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NEWSLETTER FOR CANOE MARATHON RACING

for national team managers and officials

The Canoe Marathon Committee has met recently and discussed how to improve ICF competitions based on Congress decisions and the experience gathered.

NEW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION PROGRAMME

After Congress approval of 4 new classes for World Championships a new programme was needed. It was both a question of race distances and time schedule.

The race distances

The under 23 classes did not have a defined distance. The intention for introducing this age group was to try to make a progression from being a junior to becoming senior.

It was concluded that the distance for junior women and junior Canadians should be reduced from 5 to 4 laps to allow for the following progression;

NUMBER OF LAPS	Junior	U23	Senior
Women kayak	4	5	6
Men canadians	4	5	6
Men kayak	5	6	7

The championships time schedule

The following schedule for the 2009 World Championships was agreed;

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LAPS
Thursday	15:00	Team leaders meeting	
	19:00	Opening Ceremony	
Friday	09:30	K1 Men Juniors	5
	09:33	K1 Women Juniors	4
	09:40	C1 Men Juniors	4
	11:45	K1 Women u23	5
	11:50	C1 Men u23	5
	14:45	K1 Men u23	6
Saturday	17:00	Medal presentation	
	09:30	K2 Men Juniors	5
	09:33	K2 Women Juniors	4
	09:40	C2 Men Juniors	4
	11:45	K1 Women	6
	11:50	C1 Men	6
Sunday	14:45	K1 Men	7
	17:30	Medal presentation	
	10:00	K2 Women	6
	10:05	C2 Men	6
	13:00	K2 Men	7
	15:15	Medal presentation	
	15:45	Closing Ceremony	

COMPETITORS WHO HAVE BEEN LAPPED

The committee discussed the potential for paddlers who have been lapped to finish the race and not complete the whole course like it is seen in other sports.

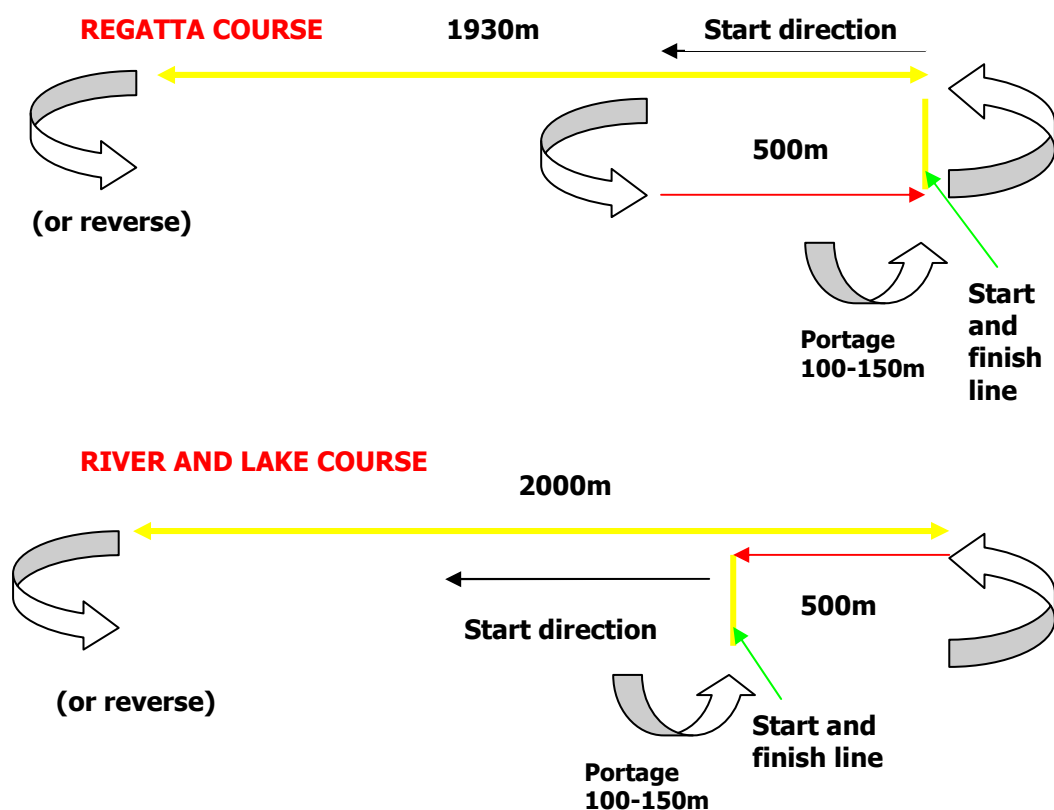
It was agreed not to have any change this year, but that it should be deferred to further **discussion** at the Team Leaders Forum at the Crestuma World Championships in September 2009.

