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Official Invitation

Welcome to the ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships 2024 on Madeira Island! The Portuguese Canoeing Federation and the Madeira Regional Canoeing Association are honored to welcome the athletes who will participate in the 8th ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships 2024 and 1st ever Canoeing World Championships in Madeira Island.

Racing World Championships 2024 to the island of Madeira. This is a historic event, and we are excited to share our island's beauty and challenging waters with the hundreds of talented athletes from around the world!

The island of Madeira, with its spectacular coastline and varied ocean conditions, provides the perfect setting for this exciting event. The vast experience of the Portuguese Canoeing Federation and the Madeira Regional Canoeing Association – who have played a key role in promoting and organising several championships both at European and World level – will ensure that athletes feel at home, exploring the unique challenges and the natural wonders that our island has to offer.

May this ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships 2024 be marked not only by intense competition, but also by camaraderie and the discovery of the cultural and natural richness of Madeira. Good luck to all participants, and help to strengthen sporting ties between nations as we celebrate the passion for sea sports together.

May the island of Madeira be the stage for unforgettable memories and notable achievements.

Good competition!

FPC President

Vitor Felix

ARCM President

Viriato Timóteo



MADEIRA

The perfect retreat for sporting adventures in nature.

Located in the heart of the Atlantic Ocean, Madeira Island, has been awarded “Best Island Destination” in Europe and the World on innumerable occasions. The island dazzles with an incredible color palette and natural beauty that captivates the senses of all who visit.



This “Pearl of the Atlantic” (as it is also known) is an undeniable invitation to nature lovers, offering a unique setting of lush subtropical mountains that contrast with the deep blue of the Atlantic.

For Sea Canoeing and Surfski enthusiasts in particular, Madeira Island is a wildlife paradise. The crystal-clear oceans provide ideal conditions for practicing these sports. From serene sea views to challenging coastal waves, the diversity of maritime conditions satisfies both beginners and the more experienced. Glide through the waters framed by imposing cliffs, explore secret caves and be enchanted by the unique marine biodiversity. The warm waters of the island of Madeira are the home to an abundance of aquatic species, such as dolphins, whales and turtles, offering an exciting spectacle for marine life lovers! While on the ocean, it is possible to witness the elegance of these giants of the sea, creating memories that will last forever!

The region, has also staged the European and World Championships in various sports, such as underwater diving, due to its richness in endemic wildlife species. Among its natural treasures, the sea lion “*Monachus monachus*” stands out, a species that still faces the threat of extinction, but which finds refuge in Atlantic waters, with the region being one of the last strongholds for this species.

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These archipelagos not only offer a stunning setting for sporting activities such as sea kayaking and underwater diving, but they are also home to unique biological diversity. The commitment of the Portuguese Canoeing Federation and the Madeira Regional Canoeing Association to hold competitions in these waters, highlights the importance of preserving and enhancing the natural heritage of this region. At the same time, awareness for the preservation of the native sea lion and other threatened species, highlights the collective responsibility in protecting the marine and terrestrial environment of these Atlantic islands. In fact, Madeira has the largest marine area in Europe with total protection, with some areas of the coast of Madeira Island classified as a natural reserve and the Selvagens islands.

In addition to the exciting water activities, Madeira captivates with its breathtaking trails, which “tear through” lush forests, such as its “Levadas” - a candidate for UNESCO World Cultural Heritage - which go deep into the Laurissilva Forest. In fact, the island of Madeira is a proud guardian of this environmental heritage of inestimable importance, as the Laurissilva forest, which is around 20 million years old, dates back to the Miocene and Pliocene periods of the Tertiary Era. This humid and subtropical “living fossil”, is mainly composed of species endemic to Macaronesia. It is a vast ecosystem that houses a diverse fauna and flora, where trees stand out, many of them centuries-old, from the Lauraceae family (to which the Laurissilva forest owes its name). Considered by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site in 1999, the Laurissilva forest is a unique natural treasure. Walk along the paths and Levadas that cross it and enjoy the privilege of connecting to this green spot in the middle of the Ocean.

