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PORTEA SWIM CLASSIC 2026

Saturday, 17 January

Welcome to the 40th consecutive running of the Portsea Swim Classic. We thank you for your entry and for helping us make this year another fantastic event.

This document contains important information to help you make the most of your entry. Please review all details carefully and we will look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Quick Links

The first start time will be for Wave 1 of the Gold event, scheduled for 1:15pm. The full race day schedule, including start times for all waves can be found at the following link: [Portsea Swim Classic 2026 Event Schedule](#)

More race information is available at this link: [Portsea Swim Classic 2026](#)

Your Race Details

Entrant Name: John Perrott

Collection Row: 5

Race Number: 3602

Event: Portsea Swim Classic Gold 2.5km race Wave 2

Wave number: GOLD - G2

Scheduled start time: 1:20 pm

Transport

Car parking - due to the limited availability of car parking at Jarman Oval, you are strongly encouraged to car pool or park offsite. Parking at Jarman Oval is provided at a cost of \$5 per vehicle, proceeds of which are donated to the local emergency services organisations which assist on the day.

Bus to race start - a free bus service will operate between Jarman Oval and the race start for all the 1500m and 2500m events.

- **Please note** - Access for the 2500m event is now via Portsea Camp – The buses will drop competitors inside the Portsea Camp and there is a short walk to the start.

Sorrento Ferry - a shuttle bus service (the Portsea SLSC bus) will be operating to take passengers from the Sorrento ferry terminal to Jarman Oval at a cost of \$5 per passenger, each way.

Collecting Your Race Kit

You are required to collect a Race Kit from the registration tent at Jarman Oval on race day prior to the start of your event. The registration tent will open as follows:

- 10:30 am for Gold entrants;
- 11:30 am for all 500m entrants, and;
- 12:15 pm for all 1500m entrants.

Please bring your registration email in either digital or print format to collect your Race Kit **and take special note of your assigned Collection Row which will be a number between 1 and 8.**

Each Race Kit contains:

- A transponder:
 - **This year's transponders are new and must be worn around the wrist, outside your wetsuit (if applicable), at all times during the race.**
 - You must cross through the designated area at the race start to activate the timer.
 - You will receive a separate transponder for each event you have entered.
 - All transponders are to be returned to the Merchandise tent at the end of your race in exchange for race merchandise.
 - Lost transponders will incur a \$50 fee.
- Two bag tags, with the same number as your transponder.
- A swimming cap in the designated cap colour for the race wave you have entered.

Please check the contents of your Race Kit and ensure the name and details are correct before moving on.

Special notes for Gold entrants:

- If you have entered the Gold event in addition to another event, you will be able to collect race materials for all your events when you collect your Gold Race Kit.

On-Day Registration

On-day registration will open at 10:30 am for all events until sold out. If you plan to register for an event on the day, please ensure you arrive at the venue allowing plenty of time to complete the registration process. An additional \$10 fee will be charged in addition to the advertised event fees for on-day registrations.

You will require a smartphone to complete the registration process as it requires the use of a QR code.

Storage of Personal Items

Please ensure you have your own bag for storage of any personal items. All personal bags left with race organisers must be tagged with bag tag provided in your Race Kit. The second tag must be placed on your wrist.

You can deliver your bag directly to the Bag Tent, or at the designated Bag Drop Off area at the start marshalling area. Bags dropped at the race start will be transported back to the Bag Tent at Jarman Oval.

Please collect your bag from the Bag Tent directly after the completion of your final event, by presenting the bag tag on your wrist.

Whilst we take as much care as we can, bags are left at your own risk and Portsea SLSC takes no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal gear.

Orca Wetsuits

Orca will be back at the Portsea Swim Classic

To ensure that you don't miss out please book your rental by emailing your friendly ORCA team at:

veosportssales@gmail.com

No other Orca suppliers are not affiliated with the Swim Classic/
Wetsuit size and availability is subject to demand, so make sure you get your order in
early!!!!

