



2026 VOLUNTEER RACE OFFICIAL INFORMATION

The South32 Rottnest Channel Swim is a 19.7km open-water swim from Cottesloe (Mudurup) to Rottnest Island (Wadjemup) and is one of Australia's iconic community sporting events and the largest open-water swim in the world. The Event is conducted in three categories: solo, duo (teams of two), and teams (teams of four).

Volunteer Race Officials officiate/referee the Event, ensuring that all participants are following the Event Rules and are safe.

WHO WE WANT



We are currently on the hunt for people who are:

- Cool, calm and collected under pressure
- Great at communicating with others
- Confident
- Rule follower
- 18+ (on Event Day)

Ideally, you will also have:

- Experience officiating sports/events
- Experience in open-water swimming and/or participating in the South32 Rottnest Channel Swim
- Experience being on a boat or skippering a vessel
- Interest in being involved for multiple years/events

Responsibilities

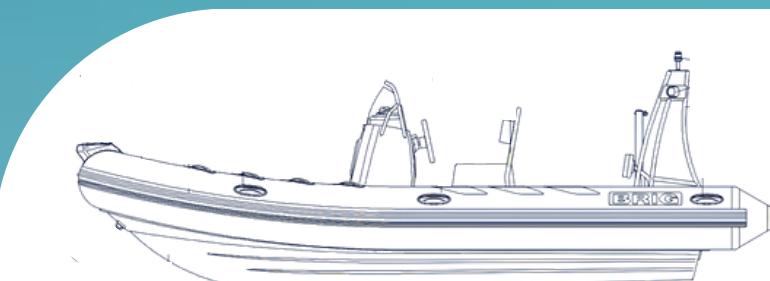
Volunteer Race Officials (RO's) are integral to ensuring everything is safe and fair for swimmers. As a Race Official, you will be onboard a boat with a dedicated skipper for the day, so you can focus on the action.

Your role is to monitor all swimmers and support crew, ensuring they do not breach any of the Event Rules and, if required, warning and disqualifying swimmers who disobey directions.

Throughout Event Day you'll be required to:

- Manage the movement of the fleet
- Reunite swimmers with their support crew
- Maintain the integrity of crossings
- Pre-emptive intervention to maintain safety
- Log incidents and rule breaches

RACE OFFICIAL VESSELS





KEY DATES



What's Included

Other than an incredible experience and rewarding day out on the water, all race officials also receive:

- Any required training (including First-Aid)
- Food and water for the day
- Any required ferry transportation to/from Rottnest
- South32 Rottnest Channel Swim Race Official Shirt
- Volunteer Hat
- Official South32 Rottnest Channel Swim reusable water bottle

How to Sign-Up

If you're interested in becoming a Race Official for the 2026 Event, you can register online via www.rottnestchannelswim.com.au or contact the team below.

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First Aid & Officiating Course Completion

Tuesday, 30 January 2026

Volunteer & Race Official Briefing

Saturday, 17 January 2026
10:00am - 1:00pm

On-Water Stakeholder & Race Official Briefing

February 2026 (Date TBC)
6:00pm - 7:30pm

2026 South32 Rottnest Channel Swim

Saturday, 21 February 2026
AM Shift - 5:00am - 11:30am
PM Shift - 10:30am - 5:00pm