After a day of adventure, discover the local cuisine much appreciated by tourists, as traditional flavors mix with contemporary influences from an island region with over 600 years of history to embrace. Explore the island of Madeira, where nature merges with the excitement of ocean Canoeing, Surfskiing and whale watching. Discover a paradise that celebrates the harmony between man and nature, providing a unique experience in the heart of the Atlantic.



Dates & Schedules

ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships will take place in the window between 04th to 06th of October 2024.

April 1st 2024

Opening of the online registration.

24th September 2024

Closing of nominal entries.

28th September 2024

Reception of the athletes
Accreditation office opens

29th September 2024

Funny Warm Up Madeira SurfskiLifesaving
on the North Island Coast.

2nd October 2024

Official Training Morning Group #1, #2, #3
Official Training Afternoon Group #4, #5, #6

3rd October 2024

Short-Race – ICF Canoe Ocean
Racing World Championships.
Opening Ceremony

Friday to Sunday 4th to 6th October 2024

Competition Day (Window Period).

Sunday 6th October 2024

Official Dinner.
Closing Ceremony.



Classes & Categories

Official categories:

World Championships Title Categories:

MSS-1	Men Senior Surfski single
WSS-1	Women Senior Surfski single
U23MSS-1	Under 23 Men Surfski single
U23WSS-1	Under 23 Women Surfski single
JMSS-1	Junior Men Surfski single
JWSS-1	Junior Women Surfski single
MSS-1	Men Master Surfski single
WSS-1	Women Master Surfski single
XSS-2	Mix Open Surfski double
XSS-2	Mix Under 23 Surfski double
XSS-2	Mix Junior Surfski double
XSS-2	Mix Master Surfski double

Non official categories:

Non Championships Title categories:

MSS-2	Men Senior Surfski double
WSS-2	Women Senior Surfski double
MSS-2	Men Under 23 Surfski double
WSS-2	Women Under 23 Surfski double
MSS-2	Men Junior Surfski double
WSS-2	Women Junior Surfski double
MSS-2	Men Master Surfski double
WSS-2	Women Master Surfski double
OC-6	Open Mix
OC-1	Open

(For masters, Age group categories beginning from age group 35-39 and increase upwards in 5-year age brackets).

Races will be divided in two days, being one day for all SS1 categories and other day for all SS2, OC-6 and OC-1. Preference will be given to the SS1 category in the window period of conditions. SS2 race will preferably be done after the SS1 race.

In each day, all categories will compete at the same time, with gap start times of 5 to 10 minutes between groups of different categories if needed.



Organising Committee

The Organising Committee is headed by members of the Portuguese Canoe Federation and the **Regional Association of Madeira**. A special workforce inside **Portuguese Canoe Federation** was created to plan and organise this event.

- Project Manager & Technical Organiser: Marcos Oliveira, Amândio Marques
- Technical & Project Support & Logistics: Madalena Marques, Humberto Fernandes
- Finance - Nuno Tavares, Marco Cardoso
- Human Resources & Volunteers: André Almeida, Marco Freitas
- Accreditation & Protocol: Andreia Oliveira, Madalena Marques
- Transportation & Accommodation: Andreia Oliveira, Nélio Marques
- Media & Press - Fábio Pereira, Nídia Ferreira, Humberto Fernandes, Marcos Alves da Mota, John Kavanagh
- Creativity & Design: Tiago Pinho, Marco Cardoso
- Logistics & Production Management: Juliana Dias, Amândio Marques, Marco Cardoso
- Safety: Alexandre Brazão

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Course & Venue

ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships will take place in the south of Madeira Island in a downwind 20-29km course.

“Course A” Machico - Funchal 20 km

No other start or finish positions are planned.

All start and finishes are planned to be in water.



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“Course B” Calheta-Funchal 29 km

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All entries must be made online through the website canoeoceanracingportugal.com and must be made individually.

