Launch Checklist — CarMatch 0.2.0

Area	Item	Status	Notes
Content	All core pages reviewed (Discover, Events, Forums, Profile, Login, Sign Up)	▽	Copy reviewed after ownership fixes; profile placeholders show "Coming soon" plan.
Content	Launch announcement draft	V	Ready to post alongside press blurb (see Communications section).
Functionality	User registration & login	▽	Supports session persistence, validation, and relaxed auth rate-limits (50 attempts/5 min).
Functionality	Event creation	▽	Modal autofocus, success toast, newly created events injected + drawer autoopens.
Functionality	Event edit/delete	~	Organizer-only controls update both Mongo + cache with success toasts.
Functionality	RSVP toggle	▽	"Processing" state, badge toggle, attendee count refresh, non-owner lockouts verified.
Functionality	Forums	0	Categories/threads load; moderator tooling works. "New Thread" submit button scheduled for next patch.
Functionality	Profile dashboard	▽	Profile header, About, Garage/Events tabs render; edit/save flows deliver confirmation toast.
Functionality	Messaging/Garage placeholders	8	Pages load with "Coming soon" messaging to set expectations.
Deployment	GitHub Pages (frontend)	~	npm run deploy latest build (SEO + analytics) pushed.
Deployment	Render (backend)	▽	0.2.0 backend live; /healthz returns connected. Manual redeploy instructions in DEPLOYMENT.md.
Analytics	Google Analytics integration	V	<pre>initAnalytics + trackPageView (requires REACT_APP_GA_MEASUREMENT_ID).</pre>
Analytics	Web Vitals hook	V	Default CRA reportWebVitals ready for custom logging.

SEO	Helmet-less hook useSE0 + canonical/meta tags	▽	Titles/descriptions per route, OG/Twitter tags, JSON-LD for site/events/forums.
SEO	robots.txt & sitemap.xml	~	Robots allow crawl; sitemap published with primary routes.
Monitoring	Security/rate limit logging	~	429 messaging documented; thresholds relaxed for launch.
Communications	Launch press/ad copy	~	Short-form release prepared (see below).
Communications	Social/announcement checklist	~	Outline ready for Discord, Slack, email, and project board posts.

Launch Communication Template

Subject: CarMatch 0.2.0 is live — Organize your next drive today!

CarMatch now supports full event ownership, real-time RSVP feedback, and upgraded moderation tools. Create your own meet, manage attendees, and join the conversation in our refreshed forums. Visit https://bradleymatera.github.io/car-match/ to explore the latest build and let us know what you think.

Highlights:

- Organizer dashboard: create, edit, and retire events with instant feedback
- Forum enhancements: moderator tooling, empty-state messaging, and polished navigation
- Analytics & SEO ready for launch day reporting

Thanks for being part of the beta — see you at the next meet!

Launch Day Run Book

- 1. **T-2 hours** Final smoke test (new account, create/edit/delete event, RSVP as secondary user, forum navigation, profile edit).
- 2. **T-1 hour** Announce maintenance window (if needed) on project board / social channels.
- 3. **Launch** Publish announcement (GitHub Discussions, email, social), flip any feature flags, and monitor Render logs for errors.
- 4. **T+1 hour** Review analytics dashboard for first page views, confirm GA tracking.
- 5. **T+24 hours** Gather feedback from testers, triage any high-priority regressions, and update the beta tracker.

All supporting documentation has been refreshed (see docs/ownership-rollout.md, docs/beta-issue-tracker.md, and docs/log2.md). EOF