

## **Request for Bids to Host 2014 National Events Team Trials, Jr. Team Trials, and the National Championships**

Bids are being requested from race organizing committees to host the 2014 USA Wildwater National Championships, Western US Wildwater Junior Team Trials and the 2015 USA Wildwater Team Trials, east and west (2 races). Organizers should choose the wildwater event(s) that they are best suited to host and bid on the selected event(s).

Bids should be submitted in writing via email in the format described below to the Interim Wildwater Chairman, Tom Wier (wierc1@yahoo.com) by October 31st 2013. A decision will be made on the location and date of these races and made public no later than November 30th 2013.

### **BACKGROUND:**

All venues will need to be able to host at least one sprint race and one "classic" race. A sprint racecourse should be from 400m to 800m in length (or approximately 80-150 seconds in duration). A "classic" race should not exceed 30 minutes (and is normally 12-30 minutes in length). All races must be on a minimum of Class II whitewater, with rapids not exceeding Class IV. Continuous or long rapid sections are desirable and each race should include at least one rapid of Class III or Class IV whitewater. See below for exact requirements for each event.

USA Wildwater National Championships are normally held in the spring (March-May), Western Junior Team Trials in March and April, and 2015 USA Wildwater Team Trials should be held in the late summer or early fall (August-October).

National level events are ideally held in conjunction with major river festivals and races already occurring, but bids from other locations will be accepted as well.

### **2014 WILDWATER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The USA National Championships will be conducted to select the USA National Junior and Senior Wildwater Champions for 2014. The location at which Nationals is held should attempt to maximize participation in all classes with consideration given to the level of difficulty, school schedules and also consideration to the geographic distribution of wildwater paddlers in the USA. Optimal dates are in April through early June, though other dates will be considered.

The National Championships consists of one classic and one sprint race, ideally on separate days.

### **2014 WESTERN SENIOR TEAM TRIALS**

The 2014 Western Senior Team Trials will be conducted in order to select half of our senior national team for 2014. Eastern Senior Team Trials has already taken place. The top two boats in each class will be selected to the team. This year, the team will be traveling to Valtellina, Italy, for the Sprint and Classic World Championship.

Western senior team trials should be held during the months of March or April of 2014. Team trials will consist of one classic race and one sprint race. Ideally, this event would be held in conjunction with Western Junior Team Trials.

### **WESTERN WILDWATER JUNIOR TEAM TRIALS**

The Western USA Wildwater Junior Team Trials 2014 will be conducted in order to select half of our junior national team for 2014. Eastern Junior Team Trials has already taken place. As of September 1, 2013, there is no international junior race on the ICF calendar, so the junior team may not travel in 2014.

Team Trials should be held during the months of March or April. Junior team trials consists of one sprint and one classic race.

### **2015 WILDWATER NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS, EAST AND WEST**

The 2015 Wildwater Team Trials is the selection race for the 2015 US senior wildwater team. In 2015, the team will be able to travel to Vienna, Austria for the 2015 ICF Sprint World Championships (held June 22-28, 2015).

There will be one team trials race in the eastern US and one in the western US. The wildwater committee is seeking bids for both races. Bids will be accepted for these races with dates in the fall of 2014 (August-October) or spring of 2015 (March-April).

The wildwater committee also asks that any organization that bids for 2015 Senior Team Trials also consider holding Junior Team Trials for 2015 in conjunction with the senior race, though this is not an absolute requirement for a successful bid. If your organization can host a high quality combined junior and senior team trials please submit a bid.

Team trials this year consists of two sprint races and one classic race. Both sprint races may be on the same course, but it is preferable that they be on different courses.

### **SANCTIONING/INSURANCE REQUIRMENTS**

All 2014 USA Wildwater national level events must sanctioned by USA Canoe/Kayak. For race organizers, this means that you must purchase insurance for the event through USACK who provides very cost effective insurance and is committed to helping paddle-sports. For more information contact Gerald Baboa (Gerald@usack.org).

### **SUPPORT PROVIDED BY USA WILDWATER**

USA Wildwater will provide the following support to event organizers as needed:

- Race course selection advice
- Safety recommendations
- Spreadsheets for calculation of official results
- Support in determining overall results
- Event publicity
- Electronic distribution of entry forms

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANIZER**

- Preparation of entry forms
- Organization of a pre-race meeting
- Organization of Boat Control (Team Trails only)
- Provision of reliable start and finish timers, and posting of results each day
- Provision of safety cover in sections of the river where self rescue may be difficult
- Organization of a post race meeting to announce results and have team members meet to do paperwork
- Organization of press coverage to showcase the premier wildwater racing events in the USA

### **REQUIRED BID INFORMATION**

Organizations desiring to host one or more of the events must respond in writing to [wierc1@yahoo.com](mailto:wierc1@yahoo.com) with the following information by October 31st:

1. Event(s) being bid on:
2. Proposed dates:
3. Name of race organizer (including details of races organized in the past):
4. Name of River:
5. Location of nearest town and distance from the river for lodging and race meetings:
6. Nearest major airport (and distance):
7. Description of the river that contains the following information:
  - a. Section of the river where the events will be held
  - b. Average flow and rating of rapids
  - c. Water control (dam or natural flow)
  - d. Accessibility (user fees or special access required)
  - e. Length of course
  - f. Details of river shuttle
  - g. River traffic (Commercial rafting and/or play boaters)
  - h. Amount of water time for practice
  - i. Average weather at time of race
  - j. Description of other wildwater or downriver races normally held on this section of river
8. Number of know paddlers regularly racing wildwater in the area and the anticipated turnout from these paddlers (or the number of racers that attended wildwater races in the past)
9. Any other information that may relate the Team Trials event (Is the trials to be part of another regular local event, or is there other event activities information that you would like us to consider?)

Please direct any questions and all responses to Tom Wier ([wierc1@yahoo.com](mailto:wierc1@yahoo.com)) no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.