

News Update 4

58 entries from 12 nations have arrived so far for the 2009 Hydro Tasmania ICF Wildwater World Cup.

The entry form for national federations is available on the event website at

www.wildwatertasmania@canoe.org.au

Entries should be sent to: tasmania2009@canoe.org.au

MEANDER RIVER - WORLD CUP RACE 5



"The best wildwater race course in the World."

Ben Maynard—Australian Wildwater Team member

Below the mountains, flowing from a lake, is Tasmania's new wildwater race course—the Meander River.

- Grade 3-4 whitewater, technical rapids and big waves
- Huntsman Lake just above the race start
- Short shuttle
- Close to towns
- Spectacular setting in forest, below the Great Western Tiers
- Race time approximately 18 minutes



Water in the Meander River is kindly provided by Tasmanian Irrigation Schemes.

October 24 – November 7 Tasmania, Australia

Accommodation

For all accommodation, contact Andrea

Email: tasmania2009@canoe.org.au

HIRE CAR and TRAVEL

Stage and Screen Travel Services

Gareth Parrington

Email: gparrington@stageandscreen.com.au

Discounted travel, car hire and freight for sports travel. More information on World Cup website.

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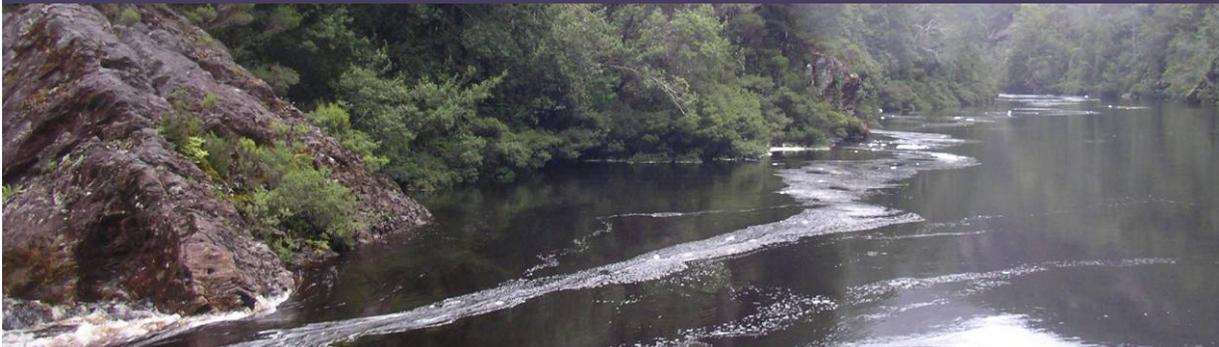
Maps

Maps of Tasmania and race locations are now available on the event website.

Follow the MAPS link.



www.discovertasmania.com



Franklin River, South West Tasmania
Wild Rivers National Park

Visa Information

All visitors to Australia require a Visa, except residents of NZ.

Many travel agents will organise this for you, however if you need to organise your own Visa, the following website will help:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/>

WORLD MASTERS RACES

October 24—25
Mersey River



World Masters Race
Entry Form is now
available on the event
website.

www.wildwatertasmania.canoe.org.au

Email: tasmania2009@canoe.org.au

QUARANTINE INFORMATION

BEFORE YOUR BOAT LEAVES YOUR COUNTRY

1. **WASH** your boat and paddling gear in fresh water with 5% detergent or bleach.
2. **DRY** your boat and paddling gear completely—including the foam. It must be dry for 48 hours before it arrives in Tasmania.
3. **DOCUMENT** the wash and dry by bringing a letter from your canoe club or Federation with your boat that states you have washed and dried your gear.
4. **INFORM** the organisers of your boat's arrival details

WHY CLEAN AND DRY?

- Australia has very strict Biosecurity.
- Threat from the introduction of Didymo (Rock Snot)

WHAT IS DIDYMO?



Didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*), commonly called *Rock Snot*, is a freshwater alga that is widespread in the Northern Hemisphere. Although not present in Australia, it is considered a significant pest, being highly invasive, and is prohibited from entry to Tasmania. Didymo is made up of microscopic cells. It takes just one cell in a single drop of water to be spread. The cells attach to rocks and plants, multiplying quickly to form massive blooms that completely smother the river. These algal clumps adversely affect water quality, water life, and are a hazard for hydro electricity generation and paddling.

Didymo was recently discovered in New Zealand, where it has invaded a number of rivers in the South Island and is causing a major concern.

For more information: www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/quarantine

The organisers of the World Cup are working together with Quarantine in Tasmania to ensure the arrival of your boats is easy and safe. Please help us by following the steps above.