailto:petemarlin@bordercanoecub.co.za)

## ACCOMODATION

We would suggest Air BnB or Bed & Breakfasts in the following areas:

Nahoon, Stirling, Bunkers Hill or Berea.

The primary location for most activities is the Nahoon Beach, staying close to this location would be advantageous.



Map of Nahoon

## CONTACTS

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