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PORTUGUESE CANOE FEDERATION & AZORES REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

Welcome to all canoeist around Europe. Portugal and Azores Archipelago are thrilled to have you in April 2024 for the European Championships.

After one decade after our first Ocean Racing European Championships in Portugal, we are hosting in 2024 a special event, bringing ocean racing international major event to Azores.

The Portuguese Canoe Federation, main organizer of this European championships, together with the Regional Association of Azores, promise you an unforgettable experience. Join us once again and lets make history together.



Vítor Falcão Falcão



Fábio Mendes



AZORES

9 NATURALLY SURPRISING ISLANDS

THE NO. 1 ARCHIPELAGO IN SUSTAINABILITY AWAITS YOU

Mother Nature has created a land full of natural beauty, ready to be explored, in the blue immensity of the Atlantic Ocean: **the Azores**.

In every trail discovered, every dive conquered and every new flavour embraced. It's through nature that we care for what is most natural, right in the heart of the Atlantic. **9 naturally surprising islands.**

The Azores Islands are a Portuguese archipelago in the North Atlantic Ocean, located about **1,500 km from Lisbon** and about **3,900 km from the east coast of North America**.

The Azores archipelago is located in a region between **37° N** and the parallels of latitude that pass through the Lisbon area (**39° 43' / 39° 55' N**), giving it generally a tepid, oceanic, subtropical climate, with mild annual temperatures oscillating from **15°C to 27°C**.

The average temperature in Azores is **18°C**. Statistically the driest month is July and the wettest November. Average annual mean relative humidity is **76%**. It ranges from **73%** in August to **80%** in December and January. Frost is non-existent in Azores.

The ocean water temperature in Azores range from **17°C in the winter to 25°C in the summer**. The Azores is probably one of the best places in the world to go whale watching. That's because it is one of the **world's largest whale sanctuaries**, with more than 20 different species of cetaceans that either call the archipelago home or pass through during their yearly migrations.



TERCEIRA ISLAND

Terceira Island (known as “The Lilac Island”) is located approximately 140 KM from Sao Miguel and 100 KM from Faial, and has a surface area of 382 km².

The international airport, located in Lajes about 3 KM from the city of Praia da Vitoria, serves both civilian and military needs and includes both the Military Command for the Azores as well as an important American Air Force Base located in Lajes.

Terceira is the second most populated Azorean island with 58000 inhabitants and the third biggest in surface area after S. Miguel and Pico.

Terceira’s municipal seat is located in Angra do Heroismo where the The Paços do Concelho (City Hall), a majestic construction of the 19th century, is an important example of the rich architectural patrimony of Angra.

After a violent earthquake in 1980 and the subsequent reconstruction of the city, a large portion of Angra’s historical center has been classified as being of “**public interest**” and is included in the **UNESCO’s** list of World Patrimony since 1986. Angra do Heroismo also features one of the best public libraries and archives in Portugal and also retains some important private art collections.

The network of streets of a town that is a monument in itself: the colorful “**impérios**” or chapels that bear witness to the popular devotion of the Holy Spirit; the walls of a castle that was a royal prison; the constant presence of history; the gentle undulations of a green countryside; the white triangle of the typical chimneys; these are all features of the attractive and colorful prism that is Terceira.



GENERAL INFORMATION

How to get to Terceira

As written in the Island description there is only one **Airport**, with direct and connection flights from the continent, from **Lisbon or Porto**.

SATA is the local airline operator and the local organization have made a partnership with them to guarantee special prices for all participants coming to enjoy the European Championships.

There are also other airline companies operating to Terceira or to the main Island Ponta Delgada. Low-cost companies as **Ryanair** have various solutions to get to Terceira.

If you buy the accommodation package, the organizing committee will pick you up and take you back to the airport included in the pack.

If not, you will have to deal with your own airport transportation.



Dates and schedule

THE ECA Canoe Ocean Racing European Championships will take place in one of the three days window, between **12 to 14 of April**. If the conditions are similar the event day will happen on **Saturday April 13** in the afternoon.

