



# 2023 ICF SUP World Championships

Pattaya, Thailand

November 15 - 19, 2023



## Welcome! - ยินดีต้อนรับ

On the following pages, we walk you through all the necessary information that may guide you and your team on the way to Jomtien Beach, Pattaya.

The Rowing and Canoeing Association of Thailand (RCAT) is looking forward to seeing you at the 2023 ICF SUP World Championships between 15-19 November 2023 in Pattaya, Thailand.

All ICF SUP competitions are open to paddlers of all levels and encourage anyone with a passion for paddling to come to join the festival (see below the range of participants for details). We have an amazing programme planned full of entertainment.

If you are looking for more information, do not hesitate to visit the official website of the competition:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/stand-up-paddling-world-championships/pattaya-2023>

See you in November in Pattaya!



## ICF Presidential Greeting



One year ago, the International Canoe Federation came to beautiful Pattaya for its first full congress meeting since the global Covid pandemic, and we were all incredibly impressed by the professionalism and warmth shown by our hosts. And now we get to return to this exciting city, this time to showcase one of the most thrilling events on our competition calendar – the 2023 International Canoe Federation Stand Up Paddling World Championships.

When we announced last year that Thailand had successfully bid to host these world championships, and when it was announced that Pattaya would be the host city, there was great excitement throughout the SUP community.

Our athletes love the chance to compete at the very top level, and to be able to do it on one of the most famous beaches in the world gives the event an extra level of importance. We can be certain the top names in SUP will all be in Pattaya in November.

Our Thai hosts have promised a wonderful event both on and off the water. We know the races will all be very professionally run, and we also know that on the beaches there will also be lots of exciting activities.

The 2023 ICF Stand Up Paddling World Championships will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase this exciting sport to a global audience, and to also remind viewers around the world of what Pattaya and Thailand have to offer.

On behalf of the ICF and the global canoeing family, I would like to wish all competitors, officials, volunteers, and organizers the very best for this competition. Our biggest thanks of course to our Thai hosts, and the Thai Canoe Federation for working so hard to ensure this event is the success we all know that it can be.



## RCAT Presidential Greeting



On behalf of the Rowing and Canoeing Association of Thailand (RCAT), I sincerely invite all participants and spectators to Jomtien Beach, Pattaya, and also the RCAT Training Center, Ban Chang, Rayong, to compete and join the wonderful atmosphere in the 2023 ICF SUP World Championships. RCAT, as the HOC, proudly hosts this massivity of SUP paddlers' competition, and would like to thank the ICF for having trusted our experience.

This is an honor to welcome the best SUP athletes from all over the world, and I am sure that the upcoming championships will be conducted at the highest level of SUP. I assure and convince you that the fantastic, joyful, and friendly events will be a memorable time for all participants.

I appreciate and hope that SUP is one of the fastest growth sport on earth, and will gain more popularity around the world. I wish you successful and accomplished results.

Sincerely,





## Host Organizing Committee (HOC)

<b>Chairman:</b>	Vice Admiral Narupol Kirdnak
<b>Technical Organiser:</b>	Captain Wiwat Kwansoongnern
<b>Event Manager:</b>	Dr. Amnuay Tanpanich
<b>Event Technology:</b>	Dr. Tanomsak Senakham
<b>Secretary of the OC:</b>	Captain Norapat Ta-in
<b>Head of IT:</b>	Captain Nopporn Theptorenee
<b>Head of Hospitality:</b>	Captain Sutee Magerd
<b>Official Hotels Liaison:</b>	Captain Sanitwong Wongsanit
<b>Master of Ceremonies:</b>	Captain Kwanmuang Kharestri
<b>Head of Transportation:</b>	Commander Punthep Kansangvorn
<b>Media Officer/Press Chief:</b>	Lt. Chonnatee Chompoo
<b>Head of Marketing:</b>	Lt. JG Pirat Rakboon



## General Information of Pattaya, Thailand

Pattaya is a city in Thailand, a beach resort popular with tourists and expatriates. It is located on the east coast of the Gulf of Thailand, about 165 kilometers southeast of Bangkok within but not part of Bang-Lamung district in Chonburi province. Approximately drive 2 hours from Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport, and 2.5 hours from Don-Mueang International Airport.