Entries for official ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championship title must be confirmed by each National Federation, using the SDP system from ICF: <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/main.jsp>

Anyone having issues accessing the system or with the entries should contact ICF HQ at sdp@canoeicf.com To confirm the entries made in the official events, each National Federation must enter those boats in the SDP system, in the same category.

The lack of confirmation may lead to the loss of the ICF title by that participant. Special rules apply to Juniors competing in under23 category. In their first year the athlete can compete in International Competition if it's the year of his/her 15th birthday. The last year that a competitor can compete in the Junior category in the year of his/her 18th birthday. The last year that a competitor can compete in the U23 category in the year of his/her 23rd birthday. In all other categories, there is no need for confirmation from National Federations. There is no limit of entries per country in any of the categories.

Deadline for entries in the official website and SDP is 24th September 2024

According to ICF request, each participant (including masters), will need to provide a letter from their federation, guaranteeing that the athlete is competent to paddle in extreme open ocean conditions.



Participation Fee

The participating fee to compete in the ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championship is fixed at 135€.

The participating fee includes:

- Accreditation Card and access to competition areas
- Race bag (water bottle, race t-shirt, boat sticker and bib)
- Security service at the venue
- Boat storage space and security
- Medical assistance at the venue during the week of the event (only 1st aid support)
- Boat transportation to the start area for the main event and official trainings
- GPS tracker for the competition (to be returned after the race)
- Priority for early registrations
- Official dinner
- Boat transport from main land (Portugal) to Madeira island and return

The event is divided in two race days and if the same athlete wants to compete in both days in two different categories, there will be one extra fee of 35€; To take part in the

official trainings an extra 20€ fee has to be paid; To take part in ICF Short Race an extra 15€ fee has to be paid; To take part in the lifesaving competition a 30€ fee has to be paid (LS boat will be provided). The organisation will provide a list of accommodation, restaurants and rent-a-car services for those interested.

Booking and payments are participants responsibility.

More Info at:

madeiraoceanchallenge.pt





Boat Transportation

The local transportation of the boats, from the Headquarters to the start area, will be provided free of charge as it is included in the participation fee. This will be made by independent trailers from the participants transportation.

More information will be provided in the days prior to the race day.

The transportation of the boats to Madeira Island needs to be done by water, using a specific and hired service between the main land (Portugal) and the island.

This service will be provided and is included in the participating fee but with limited slots available in order of arrival.

The boats must be delivered at the Portuguese Canoe Federation, in Vila Nova de Gaia, before 13th of September (Friday) and can be collected from 30th of September (Monday) at event headquarters (date to be confirmed).

Boats will be travelling inside containers and accommodated in racks to avoid any problems.

The organisation will assure the transportation of all boats using this service.

The boats can be collected by each participant, after they are placed in the Headquarters boat racks area.

The return of the boats will happen from the Headquarters. Each participant must place his/her boat in a specific area, to be announced a few days previous to the race day.

The transportation of the boats to the start area for training and actual championship race will be done by trailers.

All participants are requested to secure his/her boat in the trailers available.

Boat Rental

Boat brands and manufactures will open rental services in the upcoming months for those that prefer to use a rental boat to compete at the World Championships.

Security during the Competition & Training

- Life Jacket is mandatory in every session in the ocean.
- Leash, the ITOs together with the HOC can decide before each session whether the usage of the leash is mandatory.
- GPS tracker is mandatory for the Race Day and it will be given at the ID control, at the start area, starting 2 hours before the start of the race time.
- During the competition it is also mandatory to wear the official BIB provided by the organisation.
- No Athlete can access the starting grid without this bib.

Anti-Doping

The Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships will follow ICF rules and anti-doping tests will be conducted during the competition. These will be carried out in a specific room inside the headquarters.

Visa

All participants are kindly requested to contact the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate regarding any visa requirements. When required the organising committee will help the participant in matter of issuing the visas. Please send your requests to marcos@canoeportugal.com

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