



Dear John and Andrea,

The USA Wildwater Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to Canoe Tasmania and Hydro Tasmania for hosting the 2009 Wildwater World Cup in Tasmania. The race organizers and volunteers were helpful and friendly and their excellent logistical skills in securing venues made each race run smoothly. In particular we want to mention the race change from the Meander to the Ouse as an example. Within a very short time of learning that the race on the Meander would not be possible, the organizers found an alternative venue, organized racers, volunteers, and safety boaters and arranged accommodation. All of this was accomplished with minimal change to our preparation for that next race.

Australian, and particularly Tasmanian, hospitality is well-known throughout the world but our Team learned of it firsthand. From the warm welcome from the Australian team members we received upon landing in Hobart on through each race, and all the way to our departure the US Team felt among friends and family with their local hosts. It was invaluable to have lodging accommodations made for us and each one fit our every need. We also appreciated the effort to organize social events. These felt like family reunions and provided ample opportunity to really get to know the wildwater racers from around the world. Communications were very good and we appreciated the updates and race results personally delivered to us! The entire experience began with the Hydro Tasmania website which provided invaluable information about races, venues, practice, places to stay, places to visit, and leisure activities. It was very helpful.

Attention to detail, helpful, friendly, and knowledgeable volunteers, and GREAT water made the 2009 Wildwater World Cup Races on the Mersey, Brady's, the Ouse and Cataract Gorge in Tasmania a fantastic experience. Please extend our gratitude and appreciation to all the race organizers, volunteers, and cooperating agencies and organizations that helped to make the 2009 Wildwater World Cup Races the best our athletes have attended! Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennie Goldberg".

for the USA Wildwater Committee and the 2009 USA World Cup Athletes:
Jennie Goldberg, Chris Norbury and Tom Wier