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NEWSLETTER CANOE MARATHON RACING

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2011 CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The recent World Championships in Singapore was historic. Not only was this the first time we were staging a Canoe Marathon World Championships in Asia, but the attendance was also the highest ever with 40 countries entered of which 11 were from Asia.

The results are to be found on

- the event website: www.canoemarathon2011.org or
- the ICF website: www.canoecif.com

NEW WORLD CUP RULES

We have been struggling with low number of entries at World Cups for some time. We have been seeking ways of dealing with this problem and also invited ideas from team leaders, but there does not seem to be a clear way forward.

The ICF Canoe Marathon Committee discussed the matter once again during the World Championships in Singapore and decided to **remove the entry limitation** (currently 3 boats per country in senior classes and 4 boats in junior classes) to see if this will have a positive effect.

ONE OF THE 2012 WORLD CUP EVENTS STILL WITHOUT HOST

The ICF Calendar for 2012 should include two World Cup competitions for Canoe Marathon, but at the moment we have only one.

If you would like to host this event you should send your application (through your National Federation) to the ICF Canoe Marathon Chairman, email: cronberg@online.no.

QUALIFICATION FOR THE 2013 WORLD GAMES

At the World Games 2013 in Cali, Colombia, for the first time Canoe Marathon will be on the programme. The discipline will be represented by the six senior World Championships classes.

A qualification system has been set up for approval by the ICF Board of Directors at their meeting in November this year. Below is the recommendation:

DRAFT QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – WORLD GAMES CALI

1. Events - (6) Men's Events (4) Women's Events (2):

Men's K1	Men's K2	Men's C1	Men's C2	Women's K1	Women's K2
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2. Total Quota

World Championships 2012	Host Country Colombia	Total Boats	Total Athletes
94	6	100	150

3. Quota Per Nation

Category	Quota Per NF	Possible Boat Quota Per NF*
Men's Kayak	3	3
Women's Kayak	3	3
Men's Canoe	3	3
Total	9	6

* See clause 5 (iv) below for boat quota in K1 and C1 events.

4. Athlete Eligibility

All NFs must participate in the applicable event at the 2012 Canoe Marathon World Championships to be eligible for an Athlete Quota Place for that event in the Marathon Canoeing events at the World Games 2013.

5. Qualification System

i) Athlete quota places will be allocated to the respective NF's and not to Competitor(s) that achieved the place in the qualification event.

ii) An athlete can qualify and compete in one or more events; however the athlete can only acquire one athlete place for its NF regardless of how many places or boats that athlete qualifies in other events.

(For example, Athlete A qualifies in K1 and K2 with athlete B from the same NF. This would result in two athlete quota places and two boats quota places for the World Games. The quotas would be attributed to the largest boat category qualified, in this example it would be K2. The third athlete quota would be reallocated according to the unused athlete quota places process in the K1 category).

iii) The number of Athlete and Boat Quota Places allocated in the Qualification Competitions for Canoe Marathon will be as follows:

	Minimum Athlete Quota Places	Minimum Boat Quota Places
Men's K1	20	20
Men's K2	40	20
Men's C1	15	15
Men's C2	30	15
Total Men	105	70
Women's K1	15	15
Women's K2	30	15
Total Women	45	30
Total Men & Women	150	100

iv) From the athlete quota places allocated a National Federation may enter a maximum of 2 boats in the Men's K1, Women's K1 and Men's C1 if they have earned sufficient quota places to do so. A NF can only enter one boat per event in the Men's K2 and C2 and Women's K2 events.

