



ICF WILDWATER WORLD CUP 2009



TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA



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The Proposal

October 19-23 Free Practice
Upper Mersey

**October 24 World Cup 1 (classic)
Upper Mersey**

**October 25 World Cup 2 (rapid sprint)
Upper Mersey**

October 26-27 Free Practice
Echo Valley

**October 28 World Cup 3 (classic)
Echo Valley**

October 30-31 Free Practice
Brady's

**November 1 World Cup 4 (rapid sprint)
Brady's**

November 2-3 Free Practice
Wayatinah

**November 4 World Cup 5 (classic)
Wayatinah**

November 7 Free Practice
Cataract Gorge

**November 8 World Cup 6 (rapid sprint)
Cataract Gorge**

Notes about the Proposal

The program is a proposal that is subject to change, however the proposed World Cup series dates, October 24 – November 8, have been chosen as a time when water is available and weather is reasonably warm. It is mid-spring in Tasmania.

All of the proposed race courses have controlled water flow.

Three of the proposed courses are established race venues. The other courses are expected to be suitable. They have not been used for races before, however they have been paddled in racing kayaks.

Three additional venues, within close proximity to the proposed courses, will also be investigated in the next 12 months. The final race venues will be determined 12 months in advance after trial water releases.

Hydro Tasmania, the electricity generation company for Tasmania, has agreed to provide water releases for the World Cup and will assist us by providing special releases to investigate the race potential of these other courses.

World Cup Races 1,2 and 3 are on the same river.

World Cup Race venues 4 and 5 are 35km apart.

World Cup Race 6 is in the centre of the city of Launceston.

Driving time between the World Cup venues is no more than three hours.

Tasmania

Tasmania is the island state of Australia and lies 240km south of mainland Australia, across Bass Strait.

Tasmania has a population of 400,000 people, with most of them living in the capital city of Hobart.

The average summer temperature in Hobart is 21.5°C.

The island is renowned for its natural beauty, including rugged mountains, wild rivers, temperate rainforest and endless beaches.

Over 20% of Tasmania is included in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

Many unusual animals are found in Tasmania, including the Tasmanian Devil.

Tasmania is famous for its fine food and wine.

Tasmania has the World's cleanest air – as measured by the Cape Grim Air Monitoring Station in North-West Tasmania.

Our paddling water is drinkable.



Travel

Many international airlines fly directly to Melbourne, Australia.

Tasmania has major airports in Launceston and Hobart and is just a one hour flight from Melbourne.

An overnight passenger and car ferry sails between Melbourne and Devonport every day.

Hire cars, vans and buses are available in Tasmania and in Melbourne.

Limited numbers of kayaks can be transported to Tasmania on some flights.

Assistance with kayak transport from Tullamarine International Airport (Melbourne) to Tasmania will be provided on request by the event organisers. Trailers of kayaks will be taken to Tasmania by overnight ferry.

The driving time from Launceston Airport or the Devonport ferry terminal to the first race venue is 1.5 hours.



Race Venues

Two sections of the Mersey River will be used for World Cup Races 1,2 and 3. These two river sections are interconnected with lakes. The Upper Mersey flows out of Lake Rowallan and into Lake Parangana. Echo Valley flows out of Lake Parangana. This connected river and lake system provides an excellent racing and training venue with minimal travel.

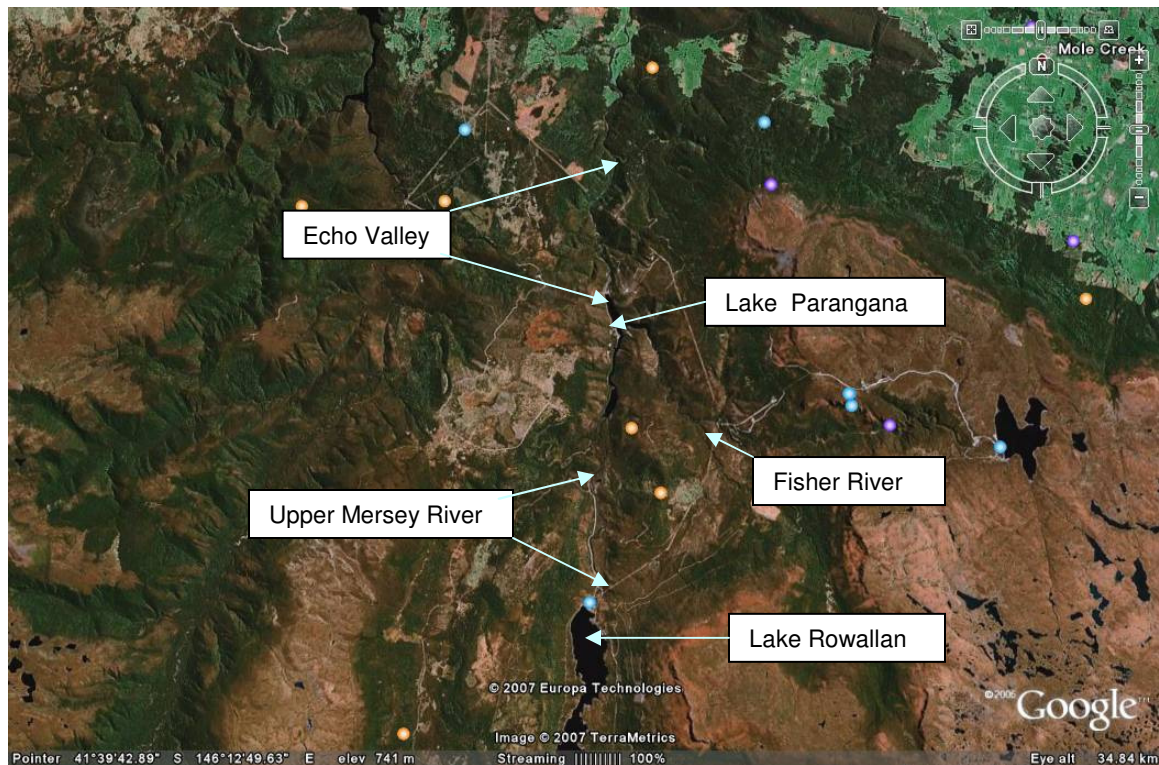
A third river – the Fisher River- also flows into Lake Parangana, providing an alternative race venue and recreational paddling opportunity.

