



# EVENT INFORMATION

## ENTRY FEE:

First 160 entries receive a fantastic **EVENT HAND-OUT**.

Availability of goodie bags & event hand-out cannot be guaranteed for late entries.

Singles Race – 4 November	<b>R300 per paddler</b>
Doubles Race – 5 November	<b>R300 per paddler</b>
Singles & Doubles Race	<b>R400 per paddler</b>

## HISTORY:

The Pete Marlin Surfski Race is an annual downwind race, held in honour of the late Pete Marlin, who lost his life on the Umkomaas River in 1988 and covers approximately 23km which allows a bigger section of the paddling fraternity to participate. This year, the race has again been selected as one of the races in the World Surfski Series and will also play host to the SA SURFSKI CHAMPS! With this all in mind, the Border Canoe Club and people of East London look forward to hosting you and your families for what promises to be an exciting event.

## ACCEPTANCE:

On payment, however no cheques or telephonic entries will be accepted.

Any paddler may enter if he/she has passed the Surfski Proficiency Test (RPT), has equivalent paddling experience and is also a registered and paid up member of an affiliated canoe club.

## SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

- The written acknowledgement by his/her club safety officer that he/she is competent to paddle in open ocean races if and where required.
- The wearing of a **PFD** (CSA approved). It must be bright in colour (preferably lumo).
- A **leash** in sound working order, and must be attached to the body and to a safe point on the craft, preferably the foot strap.
- The **CSA number** of the paddler of the craft to be affixed to the craft on either side of the front deck.
- A **cell phone** with enough airtime, a fully charged battery, the race emergency number loaded, in a waterproof pouch, housed in a pocket of the PFD, per paddler.
- A **tracking** device or application (NSRI SafeTRX, Endomondo) approved by race organisers. Device needs to be housed in a pocket of the PFD, and may not be attached to the craft. If the tracking device is incorporated within the cell phone, then only one device will need to be carried, per paddler.
- A **whistle**. Of the variety that can operate while wet.
- Brightly **colored clothing**, including a cap (if worn), preferably lumo.
- A minimum of 30% of the deck of the ski must be covered in a bright colored paint or a bright colored (preferably luminous) decal. Or, 1000mm of the nose and tail of the ski must be painted a bright colour).  
We would like to see at least a portion of the tip and tail in a bright colour, right around, if possible.
- A **bright colored decal** on the back of each blade of the paddle.

**THE RACE SAFETY COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO STOP A PADDLER FROM PADDLING THE RACE, SHOULD WE DEEM THIS PADDLER NOT SUFFICIENTLY PROFICIENT OR EXPERIENCED FOR THE PREVAILING CONDITIONS.**

**NATIONAL SEA RESCUE INSTITUTE: SAFETRX smart phone app**

RSA SafeTrx allows you to plan your journey on your smartphone. Directly from your smartphone you can enter your journey details and know that your journey is being tracked. Should you not return by the time given, your 'emergency contact' will be alerted via sms and advised to alert the Maritime Rescue Co-Ordination Centre (MRCC).

You can download, test and read more on the app as well as watch the video here: <http://www.nsri.org.za/safetrx/>

**The NSRI will marshal the race.**

**Life Savers will marshal the surf zone.**

**Ambulance and Paramedics at the start and end locations.**

**CATEGORIES:**

Prize money will be allocated as per the table below and your age on 1 January 2015 will prescribe your age category.

**PRIZE MONEY:**

<b>SINGLES Prize Money</b>				
	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Ladies</b>		
<b>1st</b>	R 10 000	R 8 000		
<b>2nd</b>	R 7 500	R 5 000		
<b>3rd</b>	R 6 000	R 3 000		
<b>4th</b>	R 4 000	R 1 000		
<b>5th</b>	R 3 000	R 500		
<b>6th</b>	R 2 500			
<b>7th</b>	R 1 500			
<b>8th</b>	R 1 000			
<b>9th</b>	R 750			
<b>10th</b>	R 500			
	<b>u23 Men</b>	<b>u23 Ladies</b>	<b>U18 Boys</b>	<b>U18 Girls</b>
<b>1st</b>	R 800	R 800	R500	R500
<b>2nd</b>	R 500	R 500	R300	R300
<b>3rd</b>	R 300	R 300	R200	R200
	<b>Age 40+</b>	<b>Age 50+</b>	<b>Age 60+</b>	<b>Age 65+</b>
<b>1st</b>	R 750	R 750	R 750	R 750
<b>2nd</b>	R 500	R 500	R 500	R 500
<b>3rd</b>	R 300	R 300	R 300	R 300
<b>4th</b>	R 250	R 250	R 250	
<b>5th</b>	R 200	R 200	R 200	
<b>1st East London Paddler - Simon Marlin</b>				
<b>Prize - R1 000</b>				

<b>DOUBLES Prize Money</b>				
	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Ladies</b>		
<b>1st</b>	R600	R600		
<b>2nd</b>	R400	R400		
<b>3rd</b>	R200	R200		
	<b>U23 Boys</b>	<b>U23 Girls</b>		
<b>1st</b>	R 400	R 400		
<b>2nd</b>	R 300	R 300		
<b>3rd</b>	R 200	R 200		
	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Age 40+</b>	<b>Age 50+</b>	<b>Age 60+</b>
<b>1st</b>	R400	R400	R400	R400
<b>2nd</b>	R200	R200	R200	R200
<b>3rd</b>	R100	R100	R100	R100
	<b>Dads &amp; Lads</b>			
<b>1st</b>	R 300			
<b>2nd</b>	R 200			
<b>3rd</b>	R 100			

**A total of R75,000 in prize money! PLUS Lucky Draws!**

**RACE RULES:**

1. Personal advertising will be permitted as per the Canoe SA personal advertising rule.
2. Personal advertising may not clash with the main sponsors.
3. All surfskis/paddles must display any sponsor's logo stickers that are supplied.
4. Stickers other than sponsor stickers will not be permitted in the area in front of the pedals to the nose of your ski.



