



Media guide

2021 ICF OCEAN RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lanzarote | Spain | July 4-6



WHAT IS OCEAN RACING

Canoe ocean racing consists of long distance surfski, sea kayak and sea touring races. A surfski is the fastest boat over long distances on ocean swells.

Surfskis originated in Australia in the 1900s when two brothers, Harry and Jack McLaren, used them around their family's oyster beds on Lake Innes in New South Wales. They would also use their custom-made boats to surf the beaches at nearby Port Macquarie. The speed and versatility of the boats made them ideal for lifesaving, and in 1946 surfski became a part of the lifesaving competition programme.

Surfskis were initially similar to surfboards, laminated in light wood and sometimes covered in fabric, but modern, lighter versions can be made from composite layers of epoxy or polyester resin-bonded cloth such as fibreglass, Kevlar, carbon fibre or a mixture. As races have got longer, boats have become longer with sharply pointed bows and under stern foot pedal controlled rudders. They are usually five to six-and-a-half metres long and only 40 to 50 centimetres wide.

Canoe ocean racing initially started with short races of about 700m, but as these boat designs developed races would begin to go further out to sea. The first canoe ocean racing event took place in South Africa in 1958, with the 46km Scottburgh to Brighton race. Other famous events include the Southern Shamaal, also in South Africa, a 240km race

from Port Elizabeth to East London that began in 1972, and four years later the inaugural Molokai Race was held in Hawaii.

Canoe ocean racing can vary from 10km to multi-day races over large distances. Races are contested in single and double surfskis, sea kayaks, and in single or six-person outriggers. The most recent world championships were held in Saint-Pierre Quiberon, France, in 2019, and featured single surfski events in men's and women's senior and U23, and men's juniors.



OUR 2021 VENUE

The Islote de la Fermina is an iconic landmark of the Island of Lanzarote. Designed in the early 1970's by the local artist Cesar Manrique, alongside the Parque Islas Canarias these will be the main race HQ and location of the event itself. Both locations are in the heart of the Marina and City of Arrecife with hotels, restaurants, and bars as well as other services within short walking distances. The finish line area (el Reducto beach) will be next to the race HQ so everything will be well located.

THE RACE COURSES AND PROGRAM

9- RACE COURSES



MAIN DOWNWIND RACE COURSE

DISTANCE: 27 KM
Start Playa de la Garita (Arrieta)
Finish: Playa del Reducto (Arrecife)



ALTERNATIVE DOWNWIND RACE COURSE OPTION

(DEPENDING ON WIND FORECAST)

DISTANCE: 20 KM
Start: Playa Grande (Puerto del Carmen)
Finish: Playa del Reducto (Arrecife)

COMPETITION INFORMATION

World Championships

CATEGORIES:

SS1 Men Sen / Jun / U23

SS1 Women Sen / Jun / U23

Masters Cup Event

UNOFFICIAL DATES

The unofficial dates for the event will be from the 01st to 07th of July 2021, with the following program:

- 01st July - Accreditation
- 02nd July- Accreditation. Official training sessions
- 03rd July – Official Training Sessions. Opening Ceremony. Race Briefing.
- 4th, 5th & 06th July – Competition days.
- 07th July – Closing Ceremony.

PREVIOUS WORLD CHAMPIONS

2019 – St. Pierre Quiberon, France

Men's K1

1. RICE Sean (RSA) 01:27:44.99
2. RICE Kenneth (RSA) 01:28:22.25
3. HILL Cory (AUS) 01:28:37.44

Women's K1

1. MCKENZIE Danielle (NZL) 01:41:29.92
2. NIXON Hayley (RSA) 01:42:42.53
3. HATTON Teneale (NZL) 01:43:58.10

2017 – Hong Kong, China

Men's K1

1. HILL Cory (AUS) 01:31.55
2. MCGREGOR Hank (RSA) 01:32.20
3. MOCKE Jasper (RSA) 01:32.53

Women's K1

1. NIXON Hayley (RSA) 01:55.25
2. BURN Michelle (RSA) 01:55.41
3. HATTON Teneale (NZL) 01:56.16

2015 – Tahiti

Men's K1

1. HILL Cory (AUS) 01:58:06.04
2. ROBINSON Clint (AUS) 01:58:35.36
3. MOCKE Jasper (RSA) 01:59:07.73

Women's K1

1. HATTON Teneale (NZL) 02:15:58.68
2. ERAY Michele (USA) 02:16:29.64
3. CLARKE Rachel (NZL) 02:22:18.86

2013 – Vila Do Conde, Portugal

Men's K1

1. RICE Sean (RSA) 01:30:06.11
2. HILL Cory (AUS) 01:30:46.48
3. NORTON Sam (AUS) 01:32:07.85

K1 Women

1. ERAY Michele (RSA) 01:43:27.68
2. BURN Michelle (RSA) 01:43:28.77
3. MOCKE Nikki (RSA) 01:43:36.52



ATHLETES TO WATCH

Men's K₁

Esteban MEDINA (SPAIN)

- 2018 European Champion

Walter BOUZAN (SPAIN)

- 2016 European Champion

Gordan HARBRECHT (GERMANY)

- 2018 European Championships – 2nd

Nicolas LAMBERT (FRANCE)

- 2016 European Championships – 2nd

Nicolas NOTTEN (SOUTH AFRICA)

- 2019 ICF World Championships – 5th

David SZLACHTA (FRANCE)

- 2018 European Championships – 3rd





Women K1

Michelle BURN (SOUTH AFRICA)

- 2017 ICF World Championships – 2nd
- 2013 ICF World Championships – 2nd

Amaia OSABA (SPAIN)

- 2018 European Championships – 3rd
- 2016 European Championships – 2nd

Judit VERGES XIFRA (SPAIN)

- 2018 European Championships – 2nd

Chloe BUNNETT (SPAIN)

- 2019 ICF World Championships – 9th
- 2017 ICF World Championships – 11th

MORE INFORMATION, CONTACTS

EVENT WEBSITE: www.icfcanoeoceanracinglanzarote.com

ICF webpage: www.canoeicf.com

LIVESTREAM: On both the event and ICF website, and the Planet Canoe YouTube channel.

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