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NEWSLETTER FOR CANOE MARATHON RACING

For national team leaders, ICF Canoe Marathon competition organisers, and officials

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2011 CLASSIC CANOE MARATHON WORLD SERIES

The 2011 Classic Canoe Marathon World series is now a fact. Ten race organisers from around the World and their national federations have now confirmed their participation, and we are very pleased for this development of canoeing. On a global basis there are a large number of Canoe Marathon competitions, many with hundreds and some with even more than a thousand competitors, probably the largest number of competitors in any of our canoeing disciplines. By creating this Classic Canoe Marathon World Series we are trying to give recognition to these races and competitors so that they may feel that the ICF is there for them as well.

In this way a new and exciting World Series has been created by the International Canoe Federation (ICF) combining some of the toughest Ultra Marathon Canoe Races in the World.

The Classic Canoe Marathon World Series recognises the role that these unique competitions have had in developing the number of elite, recreational and social paddlers enjoying canoe sport today.

The Series combines the thrill and enjoyment of head to head racing with the sense of achievement that these events have, whether they be racing down rivers or across lakes, mastering the challenge of the elements all combined with river obstacles, rapids, wind waves and weirs.

The new series brings together the individual challenge that each race has to offer without seeking to change the unique identity and operation of the diverse competitions.

The series will highlight the importance of these established races in the International Marathon calendar.

At the end of the 2011 series champions will be declared in three categories of men's kayak singles, women's kayak singles and men canoe singles. It is hoped that the introduction of a money prize for each of these champions will add to the attraction and enjoyment of the races.

The rules for the series are attached to this newsletter.

For 2011 the following competitions have been selected:

No	DATES	RACE / Website	COUNTRY
1	8-15 January	Rio Negro Canoe Marathon www.regatadelrionegro.com.ar	Argentina
2	17-19 February	Dusi Marathon www.dusi.org.za	South Africa
3	16 April	Waterland Marathon www.kvviking.nl/2009/en/amsterdam-waterland-marathon.html	Netherlands
4	22-25 April	Devizes to Westminster www.dwrace.org.uk	Great Britain
5	6 August	Descent of the River Sella www.descensodelsella.com	Spain
6	6-7 August	Avon Descent www.lifesavingwa.com.au	Australia
7	13 August	Dalsland Canoe Marathon www.kanotmaraton.se	Sweden
8	8 October	Cesky Krumlov River Marathon www.krumlovskymaraton.com	Czech Republic
9	16 October	Adige Marathon www.adigemarathon.it	Italy
10	12 November	Marathon de l'Ardeche www.marathon-ardeche.com	France

CORRECTION OF DATES FOR 2011 CANOE MARATHON COMPETITIONS

The dates mentioned in Newsletter 2/2010 were incorrect. This is the correct information:

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – ST. JEAN DE LOGNE, FRANCE

Dates: 22-24 July, 2011 - Website: www.saintjeancanoe2011.com

The 2011 ICF competitions are still these:

WORLD CUP 1 – ROME, ITALY

Dates: 25-26 June, 2011 - Website: www.canoemarathonroma.com (not running yet)

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – SINGAPORE

Dates: 21-23 October, 2011 - Website: www.canoemarathon2011.org

REMINDER - ITOS FOR THE 2011 COMPETITIONS

This is a reminder of the time limits for nominations of international officials for 2011.

For the Rome World Cup and the Singapore World Championships the time limit is 1st January 2011:

Please remind your national federation that according to the rules the nominations must be sent to the chairman of the technical committee (cronberg@online.no) with a copy to the ICF office.

For the **European Championships in St. Jean de Logne, France**, the time limit is 15th January 2011. Nominations should be sent to me with a copy to the ECA office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

I wish to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have been actively involved with international canoe marathon racing for your contribution to the successful development of our sport.

I wish you all a very

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2011

Looking forward to meeting many of you in the coming season, I send you my
Kind regards,

Jorn Cronberg



ICF 2011 CLASSIC CANOE MARATHON WORLD SERIES

ICF CLASSIC CANOE MARATHON WORLD SERIES Rules 2011

The objectives of the Classic Canoe Marathon World Series is to bring Internationally recognised long distance competitions to a larger audience by attracting elite paddlers, world media and increase spectator interest. The elite class runs simultaneously alongside existing event formats.

1. Qualification

Entry to the ICF Marathon Classic World Series is open to all male and female athletes who are members of clubs under a national federation affiliated to the ICF.

The World series classes are:

K1 Men
K1 Women
C1 Men

2. Race selection

Venues for races in the World Series may vary from year to year in consultation with event organisers. The World Series programme will be decided by the ICF Canoe Marathon Committee. Races must comply with the ICF Canoe Marathon Racing Rules to be eligible for the overall Series standing. Races will, wherever possible, be spread geographically.

Any race approved for the World Series of the year will have to pay EUR 600 towards the prize prizes for the series.

3. Start line ranking

A ranking will be established to give priority to the best ranked paddlers at the start line. The ranking list for the start line will be updated after every second race (race two, race four, race six and so on) of the current season.

4. Programme

In 2011 the World Series is anticipated to consist of 10 races. The overall winner will be decided by the results of the 3 best races in the complete Series.

5. Points

Points towards the overall result will be awarded to the first 30 finishers in the three classes, according to the following formula:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	100	7th	36	13th	20	19th	12	25th	6
2nd	80	8th	32	14th	18	20th	11	26th	5
3rd	60	9th	29	15th	16	21st	10	27th	4
4th	50	10th	26	16th	15	22nd	9	28th	3
5th	45	11th	24	17th	14	23rd	8	29th	2
6th	40	12th	22	18th	13	24th	7	30th	1

In the event of a dead-heat between two competitors the points for the places will be added together and divided by two (e.g. in a dead-heat for 1st and 2nd places, both athletes will receive $(100+80)/2 = 90$ points).

Organisers must submit results in Excel format within 3 days after the competition to ICF Canoe Marathon Committee.

Where points are equal, the leader (or winner) will be the athlete having won the larger number of races. In case of a tie, second places will be taken into account, and so on to third and fourth places until the overall winner is determined. In the event that all places are equal, the winner will be determined by position in the final race.

6. Prizes

Overall trophies will be provided for the winner of each of the three classes. Each of the overall winners will receive a money prize of EUR 1,000, the second EUR 500, and the third EUR 300.

Trophies and money prizes will be awarded at a time to be determined. Money prizes will be paid ONLY to athletes.

7. Technical Delegates

The Technical Delegates for races in the World Series will be appointed by the ICF Canoe Marathon Committee in cooperation with the organiser chosen from officials carrying a valid International Canoe Marathon Official certificate.

The technical delegate has the duty to verify the results before sending them to the ICF Canoe Marathon Committee.

8. Entries

Race entries will be submitted directly to the race organizing committee according to the ICF rules.

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