5. Paddlers must display correct CSA numbers on surfski - incorrect/incomplete numbers will result in disqualification.
6. Any competitor who rides the wake of a motorised craft will be disqualified.
7. Competitors will be allowed seconds to assist them on the beach, but should take care not to infringe on the rules of the race by assisting competitors in the water.
8. Any competitor who receives physical support or assistance or who enters one of the rescue craft, will be disqualified, with the exception of those doing so to repair their craft.
9. The race referee may decide whether or not a competitor should be prevented from continuing the race at any time. The decision of the race referee is final.
10. A safety mobile phone number for emergencies, as well as for notifying the race referee of withdrawals is 083 447 1500. The onus is on the competitor to notify the race referee of his/her withdrawal. The costs of any search resulting from a competitor not notifying the organisers of his or her withdrawal will be borne by the competitor.
11. The finish will be between two wobblies/flags on the beach.
12. Paddlers must cross the finish line with their craft.
13. Double skis – Both competitors must be with the craft.
14. Competitors must finish the race with the craft they started the race in. Paddles may be changed.
15. **The race committee reserves the right to swap days (singles / doubles) in the interest of safety and/or more favorable down wind conditions.**
16. No refund (or any other compensation of whatsoever nature will in any circumstances be made to a paddler who is not permitted for safety reasons to participate, or in circumstances where the race is cancelled

**REGISTRATION:**

Pre-Race registration and goodie bag collection:

Friday evening at the EL Surf Lifesaving Club at Nahoon Beach from 17h30 to 20h00.

**Race & safety briefing will be held each day at the “START LOCATION” unless stated otherwise via (SMS) – please ensure that your correct cell phone number is provided to ensure you receive these notifications.**

A social will take place at the EL Surf Club on Friday evening.

**STARTING TIMES:**

Scheduled for 10h00 each day, but this is subject to change, depending on the sea and wind conditions.

**POSSIBLE COURSES & DISTANCES:**

**The race organisers reserve the right to change courses and/or swap the days around should this be deemed beneficial for the race. The emphasis and plan is however to race Singles on the Saturday.**

<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Distance (Km’s)</b>
<b>East Wind</b>	Glen Eden Beach/Yellow Sands	Nahoon Beach/Orient Beach	18/23
	Cintsa West	Nahoon Beach	25
<b>West Wind</b>	Nahoon Beach/Orient Beach	Yellow Sands	18/23
<b>No wind</b>	Nahoon Beach (via Gonubie Bay)	Nahoon Beach	22
<b>Unsafe sea</b>	Orient Beach (harbour/sea circuit)	Harbour	20

**THE FINISH AND PRIZEGIVING:**

All post and pre-race activities, as well as PRIZE GIVING will take place at the **EL Surf Lifesaving Club** at Nahoon Beach.

Prize Giving is scheduled to start at 14h30 on both days, or one hour after the last paddler has finished.

Separate Prize giving for Singles and Doubles on each day.

**CATERING:**

The EL Surf Lifesaving Club will provide refreshments.

Food will be on sale for competitors and supporters.

PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR ENTRY FORM IF YOU REQUIRE A MEAL ON EITHER/BOTH DAYS TO ASSIST WITH CATERING.

WE WILL SMS MEAL ORDER DETAILS DURING THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE RACE.

**SPONSORS:**

**Dischem** are the anchor sponsors for the event.

Sub Sponsors are: Mazars, Powerade, Hansa, FENN, Investec and Bate Chubb & Dickson

The event is hosted by the **BORDER CANOE CLUB** in East London.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Directions:**

Maps to the various start locations will be handed out at registration.

**Accommodation:**

Discounted rates have been negotiated!

Please note that you must state that you are a Surfski competitor to qualify for the preferred rate.

**MAJESTIC HOTEL – 50% Discount for all paddlers!**

*R260 B&B Single / per night*

*R390 for a double room / per night*

**Including Breakfast!**

Located behind the Orient Beach on the East London Beach Front

Tel: 043 743 7477

Email: [admin@majestic-hotel.co.za](mailto:admin@majestic-hotel.co.za)

Web site: [www.majestic-hotel.co.za](http://www.majestic-hotel.co.za)

**WE ALSO HAVE A NUMBER OF CLUB MEMBERS THAT ARE WILLING TO HOST PADDLERS FROM OUT OF TOWN**

**→Email [petemarlin@bordercanoecub.co.za](mailto:petemarlin@bordercanoecub.co.za) for details.**

**ENQUIRIES:**

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