6. World Championships and Continental Qualification

- i) An NF will be able to obtain athlete quota places from the 2012 Canoe Marathon World Championships. The best ranked boats will achieve quota places in that specific event for their NF.
- ii) In the 2012 Canoe Marathon World Championships the first placed boat from each continent will achieve quota places for their NF. (i.e. five places per event)
- iii) The remaining quota places will be allocated to each NF of the best ranked boats until the required number of boat quota places have been achieved for the event concerned.
- iv) Should a continent not be present in a particular event there will be no quota place allocated to that continent and the next best ranked NF regardless of continent will be allocated the place from the 2012 Canoe Marathon World Championship standings.
- v) If Columbia are represented in the continents that have achieved a quota place in an event at the 2012 Canoe Marathon World Championships then they will be the Continental allocation for America. In that event the host nation quota will be awarded to the next best ranked NF regardless of continent.

The minimum number of boats and maximum number of athletes that will qualify for the World Games are defined in the table below:

	World Championships 2012 (min)	Host Nation Colombia	Total	Athletes
<u>Men</u>				
Men's K1	19*	1	20	20
Men's K2	19*	1	20	40
Men's C1	14*	1	15	15
Men's C2	14*	1	15	30
Total Men	66	4	70	105
<u>Women</u>				
Women K1	14*	1	15	15
Women K2	14*	1	15	30
Total Women	28	2	30	45
Total Men & Women	94	6	100	150

* - Must include a NF from every continent

7. Host Country Representation

Should the Host NF not manage to obtain an athlete quota place in the respective events, it will be entitled to receive quota places in the following events:

Event Athlete Quotas Boat Quotas

	ATHLETE QUOTA PLACES	Min. BOAT QUOTA PLACES
Men's K1	1	1
Men's K2	2	1
Men's C1	1	1
Men's C2	2	1
Total Men	6	4
Women's K1	1	1
Women's K2	2	1
Total Women	3	2
Total Men & Women	9	6

8. Confirmation process for quota places

The ICF will inform NFs in writing on 1 October 2012 of the athlete quota places they have obtained at the 2012 Marathon World Championships. Eligible NFs must inform the ICF in writing by 15

October 2012 whether or not they intend to participate at the World Games. By 21 October 2012 the ICF will reallocate all available quota places, as outlined below.

9. Reallocation of unused quota places

i) Should an NF return an athlete quota place from a continental allocation the next best ranked NF in that event from the same continent will be allocated the athlete quota place. The process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

ii) In the case where there are no more eligible NFs that can gain an athlete quota place from the same continent, the athlete quota place will be given to the next best ranked NF from the 2012 Canoe Marathon World Championships, not yet qualified, regardless of continental representation.

iv) Should an any other NF return an athlete quota place that has been obtained from the 2012 Canoe Marathon World Championships, the next best ranked NF in that event, not yet qualified, will be allocated the athlete quota place. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

v) If an athlete quota place is not filled from the procedures outlined above, the quota places will be allocated by the ICF Canoe Marathon Committee.

2011 CLASSIC CANOE MARATHON WORLD SERIES UPDATE



Following the completion of the Adige Marathon in Italy and the Cesky Krumlov River Marathon in Czech Republic 9 of the races have now been included in the log. The last remaining event is the Ardeche Marathon in France on 12th November.

Men's K1

This class is now led by Federico VEGA SUAREZ from Spain following his wins in the Adige and Cesky Krumlov marathons. Manual BUSTO FERNANDEZ from Spain has dropped to second place and the new Marathon World K1 Champion Hank MCGREGOR from South Africa is now in third place. The final winner could come from VEGA SUAREZ or BUSTO FERNANDEZ.

Women's K1

The women's K1 title has been secured by Hilary PITCHFORD from South Africa as she has an unassailable lead of 140 points with only 100 points available at the Ardeche Marathon. Robyn Kime from South Africa is in 2nd place and Sarah Millest from Great Britain is in 3rd place.

C1

The C1 category has seen some movement with the results from the Adige and Cesky Krumlov marathons being added. This class is now led by Tomislav LEPAN of Croatia with Tomislav HOHNJEC of Croatia in second place. Anthony WILSON from Great Britain is in third place. The series is still wide open and any one of the top five in the rankings could take the top position.

Results of the nine events so far can be found at the links below.