Pattaya is a lively beach town that draws visitors from around the world. With activities that include a wide array of water sports, golf, shopping, cabaret shows, an elephant village, and fascinating museums, it's impossible not to have an action-packed Pattaya holiday. Pattaya is certainly a Thai beach resort that meets the needs of any visitor on any budget.

# PATTAYA CITY



# Event schedule

## 14th November (TUE) – Jomtien Beach

- Access period starts
- Accreditation centre opens

## 15th November (WED) - Jomtien Beach

- Racecourse opens for training

## 16th November (THU) - Jomtien Beach

- Racecourse opens for training

## 17th November (FRI) – RCAT Training Centre

- Sprint races/Opening Ceremony

## 18th November (SAT)

- Technical races

## 19th November (SUN)

- Long Distance races
- Inflatable
- One-design (possible)
- Closing Ceremony
- Access period ends

## Note

### \*Note\*

This is a provisional schedule and is subject to change. All participants are encouraged to arrange their travels for the whole duration of the competition.

## Location

### Technical/Long Distance:

- Jomtien Beach, Pattaya



- Royal Thai Navy Rowing and Canoeing Training Centre, Rayong, Thailand





# List Official World Championships Events

Age group	Event	Gender
Open	Team event, Long Distance	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
Open	Team event, Technical	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
Junior	Team event, Long Distance	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
Junior	Team event, Technical	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
Open	Sprint	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
	Technical	
	Long Distance	
Junior	Sprint	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
	Technical	
	Long Distance	
40+	Sprint	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
	Technical	
	Long Distance	
50+	Sprint	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
	Technical	
	Long Distance	
Open	Inflatable	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long

# General Conditions of the Participation

The competition is run in compliance with the 2023 ICF SUP Rules.

## Range of participants

- The competition is open to anyone who complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
- Membership in an ICF (International Canoe Federation) or ISA (International Surfing Association) National Federation is not a requirement to participate in the competition.
- Each competitor is individually responsible for his / her own participation and the administrative duties related to his / her entry.
- Registration and entries will be available on the official event page from **June 1st**.
- By registering and participating in the competition the participants assure at the same time their ability to swim at least 200 m without assistance and are comfortable paddling in open water.
- If a competitor is under the age of 18, parental consent is required for participation.
- There will be possible unofficial races for one-design race and for kids.



## Age group definition

- The first year an athlete can compete in an ICF international competition is the year of their 15th birthday.
- The last year an athlete can compete in the junior age group is the year of their 18th birthday.
- The masters' age groups are defined by each discipline with a minimum age of 40 or 50 years. An athlete can compete in a masters (40+ and 50+) event in the year that they reach the lower limit of the age group.

## Entry conditions

- One athlete can race only at one (1) age group at Long Distance, Sprint, and Technical race. Athletes who are eligible to race in the U18, 40+, and 50+ age groups can enter the open age group if they wish. A competitor who enters any open age group event/s (with the exception of the open inflatable event) cannot enter any of the U18, 40+, and 50+ age groups.
- Athletes who are eligible to race at 50+ can race at the 40+ age group for all events (except inflatable event)
- Anyone can participate in the open inflatable category, regardless of their age group, if they have reached the age of 15.





## Team events

If you wish to enter National Teams Events for Long Distance and Technical races, please contact your national canoe federation to enter you through SDP (Sports Data Platform). You can email [david.bugar@canoeicf.sport](mailto:david.bugar@canoeicf.sport) for NF contacts. All NFs will have to use SDP which we can give you access to.

**\* Deadline to enter for team event is November 5th, 2023. \***

### Each NF can enter teams to:

#### Long Distance

- Open Men
- Open Women
- Junior Men
- Junior Women

#### Technical

- Open Men
- Open Women
- Junior Men
- Junior Women

\*Teams can be up to four (4) athletes for the Long Distance and Technical races. The top three (3) athletes scores will count towards team results.