Upper Mersey

- The Upper Mersey River has been used for Australian Wildwater Championships and national selection races since 1974.
- Grade 3, continuous low volume technical whitewater flowing through a forest reserve
- Excellent access, with a road running beside the river
- Lakes above and below the race course for warm-up and training
- Classic course record: 13:04
- Sprint Course record: 1:35

Echo Valley

- Grade 3, continuous waves and one larger technical rapid towards the end.
- This section is steeper and longer than the Upper Mersey.
- Estimated classic race time: 17 minutes



Race Venues

Brady's

- Grade 4, very steep, fast water, powerful stoppers
- Brady's is an artificial whitewater canal that connects two lakes
- Brady's has been used as a slalom course for Australian Championships and national team selection venue since 1974
- National Wildwater Team selection rapid sprint races have been held there since 2004
- It is generally recognized as being the most challenging rapid sprint and slalom course in Australia
- Excellent access
- Located at high altitude in the centre of Tasmania, making it subject to changeable weather – it can snow in summer
- Estimated race time: 1:00



Brady's

Wayatinah

- Grade 3-4, continuous large waves, two major rapids
- Wayatinah is a section of the Derwent River and flows between two lakes
- Good access, with a road running fairly close to the river
- Has been paddled in racing kayaks, but not used for a race yet
- Estimated race time: 18 minutes

Cataract Gorge

- Grade 4, spectacular gorge
- Cataract Gorge is the showpiece of whitewater in Tasmania – it flows right into the centre of the city of Launceston and is set in parklands and natural bush
- The Cataract Extreme Kayak Race and the Australian Whitewater Rafting Championships are held there every two years.
- The race may be set on an easy section of whitewater for safety



Cataract Gorge, Launceston

Accommodation

Three accommodation places will be required:

- Accommodation for WC races 1,2 and 3
- Accommodation for WC races 4 and 5
- Accommodation for WC race 6

World Cups 1,2 and 3

North – West Tasmania

- A wide range of accommodation can be found in Gowrie Park, Sheffield, Mole Creek, Lake Barrington.
- All accommodation is 40-45 minutes drive to the race venue, however some facilities are available at the Upper Mersey for day use. This travel time has never presented issues during Australian Championships held at the Upper Mersey – the roads are good, traffic is low and the scenery is fantastic.

World Cups 4 and 5

Central Tasmania

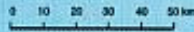
- Accommodation is available at Bronte Park, Derwent Bridge, Lake St Clair, Tarraleah, Wayatinah, Ouse
- These are small towns that exist for tourists
- All accommodation is 10-45 minutes drive to the race venues.

World Cup 6

Northern Tasmania

- A very wide range of accommodation is available in Launceston, with some places very close to Cataract Gorge.
- All accommodation is 5-15 minutes drive to the race venue.

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Upper Mersey and Echo Valley
WC 1,2,3

Cataract Gorge
WC 6

Brady's
WC 4

Wayahtinah
WC 5



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Lead-up Events

November 18- December 8, 2007

International Wildwater Training Camp, Tasmania, various venues

December 8, 2007

International Wildwater Race, Upper Mersey

Other dates to be advised

World Cup Organising Committee

Andrea McQuitty – Development Officer Canoe Tasmania

Dave Gray – Chair, Australian Canoeing Wildwater Committee

John Borojevic – Chair, Canoe Tasmania Inc

Ben Maynard – Wildwater Athlete

Andrea McQuitty competed as an Australian representative in Wildwater World Championships and World Cup Races between 1985 and 1995. She is a director of the company that organises a four day international mountain-bike race, Wildside MTB, and the Teva Cataract Extreme Kayak Race, both of which involve adventure sports in Tasmania's wild and beautiful places.

John Borojevic and Dave Gray are both wildwater paddlers with significant experience in running Australian Wildwater Championships in Tasmania.

Ben Maynard has competed in Wildwater World Championships and World Cups since the Junior Worlds in 2000. He is currently one of Australia's fastest wildwater paddlers and brings excellent organisational skills to the committee.

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