

Be Active Busselton Jetty Swim 2010 – Support Craft Briefing

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Welcome

The race organizers & sponsors take this opportunity to welcome you to the Be Active Busselton Jetty Swim 2010. For the event to run smoothly & safely it is important that you attend to the following points.

The Courses

There will be 2 separate swim courses in this year's event:

- A 3.6km solo swim around the jetty
- A 1km solo short course swim on the West side of the jetty

There are no relay swims in this year's event.

3.6km Solo Jetty Swim (08:00 start time)

The swim starts on the East (Bunbury) side of the Jetty, rounds the end of the Jetty & finishes on the West side on the beach under the Finish Gate, a total distance of approximately 3.6 km.

The shortest route is marked with buoys; you should use these as a guide.

For your safety you must keep a good distance away from the Jetty.

Swimmers and support craft are not permitted to go under any part of the Jetty except in the event of an emergency or unless directed to do so by the Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC).

Wave Starts

Swimmers will start in 5 waves, 2 minutes apart (approx. 200 swimmers per wave).

Note: the final number of waves will be determined once entrant numbers are confirmed

08:00	Wave A	Yellow swim caps
08:02	Wave B	Orange swim caps
08:04	Wave C	Green swim caps
08:06	Wave D	Pink swim caps
08:08	Wave E	White swim caps

Swimmers will wear a cap indicating their start wave. The swim cap must be worn.

All swimmers will also have been marked with a start wave letter. (A to E)

1km Solo Short Course Swim (09:00 start time)

The swim is a clockwise course starting 50m west (Dunsborough side) of the Jetty swim finish line. Participants swim straight out for 475m, turn right for 50m and turn right again for the final 475 metres back to shore. The home leg of this swim will merge with the home leg of the 3.6km swim.

Swimmers must swim around the 2 seaward buoys at the 475m and 525m marks. Other buoys on the course are a guide only.

Wave Starts

Swimmers will start in 2 waves, 2 minutes apart (approx. 200 swimmers per wave).

Note: the final number of waves will be determined once entrant numbers are confirmed

09:00	Wave F	Blue swim caps
09:02	Wave G	Purple swim caps

Swimmers will wear a cap indicating their start wave. The swim cap must be worn.

All swimmers will also have been marked with a start wave letter. (F to G)

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Safety

Considerable effort goes in to maximising the safety of participants in this event.

On water safety

The Busselton, Bunbury, Dalyellup and Binningup Surf Life Saving Clubs will be attending specifically to on water safety. They have a motorized inflatable boat, a number of surf skis, life saving equipment & radio communications. They have a high level of accredited training for this role & will be highly visible. They should be your first option if you have any on water safety concerns. If you require assistance please raise your hand to attract attention.

Support craft

As well as the SLSC there are you, the support craft paddlers, who are encouraged to remain in close contact with swimmers, without hindering them. If a swimmer needs to, they may hang on to a ski or a float. They will not be disqualified unless their forward progress is aided. Support craft; you may be here to support a specific swimmer or team but if you are the closest, please render assistance to whoever requires it, this goes for swimmers also. We are all here to enjoy a great swim in company & in safety. Please look out for one another.

Identification of support craft paddlers

This year's event will be closely monitored by a Department of Planning & Infrastructure (DPI) patrol vessel for compliance with the Navigable Waters Regulations. The race organizers have sought & been granted, a part exemption from these regulations for bona fide support craft. Accordingly all support paddlers must be identified by the wearing of a wrist band. Please check that you are wearing your wrist band before taking your craft into the water.

Identification of official boats

Official boats will be identified with signs to indicate to DPI which boats should be within the race area.

General Emergency – A continuous air horn blast is the on-water emergency signal. Should there be a need to evacuate the water or the land area of the event you will be directed via the SLSCs on the water or via the Public Address system on land.

For general on-water emergencies 4 muster points have been created. These are the 4 large silver and pink buoys spaced around the jetty. Competitors may be directed to assemble at the muster buoy nearest to them.

The Jetty Structure

The entire jetty structure is under repair. Swimmers and support craft should keep a distance of 15 metres clear of the jetty.

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