## Sport Nationality

- The sport nationality of the athletes is determined by their nationality or country of their domicile.
- An athlete may only represent one nation during the calendar year.
- For full details, please visit the [ICF SUP Competition Rule book](#)

## Medical aptitude

- Each competitor is liable for their own health and fitness to be ready to compete in the races. Upon registering for the race, the participants give a declaration of their medical state as detailed in the ICF entry waiver on the registration form. The HOC does not take any responsibility for any harm to the health and the consequences thereof due to the participant's medical state during the races.
- All participants of the World Championships are strongly advised to take out medical insurance.

## Course Details



### Jomtien Beach:

Jomtien Beach is located in the southern Pattaya area. The beach is the favourite destination for tourists from around the world, specifically for water sports activities. Furthermore, you can find plenty of seafood street vendors and restaurants alongside the beach. Jomtien Beach has got the honor of hosting so many sports in “World and Continental Level Championships” such as “The Jet Ski World Cup”, “SUP Thailand Championship”, and the latest “2nd Asian Canoe Ocean Racing Championships”.

You can find and make your challenge for “The things must do in Pattaya” in the details: [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g3366878-Activities-Jomtien\\_Beach\\_Pattaya\\_Chonburi\\_Province.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g3366878-Activities-Jomtien_Beach_Pattaya_Chonburi_Province.html)

For the “ICF SUP World Championships”, HOC will cooperate with ICF SUP Commission for the most exciting “Tactical and Long-distance courses” which will be informed in “Bulletin 2”.

### The Royal Thai Navy Rowing and Canoeing Training Centre:

<https://goo.gl/maps/NbEYi7sQnLhAjwf77> or RCAT Training Centre, located at Ban-Chang, Rayong, and 35 Km (30 mins) from Jomtien Beach.

The centre gathers all facilities for all kinds of rowing and canoeing activities. The competition venue dimensions are  $W = 100$  m.,  $L = 2,100$  m., and  $D = 3.20$  m. (average). It also has the Finish Tower, Athletes' accommodation, Cafeteria, Gym, Medical room, Washroom, 3 Boathouse, and Navy Brew Coffee shop. The average temperature is around 28 – 33 Degree Celsius throughout the year.

Please see detail at: [www.rcat.or.th](http://www.rcat.or.th)

## Prize Money

A total of 30 000€ prize money will be divided between the Long Distance, Technical, and Sprint race only for the open age group. The prize money will be equally split between men and women 50:50.

## Accreditation and Entries

Accreditation, entries, and payments can be made by website exclusively.

**\*The site will be available from June 1st, 2023.\***

Each competitor represents him/herself and is responsible for their own entries and participation. Only a person participating in the competition can register on the online site.

Non-participating persons (e.g.: team leader, coach, staff, family member) can be accredited and added to the site by the competitor. A maximum of 10 non-participating persons can be added per competitor.

**The HOC offers discounts for multiple entries in Sprint, Technical, and long-distance events.**

Participation in 1 event	90 EUR
Participation in 2 events	100 EUR
Participation in 3 events	110 EUR
Non-participating persons	30 EUR
Participation at the inflatable events	50 EUR

Anyone who has registered for at least 1 event will have free entry to the inflatable event.

## Board Rentals/ Logistics

The official rental services for the 2023 ICF SUP World Championships will be handled by Sports Camps. There are limited availability of boards and will be first come first served basis.

The ICF Official logistics partner Prowave will provide opportunity to transport your boards from Europe to Thailand and back. The boards can be collected Baltic Skrea Beach Paddle Race- Falkenberg Sweden (August 12-13) or brought to the Prowave warehouse. For details

For rentals and logistics: [www.canoeicf.com/stand-up-paddling-world-championships/pattaya-2023/team-info](http://www.canoeicf.com/stand-up-paddling-world-championships/pattaya-2023/team-info)





## The participation fee includes the following services

Items	Technical, Sprint, Long Distance event participant	Inflatable event participant	Non-participating (accompanying) person
Prize money	✓	X	X
Guarded board storage	✓	✓	X
Drinking water on competition days	✓	✓	✓
Medal for winners	✓	✓	X
Medical care at the venue	✓	✓	✓
Internet access	✓	✓	✓
Security service at the regatta course	✓	✓	✓
Right of common and operational costs of the venue	✓	✓	✓
Organisational costs	✓	✓	✓
Race Bibs	✓	✓	X
Access to competition area	✓	✓	X
Access to athletes' area	✓	✓	✓
Transportation to Royal Thai Canoeing Centre	✓	✓	✓

The following medical services are available for all official participants of the World Championships: doctor on duty, hospital, and clinic assistance.