December 1st 2023

Opening of the Online registrations

April 2nd 2024

Closing of nominal entries

Monday April 8th 2024

Arrival of participants

Tuesday April 9th 2024

Arrival of participants
Accreditation office opens.

Wednesday April 10th 2024

Arrival of participants
Official Training #1

Thursday April 11th 2024

Official Training #2
Opening Ceremony

Friday April 12th to Sunday April 14th

Competition Day (Window Period)
Official dinner & Prize Giving Ceremony
Closing ceremony

Classes and Categories

European Championships tittle categories

MSS-1 Men Open Surfski single
 WSS-1 Women Open Surfski single
 U23MSS-1 Under 23 Men Surfski single
 U23WSS-1 Under 23 Women Surfski single
 JMSS-1 Junior Men Surfski single
 JWSS-1 Junior Women Surfski single
 MSS-1 Men Master Surfski single
 WSS-1 Women Master Surfski single
 XSS-2 Mix Open Surfski double
 XSS-2 Mix Under 23 Surfski double
 XSS-2 Mix Junior Surfski double
 XSS-2 Mix Master Surfski double

Non European Championships categories

MSS-2 Men Open Surfski double
 WSS-2 Women Open Surfski double
 MSS-2 Men Junior Surfski double
 WSS-2 Women Junior Surfski double
 MSS-2 Men Master Surfski double
 WSS-2 Women Master Surfski double
 OC-6 Open Mix
 OC-1 Open

(For masters, Age group categories will commence from age group **35-39** and increase upwards in **5-year age brackets**)

All categories will compete at the same time, with gap start times of **5 to 10** minutes between groups of different categories.

If there is any kind of limitation of boats, the organization may decide to divide the event in two days, keeping the official European Championships categories in one day and masters and other non-European tittles categories on the day before.



ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee is headed by members of the Portuguese Canoe Federation and the Regional Association of Azores .

A special workforce inside Portuguese Canoe Federation was created to plan and organize this event.

Project Manager & Technical Organiser – Marcos Oliveira/Fábio Meneses

Technical & Project Support & Logistics – Juliana Dias/ Nuno Rico / Heloísa Nogueira

Finance – Nuno Tavares / Paulo Viceto

Human Resources & Volunteers – Andre Almeida/ Rita Olaio / Rita Trancoso

Accreditation & Protocol – Andreia Oliveira/ Sónia Corvelo/ Patrícia Corvelo

Transportation & Accommodation – Andreia Oliveira / José Barros / Paulo Viceto

Media & Press – Diogo Andrade

Competition committee

Race Director – Roberto Liberato

Competition Director – Fábio Meneses

Safety Officer – José Álamo

All queries from teams should be addressed to marcos@canoportugal.com or in case of emergency call **+351932080306**.

If your question is about accommodation packages, then you should reach andreia@canoportugal.com. If you have any question about invoices or payments, please contact contabilidade@fpcanoagem.pt

Questions about the course or any local requirements, can be deal at fabio@canoportugal.com



Course & Venue

The European Championships will take place between **Praia da Vitória** and **Angra do Heroísmo** in a downwind **25km** course.

If the condition of the wind is opposite to the normal conditions, **Plan B** will be to start from **Angra do Heroísmo** direction to **Praia da Vitória**.

No other start or finish positions are planned.

Both Start and Finish are planned to be in shore, from sand and for both Plan A and B of the course.



The headquarters of the Championships will be located at Angra do Heroísmo port, where different services and facilities can be found:

- Boat racks
- Toilets
- Showers
- Accreditation room
- Media Room
- Water access for training
- Car Parking (limited space available)



Entries

All entries must be made online through the official website of the event at canoeoceanracingportugal.com and must be made individually.

Entries for official European Championships titles must be confirmed by each National Federation, using the SDP system from ICF : Link <https://icf.msl.es/icf/main.jsp>

Anyone having issues accessing the system or with the entries should contact ICF HQ at sdp@canoeicf.com

To confirm the entries made in the official events , each National Federation must enter those boats in the SDP system, in the same category.