If you are unsure of your size, please refer to this size guide:

<https://www.orca.com/en-int/wetsuit-sizes>

Orca is offering to deduct the \$50 rental fee off the purchase price of a new wetsuit for a period of 2 weeks after the swim. Orca will be at Portsea for the event with wetsuits for sale offering up to 20% off.

A huge thank you to Orca for their continued support of the Portsea SLSC and the Portsea Swim Classic!

Marshalling (Gold and 1500m events)

You are required at the start line of your event at least 30 minutes before your scheduled start time. Please allow plenty of time for travel to the start. Event waves will be called to the bus marshalling area at Jarman Oval approximately 75 mins prior to the scheduled start time for each wave, but you are free to go earlier if you wish.

Buses are to be used to travel to the start of the Gold and 1500m events, which are at different locations. Please check with the bus driver to ensure the bus you board is going to the correct location.

The 500m event marshalling area is on Jarman oval, from where entrants will walk to the start adjacent to the Parade Ground at the Quarantine Station.

Priority for marshalling will be given to swimmers who have a disability. Please be mindful of these competitors.

The Start

Please ensure you cross at the designated point to activate your transponder before entering the water. This will activate your transponder but does not start the timing. The timing will start from the moment the starter commences your wave.

Please promptly follow all directions given by race marshals.

Bad behaviour and rudeness shown to any race official can result in disqualification.

Running along the beach at the commencement of a race is **PROHIBITED**. If you run along the beach to gain an advantage, you will be disqualified.

Do not leave anything behind on the beach at the start.

Swim Safety

To maximise your safety during the race, you will be placed in a colour-coded swim group. It is imperative that all entrants swim in their nominated cap colour-coded group.

During the Portsea Swim Classic, qualified surf life savers will monitor your safety from the water. Please do not hesitate to call for assistance if required by raising your arm in the air. Medical assistance is readily available on the beach. Consider wearing a wetsuit for extra warmth and be sure to wear swim goggles for visibility.

If you exit the water prior to the finish, please ensure you let an official know as quickly as possible and provide your name, race number and wave number.

Note: Some tidal movement may be experienced in the area of the swim. The timing of the event has been set to maximise your safety.

Finish / Race Merchandise

At the end of your race you will be directed to the Merchandise Tent where you will be able to exchange your transponder for your merchandise pack, which contains your Portsea Swim Classic t-shirt and cap and other sponsor giveaways.

Your transponder is your ticket to the merchandise bag

After your event, please enjoy the services and hospitality provided by our event partners and vendors.

Unable to Swim – Merchandise collection

If you have entered the race but are unable to participate, you may still collect your Race Kit from the registration area and exchange your race Transponder for your Merchandise Bag at the Merchandise Tent after your event wave has started.

If you are unable to make it to the event in person, you may supply your registration email in either digital or print format to a friend who will be able to collect your Race Kit on your behalf and exchange your transponder for your Merchandise bag after your event wave has started.

Please be aware that we do not keep race merchandise after the day of the event.

Free Skin Checks

Are you worried about what the sun may have done to your skin? Lions Club Australia is once again offering free skin checks near the food vendors' zone at the finish area of the Portsea Swim Classic. Just come over in your togs and our skin cancer doctors will check your skin for moles and skin cancers. This year the Lions Club have generously offered their mobile skin screening bus. No more standing up in a tent!

Critical Points

- **Ensure you bring your race details with you, either on your phone or printed out.**
- **Wear your transponder on your wrist not your ankle**
- **Apply plenty of sunscreen.**
- **Stay safe when in the water and if you need help, stop and raise your hand.**
- **If you exit the water prior to the finish, please ensure you let an official know as quickly as possible and provide your full name, race number and wave number.**
- **Follow the race rules and any directions given by all PSC race officials.**
- **Return your transponder promptly at the Merchandise Tent after your event.**
- **The Portsea Swim Classic is a volunteer-run event - please ensure you treat all volunteers with respect. Failure to do so can mean instant disqualification**

Our Sponsors

We would like to thank all our sponsors and event partners for their support of the Portsea Swim Classic. It is their generous and ongoing support that helps us to continue to deliver this amazing event. Please take time to visit our sponsors and consider them when you make your next choice on the products and services they offer.

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