COURSE CONCEPT

It was agreed that there would be two possible course concepts for Championships. Both will have start, finish and portage at the same place.

One for regatta courses of 1930m between the turns with 150m turns and one short last lap of 500m between the last turn and the finish. For Kayak Men this will mean a total distance of 30.1 km for the 7 laps. See table above for laps of the other classes.

The second concept would be for river and lake courses and would be the same overall distance but with no short last lap as per the drawings below.



WORLD CUP RULES

It was decided to increase the maximum number of entries for juniors from 3 to 4.

For any race to be included in the point's calculation there would need to be a minimum of 3 boats from 2 nations, see enclosed updated rules for 2009.

INFORMATION ABOUT 2009 ICF COMPETITIONS

Bulletin for the World Cup in Copenhagen 13-14 June has been sent to the National Federations, and for the World Championships 18-20 September it is on its way.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS FOR ICF COMPETITIONS

We are pleased that we receive many nominations of people who wish to help being officials. We are not always able to appoint all the nominations we receive, and we hope for your understanding.

The following officials have been recommended for the World Cup in Copenhagen.

Chief Official	Jorn Cronberg	ICF
Technical Official	Lau Larsen	DEN
Safety Officer	Alan Laws	ICF
Starter	Ruud Heijsselaar	ICF
Chief Finish Line	Alan Laws	ICF
	Pedro Alegre	ICF
Chief Course Umpire	Tom Hirschoff	AUS
Course Umpires	Han Faas	NED
	Georgy Denes	HUN
	Peter Janza	HUN
	Nina Mortensen	DEN
	Jan Bache-Wiig	NOR
	Brian Chapman	GBR
	Salvador Fontana Esteve	ESP
	Willem Wijdekop	NED
	Marja Wijdekop	NED
Chief Raft Marshall	Christine Laws	GBR
Raft Marshalls	Ria Faas	NED
Commentator	Stefan Gustafsson	ICF

The following officials have been recommended for the World Championships in Crestuma.

Chief Official	Jorn Cronberg	ICF
Technical Official	Jose Sousa	POR
Safety Officer	Alan Laws	ICF
Starter	Ruud Heijsselaar	ICF
Chief Finish Line	Robin Belcher	ICF
	Pedro Alegre	ICF
Chief Course Umpire	Tim Cornish	ICF
Course Umpires	Stefan Gustafsson	ICF
	Birger Vik	NOR
	Tom Hirschoff	AUS
	Michal Haviar	SVK
	Georgy Denes	HUN
	Peter Janza	HUN
	Hugo Gomes	POR
	Han Faas	NED
	Jean Louis Oyon	FRA
	Yannick Marage	FRA
	Salvador Fontana Esteve	ESP
	Willem Wijdekop	NED
	Brian Chapman	GBR
Chief Raft Marshall	Christine Laws	GBR
Raft Marshalls	Stefano Zsigmond	ITA
	Antonio Peniche	POR
Commentators	Jim Rossiter	GBR
	Allan Billard	CAN

The ICF Board will make the final decision, and more details about both events will be sent directly to those selected when available.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

European Canoe Marathon Championships will be held this year in the town Ostroda in Poland near Warsaw and Gdansk.

A bulletin should be on its way to the national federations.

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Chief Course Umpire	Birger Vik	NOR
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	Geörgy Dénes	HUN
	Péter Janza	HUN
	Hugo Gomes	POR
	Antonio Peniche	POR
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Commentator		

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Kind regards,



Jorn Cronberg