The lack of confirmation, may lead to the loss of the European title by that participant.

Special rules applied to Juniors competing in under23 category

A first year an athlete can compete in international competition is the year of his/her **15th birthday**

The last year that competitor can compete in the Junior category in the year of his/her **18th birthday**

The last year that competitor can compete in the U23 category in the year of his/her **23rd birthday**

All other categories, there is no need for confirmation from National federations.

There is no limit of entries per country in any of the categories.

Deadline for entries in official website and SDP is **April 2nd, 2024**



Participation Fee:

Each participant must pay one participating fee of **120€** to compete at the European Championships
Included in the participating fee is:

- Accreditation Card and access to competition areas
- Race bag (water bottle, Water, race t-shirt, Boat sticker and Bib);
- Security service at the venue.
- Boat storage space and security
- Medical assistance at the venue during the week of the event. (only 1st aid support)
- Participation in the official trainings before the event
- Boat transportation to the start area for the main event and official trainings
- GPS tracker for the competition (to be returned after the race)
- Free boat transportation from Oporto to Terceira Island and return. Limited spaces available.
- Priority for first registrations

If the event is divided in two race days and the same athlete wants to compete in both days in two different categories, there will be one extra fee of **25€**
Dinner official

Accommodation packages

The organization will provide accommodation packs for those interested in simplifying the stay in Terceira Island and give priority to stay very close to the Head Quarters of the Championships.

This reservation is independent of the participating fee and includes accommodation and full board at one 5 start hotel just a couple of meters from the championship headquarters and still very close to city centre, at very reasonable prices.

Booking can be done for stays of more than 2 nights.

PRICES:

Single room : 80€ per night

Double/Twin Room : 100€ per night

Reservations can be done at canoeoceanracingportugal.com
Subject to availability and confirmation by the local organization.





Boats transportation

The local transportation of the boats, from the Headquarters to the start area, will be provided **free of charge and as included in the participation fee**. This will be made by trailers independent from the participants transportation.

More information will be provided in the days previous of the race day.

The transportation of the boats to Terceira Island needs to be done by water, using a specific and hired service between the continent (Portugal) and the island.

This service will be provided free of charge and included in the participating fee but with limited slots available. First come first served basis.

The Boats must be delivered at the Portuguese canoe Federation, in Vila Nova de Gaia, until **March 15th** and can be collected from Sunday April 7 at event headquarters.

Boats will be travelling inside containers and accommodated in racks to avoid any problems.

The Organization will insurance the transportation of all boats using this service.

The boats can be collected by each participant, after they are placed in the Headquarters boat racks area, never before.

The return of the boats will happen from the Headquarters. **Each participant must place his/her boat in a specific area**, to be announced a few days previous of the race day.

The transportation of the boats for the start area for training and actual championship race will be done by trailers.

All participants are requested to secure his/her boat in the trailers available in the evening before.

Boat Rental

Boat brands and manufactures will open rental services in the upcoming months for that wo prefer to use a rental boat to compete at the European Championships.

NELO, the official boat supplier for the European Championships will provide special prices for this event, including collection of the boat at the event headquarters.

Security during the Competition and training days

Life Jacket is mandatory in every session in the ocean.

Leash will be mandatory in case of information from the local organization and ITOs before each official session.

GPS tracker is mandatory for the Race day and it will be given at the ID control, at the start area, starting 2 hours from the race time.

During the competition it is also mandatory to wear the official BIB provided by the organization. No Athlete can access the starting grid without this bib.

Anti Doping

The Canoe Ocean Racing European Championships will follow ECA/ICF rules and there will be conducted anti-doping tests during the competition. Those will be done in a specific room inside the headquarters.



Car Rental

The organization has a official car rental company partner.

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Visa

All participants are kindly requested to contact the Portuguese Embassy or consulate regarding to visa Requirements.

When required the organizing committee will help the participant in matter of issuing the visas.

Please send your requests to marcos@canoeportugal.com

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