

# Be Active Busselton Jetty Swim 2011 – 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 2011. For the event to run smoothly & safely it is important that you attend to the following points.

## The Course

The swim starts on the East 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 SLSC.

## Wave Starts

Swimmers will start in waves; individuals' first in 6 waves, 2 minutes apart; then a 5 minute break before the 2 person teams then another 5 minutes before the 4 person teams.

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

08:00	Wave A	Individuals	Yellow swim caps
08:02	Wave B	Individuals	Fluoro orange swim caps
08:04	Wave C	Individuals	Green swim caps
08:06	Wave D	Individuals	Pink swim caps
08:08	Wave E	Individuals	Purple swim caps
08:10	Wave F	Individuals	Orange swim caps
08:15	Wave G	First swimmers – 2 person teams	Blue swim caps
08:20	Wave H	First swimmers – 4 person and corporate teams	White swim caps

Swimmers will wear a coloured swim cap indicating their start wave.

Team swimmers will have their team number on their swim caps for identification at transitions.

Individual swimmers & all first leg relay swimmers will be marked with their start wave letter.

## Relay Swimmers

Relay swimmers must tag their team-mate before starting their leg of the swim.

There are three changeover points.

- 1.0 km; next to the jetty on the east side.
- 1.4 km; Allies Landing, next to the jetty on the east side.
- 2.6 km; next to the jetty on the west side.

Support craft should keep clear of swimmers at the transition points to avoid congestion in these areas.

### Change over points

At each point there will be a large yellow buoy 20 metres off the jetty with a rope and floats between.

Relay swimmers pass between the jetty & the buoy to tag their team-mate.

**2 person relay swimmers** should swim outside the large buoys at the 1.0 km & 2.6 km changeovers.

Marshalling boats will monitor swimmer conduct and safety.

**Individual swimmers** should swim outside the large buoys at each relay changeover.

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## Safety

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

### On water safety

The South West Surf Life Saving Clubs Water Safety Group 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.

### Competency of support craft paddlers

As a paddler you must be competent to control your craft and to be safe on the water.

At a minimum you must be:

- A competent swimmer
- Fit enough to paddle the distance (3.6km) and be on your craft for at least 2 hours
- Able to paddle in moderate wind and waves
- Able to steer and manoeuvre your craft effectively
- Able to climb back onto your craft un-assisted should you fall off or capsize
- Your craft must be of suitable design and in good condition

### Support Paddler Registration Form and Declaration

To participate today you must register with the event by filling in this form and signing the declaration.

### Identification of official boats

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

### Evacuation

3 air horn blasts 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 SLSC on the water or via the PA system on land.

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