



# PADDLER UPDATE

August 2023

**Paddle  
VIC  
Marathon**

## World Championships

**28 August - 3 September 2023, Vejen, Denmark**

Our Australian junior, senior and masters team are over at the 2023 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships in Vejen, Denmark from 28 August to 3 September. Follow all the action and results:

- Event Website: <https://www.canoemarathon.dk>
- Event Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ICFMarathon2023/>
- Planet Canoe YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVagCjubko2x50KpYhnLsCQ>
- Timetable, Start lists and Results: <https://memosoft.spotfokus.com/en/events>
- PA News: <https://paddle.org.au/2023/08/25/canoe-marathon-world-championships-to-get-underway-in-denmark-next-week/>

## Northern Hemisphere Paddling

What have our Marathon paddlers been doing in the NH?

The **AuSable** (29-30 July) is a 120 mile canoe race from Grayling to Oscoda in Michigan, USA. With 114 entries it ran through the night and had multiple portages along the way. Steve Routley / James Miller finished 4th in the Seniors (47th overall) with a time of 16hr 34 min. Annete Boath / Frank Kingma unfortunately had to withdraw during the race due to illness.



*Photo: Stefan Tulloch*

The 85th **Sella Descent** (5 August), is a 20 km river race from Arriondas to Ribadesella in Asturias in northern Spain. With ~1500 competitors in 900 boats, in a single Le Mans style start on a narrow shallow river, the start was signalled by a shot from an artillery cannon. The lead boats got away cleanly, while the majority of others bump and crash into each other. The river is thick with boats for the first 4-5 km, before the field starts to spread, with small rapids and corners providing opportunity for further misadventure. Brianna Jones / Hannah Scott won the Women's U23 K2; Charlie Hewitt 16th & Luke McAndrew 44th in the Men's U23 K1; Brendan Rice / Steve Bird 18th, Jeremy Doney / William Lee 35th and John Young / Dominic Scarfe 65th in Men's Open K2.

The **Regata Internacional Rio de Villaviciosa** (6 August) is a 9 km flatwater race in an estuary with 148 paddlers in 103 boats. Brendan Rice / Steve Bird came in third place in the Open Men's K2, with Jeremy Doney / Will Lee 8th and John Young / Dominic Scarfe 4th in Vet Men's K2.

The **Regata Internacional del Carrion** (14 August) is a 9 km flatwater race of two laps on a river/dam, held high in the mountains in Velilla del Rio Carrion in Palencia. This year's event had 270 paddlers in 201 boats, crowded onto a narrow shallow river for a frenetic start where it is hard to find water to place your paddle and the wash and chop is considerable. Charlie Hewitt finished 7th in K1 M U23, Ben Hewitt, John Young and Dominic Scarfe, 5th, 12th and 13th respectively in the K1 M V50+, and Brendan Rice/Steve Bird and Jeremy Doney/Will Lee 12th and 13th in the K2 M Open.

The **Descenso Internacional del Pisuerga** (15 August) is a 17 km (14 km by GPS) race on the Rio Pisuerga ending in Alar del Rey in Palencia in northern Spain. The river is narrow and shallow, with five weirs along the way. This year's race had 200 paddlers in 156 boats with lots of wash. Charlie Hewitt placed 3rd in the K1 M U23 and Ben Hewitt, 2nd in K1 M V50, with Brendan Rice/Steve Bird just missing out on a podium place, coming 4th in K2 M Open after running aground just in front of the finish line, with Jeremy Doney/Will Lee in 8th and John Young/Dominic Scarfe 13th.

# Ready-to-Race Paddling Clinics & Bendigo Cup

**Saturday-Sunday, 23-24 September 2023, Bendigo Canoe Club, Lake Weeroona**

The Clinics (on the Saturday) are open to all ages. Singles or doubles. There is a limit of 50 paddlers, so register early (and before Friday 15 September). These clinics will cover wash-riding and portage and be a combination of theory plus on-water practice. Fees are \$20 for PV members. \$40 for non-PV members.

The Bendigo Cup (on the Sunday) is open to all ages & abilities. Kayaks, canoes, outriggers, sups, skis, sea kayaks, whitewater, touring & racing boats are most welcome. Singles or doubles. Fees are: Junior/U23 \$25; Adult (24-64yo) \$35; Adult (65+) \$30. Extra \$20 for non-PV members. Early bird entries by 8pm on 15 September (-\$5). Standard entries by 8pm on 22 September. Late entries (+\$20) until 12noon on 23 September. NO entries on the day.

**Registration:** <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=317406>

**Information flyer:** [https://vic.paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/07/PVM\\_2023\\_Race\\_Flyer\\_Bendigo\\_Cup.pdf](https://vic.paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/07/PVM_2023_Race_Flyer_Bendigo_Cup.pdf)



Race	Division	Distance	Laps
Bendigo Cup	Div 1-4	11.0 km	10 laps
Half Distance	Div 5-8	5.5 km	5 laps
Community FUN Paddle	Div 7b, 9-10	3.3 km	3 laps

## Echuca Mini

**Saturday, 14 October 2023, Barmah to Moama**

The Echuca Mini is a point-to-point race along the mighty Murray River from Barmah to Moama. There are 3 options available for paddlers: the 48km Barmah to Moama; or this same course but as a relay team; or a shorter 18km distance from Checkpoint C to Moama.

**Registration:** <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=321958>

**Information flyer:** [https://vic.paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/07/PVM\\_2023\\_Race\\_Flyer\\_Echuca\\_Mini.pdf](https://vic.paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/07/PVM_2023_Race_Flyer_Echuca_Mini.pdf)

Race	Distance	Laps
Long Course	48 km	Barmah to Moama
Relay	48 km	Barmah to Checkpoint B (12km) Checkpoint B to Checkpoint C (18km) Checkpoint C to Moama (18km)
Short Course	18 km	Checkpoint C to Moama

## Upcoming Races

Race Calendars, information flyers and registration links, are available on the PV Marathon website:

<https://vic.paddle.org.au/sample-page/competition/marathon/> then go to "Calendar & Race Registrations"

## Race Results

On the Paddle VIC Marathon website at:

<https://vic.paddle.org.au/sample-page/competition/marathon/> then the "Results" tab; or on Webscorer at: <https://www.webscorer.com/CVMarathon>

DATE/S	EVENT / RACE
23 Sep	Ready-to-Race Paddling Clinics, Bendigo
24 Sep	Bendigo Cup, Bendigo
14 Oct	Echuca Mini, Barmah to Moama
12 Nov	Salty TK and Rec Challenge, Footscray
9-10 Dec	Murray Triple Crown, Murray River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ben Ward Memorial, Yarrawonga to Cobram</li> <li>Thompsons Beach Circuit, Cobram</li> <li>Peaches &amp; Cream, Cobram to Tocumwal</li> </ul>
9 Dec	Paddle VIC Marathon Awards Night, Cobram



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