A medical centre will operate at the venue with an ambulance and first aid. The costs above the regular first aid & ambulance are to be covered by your medical insurance policy, the HOC is not responsible to cover your expenses in connection with hospital treatment, dental treatment, or any other medical treatment.

## Additional Services

### Official T-shirt

T-shirts can be purchased from athletes and non-participating persons through the online site. Please don't forget to specify the sizes. The shirts ordered on the registration site will be distributed at the accreditation centre. Additionally, there will be opportunities to purchase them on-site.

**T-shirt costs:** 15 EUR/ pcs.

**Registration Deadline:** **November 5th, 12:00 pm (UTC)**

The HOC accepts on-site entry in exceptional cases exclusively in the event if the inclusion of the new entry does not result in the amendment of the competition program. On-site registration and entry are possible upon paying the extra administration fee on top of the regular entry fee on 14th-17th November between 09:00 and 14:00 at the accreditation centre.

**Extra administration fee:** 100 EUR

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# Information on the hospitality services of the 2023 ICF SUP World Championships

## The official hotel of the World Championships

The HOC has selected the D Varee Jomtien Beach and Bay Beach Hotel as the official hotel of the 2023 ICF SUP World Championships with **full-board meals service at the hotels**. The hotels has been carefully selected due to quality and distance. (50 m and 150 m. sequentially)

The HOC encourages all participants to take advantage of the convenience of the official hotel. The official accommodation fee as follows:

Hotel	Single (EUR)	Double-Sharing for 2 (EUR)
D Varee	90	60
Bay Beach Resort	80	55

## Unofficial Lunch at the Venue

There will be food vendors along the venue with variety of options. The cost of food is not included in the registration fee.

## Ceremonies

The Opening ceremony will be held on the beach in front of D Varee Jomtien Hotel. The ceremony will co-host between Pattaya City – RCAT - Tourism Authority of Thailand with Thai Traditional and DJ party styles.

The Closing Ceremony of the last day will be combined with the food truck street flair and DJ party on the beach.





## Airport transfer

HOC will arrange the one trip from the international airport – the official accommodations only, the transportation fee is per person per one way without board by shuttle van or bus, the details as follows:

International Airport	Distance – Duration to hotels	Transportation fee (EUR)
Suvarnabhumi	150 km. – approx. 2 hrs.	30
Don Muang	180 km. – approx. 2.30 hrs.	40
U-tapao, Pattaya	45 km. – approx. 30 mins	15

\* The local transportation from the hotel to the RCAT Training Centre for Sprint events will be included in the entry fee.

\*\* The athletes who need transportation with the board must pay an additional fee for board 10 EUR/board/one way. HOC will arrange a separate truck for board only.



## VISA

All participants are kindly requested to contact the Thai Embassy or consulate in their respective countries (or the closest to you) in time regarding visa requirements. The difficulty of obtaining a visa to Thailand varies by region but you should calculate with a 45-day long issuing period to ensure the safe attainment of the visa.

### **The typical steps for obtaining visa are as follows:**

1. Successful registration via the official registration link and sending the confirmation of your registration- please note, the HOC cannot take responsibility for the rejection of visa issuance.
2. Sending the filled-in visa application form – [visa@rcat.or.th](mailto:visa@rcat.or.th)
3. Contacting the Thai Embassy / Consulate serving in your country/ territory and do the paperwork they request from you.
4. the HOC issues the Letter of Invitation.
5. Visa issuance

Please note that the HOC will not send you an invitation letter without knowing your valid passport number and arrival/departure dates. Hotel confirmation of official accommodation will be HOC arranging.

*We are looking  
forward to seeing you*