Rio Negro – <http://www.regatadelrionegro.com.ar/>

Dusi Canoe Marathon – www.dusi.org.za

Waterland Marathon - www.kviking.nl/2009/en/amsterdam-waterland-marathon.html

Devizes to Westminster - [Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Marathon](http://www.devizes-to-westminster-international-canoe-marathon.com)

Sella Descent - www.descensodelsella.com

Avon Descent - www.avondescent.com.au

Dalsland Marathon - www.kanotmaraton.se

Cesky Krumlov River Marathon - www.krumlovskymaraton.com

Adige Marathon – www.adigemarathon.it

Classic Series Log – [Series Results Log](#)

2012 CLASSIC CANOE MARATHON WORLD SERIES

The ICF Canoe Marathon Committee considered the 14 applications received for the 2012 series, and after discussing each race and the information that was available the following races were agreed to be recommended for the 2012 series.

1. Devizes to Westminster – London/ GBR – 6-9 April
2. Waterland Marathon – Amsterdam/ NED – 14 April
3. Berg Marathon – Cape Town/ RSA – 10-14 July
4. Descenso Internacional del Sella – Asturias/ ESP – 4 August
5. Avon Descent – Perth/ AUS – 4 August
6. Dalsland Marathon – Dalsland/ SWE – 11 August
7. Liffey Descent – Dublin/ IRL – 1-2 September
8. Tour de Gudena – Skanderborg/ DEN 8-9 September
9. Krumlovsky Marathon - Cesky Krumlov/ CZE – 13 October
10. Adige Marathon – Verona/ ITA – 21 October

In deciding on these races the following was taken into account:

- Some preference was given to well established events
- The need to spread the events as far as possible around the world
- The need to spread the events throughout the year

Every year there will be a new selection process, and if you have been unsuccessful this year it is possible that you could be successful in the future.

For future nominations all events will be asked to provide more information to motivate their race, and this will be taken into account. Some of the information we would like to see and take into account when making future selections is set out below:

- A brief history of the event
- The number of competitors' entries or finishers in K1 Men, K1 Women and C1 for the previous 2 years.
- The number of international competitors in K1 Men, K1 Women and C1 for the previous 2 years if applicable.
- Any support that will be provided for International competitors that decide to come to your event, i.e. boat loan or hire, hosting, accommodation, transport etc.
- The event website
- A brief description of the promotion plan for the event, including promotion of the Classic series.
- Any other special information about the event that you think may be relevant.

For questions please contact ICF Canoe Marathon Committee member/Classic Series Coordinator Tim Cornish, cornisht@mweb.co.za.

LONG TERM CALENDAR

Below is the latest update of the long term calendar for Canoe Marathon. Please note the following:

- The dates for the World Championships in Rome 2012 have been changed to be one week later.
- Due to the World Games in Colombia in 2013 and shipment of equipment for that event new dates for European Championships are subject to confirmation.
- The Canoe Marathon Committee will suggest to the 2014 Oklahoma World Championships organiser a test event (could be a World Cup) beginning October 2013. At this stage this is just an idea that needs to be confirmed.

2012	World Cup 1 - 23-24 June	Copenhagen/ DEN	Confirmed
	World Cup 2 - 21-22 July ?		Open
	World Championships - 21-23 September	Rome/ ITA	Confirmed
2013	European Championships 7-9 June (dates to be confirmed)	Vila Verde/ POR	Confirmed
	World Games - 25-31 July	Cali/ COL	Confirmed
	World Championships - 20-22 September	Copenhagen/ DEN	Confirmed
	World Cup - 6-7 October ??	Oklahoma City/ USA	This is a suggestion
2014	World Cup 1		Open
	European Championships		Open
	World Championships - 26-28 September	Oklahoma City/ USA	Confirmed

2015	World Cup 1		Open
	European Championships		Open
	World Championships - 18-20 September	Győr/ HUN	Confirmed

Hoping that you have found useful information in this newsletter, I send you my
Kind regards,



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