

American Canoe Association Open Canoe Slalom Nationals & North American Championships Bid 2012 – Nantahala Outdoor Center, Wesser, NC

Year: 2012

Location: Nantahala Outdoor Center, Wesser, NC

Dates: October 12-14, 2012

Race Chairpersons: MJ Simpson (mjsimpson765@gmail.com) and Wayne Dickert, (wayne.dickert@noc.com) Nantahala Outdoor Center.

Administration: MJ Simpson/Wayne Dickert

Registration: Nantahala Outdoor Center

Hosting Club or Organization, if applicable:

Nantahala Outdoor Center

Contact Name: Wayne Dickert

Address: 13077 Highway 19 W

Bryson City, NC 28713

Phone: 828.488.7285

website: www.noc.com

Please describe Timing and Scoring Method: Stopwatch or Electronic Timing with volunteer gate judges.

Safety Director: Wayne Dickert

Safety measures to be taken: The normal safety precautions will be followed including but not limited to having:

- Three boats remaining below the finish line
- One Rope Thrower above Nantahala Falls
- One Rope Thrower below Nantahala Falls
- Designated safety boat located below Nantahala Falls

Chief Judge and Judges: To be selected upon bid acceptance.

Sponsorship: Sponsorship will be sold upon bid acceptance. Dooley Tombras and Eli Helbert are sponsorship co-chairs.

Volunteers: NOC has a community of volunteers but racer's and family/friends will be needed to help round out the volunteer staff.

Course Designer: David Simpson and Phil Foti

Course Set-up: Team of Volunteers directed by Course Designers

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Description of course, including water conditions and degree of difficulty: Class II-III race starting above Nantahala Falls, and continuing through the falls to end below.

Anticipated Flow: Regular Nantahala River Flow (~700cfs)

Natural or Dam Release: Dam

The race is scheduled for the second weekend in October so that we may take advantage of the opportunity to race through Nantahala Falls (which the Forest Service does not allow from June-September). Gates can be put in place on Monday, Oct. 8, 2012, and available for practice at any time. Practice time ends Thursday evening.

Racing will begin daily at 11 am. A 1-hour break will be given between 1st and 2nd Runs.

The downriver event info:

The downriver portion of the Combined Event will be on held on the Friday afternoon (last event of the day) It will start at the put-in of the Lower Nantahala and continue downstream to NOC, for a total of 8 miles.

Address to which entries should be sent and amount of fees:

Nantahala Outdoor Center
13077 Highway 19 W
Bryson City, NC 28713

Fees: Our goal is a \$50 USD entry fee, which includes 2 classes. Additional Classes will be priced at \$10 each. \$10 USD bib deposit (refunded on bib return). Additional ACA event fees will be required for non-members.

NOTE: Our goal is to gain enough sponsorship and entry fees to warrant a lower than usual race fee, thus promoting the sport to new people. T-shirts are included for each registered racer.

A Saturday evening banquet at NOC will be available for \$15 per person.

Last date for entries to be postmarked: 10 Days prior to the event

Whether late entries will be accepted and conditions: On site until the Thursday prior to the event.

Classes to be run and eligibility requirements: Same as 2010.

Sequence and approximate starting times: Draft schedule attached.

Limitations on entries, if any: To be determined by local organizing committee using current

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slalom rules.

Nature of awards to be given: Standard championship awards as provided by ACA.

Required work assignment for competitors, if any: NOC and the Nantahala Racing Club has volunteers to help with the timing and technical aspects of the event along with a local volunteer network. However, help will be needed with set-up, judging, scoring, and teardown. Extra volunteers always make the work go more quickly.

Regulation on training runs: Practice water will be available from Tuesday-Thursday preceding the race.

Whether meals, camping, or other accommodations are available: NOC will provide discounted lodging packages to racers. Also, Slade Smathers of Clyde, NC, will be the off-site lodging coordinator. He will arrange for race participant camping rates (RV and Tent Camping) at a nearby location.

Schedule of events, (including water releases, boat measuring, meetings, etc.): Schedule will be determined in the future and based on past events. NOC is prepared to handle any meetings or procedures necessary for the successful completion of an event.

Statement to be signed by competitor(s) releasing the race organizers from liability during the race and an agreement that the competitor(s) will abide by the ACA Whitewater Open Canoe Slalom Racing Rules:

Standard ACA and NOC Waivers.

Lodging Options:

Camping: Lodging and packages available at NOC at a special rate for participants/family/volunteers. Tent/RV camping accommodations available with 5 miles of race site.

Describe the advantages of your bid –

NOC is centrally located in some of the best whitewater available in the eastern United States with several class II-V rivers close by for recreational paddling opportunities. The gorge has consistent water flow from a dam controlled release. NOC has extensive experience in event management, and particularly in hosting slalom events. It is a regular race location for the US Canoe/Kayak teams, a training ground for Olympic athletes and has a seasoned staff with decades of paddling experience.

CLIMATE: October weather is beautiful in the Nantahala Gorge. Daily highs are in the 70s.

AIRPORTS: Asheville, NC, airport is 80 miles away.

MARKETING: The event will be marketed on NOC and the ACA websites. In 2010, NOC hosted citizen canoe slalom races, which gained traction over the summer resulting in 400 racer starts on

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the final day of competition. NOC plans to host the 2012 Citizens Race series again specifically designed to build interest in open canoe paddling and competition. Holding the Nationals at NOC in 2012 will create a goal for new racers to aim toward.

Addendum: Draft Class Schedule 2012

Friday

Combined

OC1 open RAC

OC1 open REC

OC1 W REC

OC1W RAC

OC2 Mixed RAC

OC2 Open REC

OC2 open RAC

OC2 mixed REC

OC2 mixed RAC

Slalom

OC1 W RAC

OC1 open RAC

OC2 mixed RAC

OC 2 Master REC

OC1Open REC (big class)

Fri Total: 14 plus downriver

Saturday

Citizens:

OC1 open

OC1 W

OC2 Open

OC2 Mixed

Sat, cont'd

Regular Slalom:

OC1 W REC

OC1 open 15 RAC

OC1 masters REC(big class)

OC2 open RAC

OC1 W13 RAC

OC2 Open 15 RAC

OC2 Jr RAC

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OC2 Youth/ Sr RAC
OC2 Masters 13 RAC
OC2 mixed REC
Sat Total 14

Sunday:

OC2 W REC
OC2 Master RAC
OC1 open 13 RAC
OC 1 Open X
OC1 Jr RAC
OC1 W Master REC
OC2 mixed 15 RAC
OC1 master 15
OC 2 W RAC
OC2 open REC
OC1Masters RAC
Sun total 11