

2010 Swartland Marathon Race Info

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BATCHES NOW UP Come and recce the race designated as the official 2011 South African River Marathon Championships! Tomorrow is the:

LATE ENTRIES NOW CLOSED. If you still wish to enter, please see "Very Late Entries" below.

The Lucky Draw will take place at the Swartland Shindig at 7:15 pm. MAKE Sure You get there for a chance to win big!
 Timing for the 2010 Swartland Canoe Marathon is kindly sponsored by Joansview Properties full, with a flow rate of 60 cusecs at Hermon, and there are nice dry days predicted for the weekend, so the River Gods continue to smile down on another fantastic Swartland Canoe Marathon!! Race: 2010 Swartland Canoe Marathon
 Date: Saturday 19th June and Sunday 20th June 2010 Course: Day 1: Skooltjie to Zonquasdrift, Berg River - 10:00am start

Day 2: Zonquasdrif to Bridgetown, Berg River - 10:00am start Distance: Approximately 85kms (Day 1: 39.5km; Day 2: 45.7km)

(Normal entries closed on Tuesday 8 June)

Late Entry Fee: CLOSED

CLOSED. Seniors and Juniors: R 500.00 per paddle. Late Entries close at midday on Tuesday 15 June. The time of entry is registered as the time when both proof of full payment and the entry form are received. Entries are only valid when full payment is received.

All late entries to the full event receive an Orka Paddles voucher, lunch at the end of Day 1 and Day 2, a ticket for a chance to win one of the Lucky Draw prizes (which include a River Vajda from Knysna Racing, Roof racks from HoldFast and lots more!) at 7:15 at the Swartland Shindig, entry into the Swartland Shindig at The Barn in Riebeek Kasteel on Saturday evening, and a commemorative bottle of wine to all paddlers who successfully finish.

Very Late Entry Fee: Seniors and Juniors R 600.00 per paddle (subject to approval of race organizers) Day Entry Fee (Day 1 or Day 2)

Seniors R 160.00 per paddle; Juniors R 90.00 per paddle - Registration on the bank prior to start of race, cash payments only. This is to paddle only and no lunch, prizes or any other extras. You can purchase your own lunch at the finish: R55 on Day 1; R60 on Day 2. But you do get a special separate start with the chirpy camaraderie of the Chairman's Crew two minutes behind the last batch of the full race! Entry Process: 1. Download the 2010 Swartland Canoe Marathon Very Late Entry form here . 2. Print, complete and sign the 2010 Swartland Canoe Marathon Entry form.

3. Deposit the entry fee directly into the Peninsula Canoe Club account using SWARTLAND and your name as reference. If depositing a cheque, it must be made out to "Peninsula Canoe Club". PCC Bank Account Details:

Bank: Standard Bank

Account: Peninsula Canoe Club

491 615 4. Send in your completed form (top page only) together with proof of payment using one of the following options:

(a) by e-mail to Ommund Sivertsen (Siv): swartland@peninsula-canoe.org.za ; or (b) by fax to Siv on 086

IMPORTANT: Entries without proof of full payment are not valid and are not processed. The time of entry is registered as the time when both proof of full payment and the entry form are received. 5. Check the Confirmed Entries list after a couple of days to confirm your registration. If your name does not appear on the list, or it is highlighted in red, then there may be a problem with your entry and you should then contact Siv urgently at swartland@peninsula-canoe.org.za . Entry fees will not be reimbursed in the case of withdrawals after the closing date for regular entries. Qualification and Safety Rules All Paddlers are required to be registered with their province and CSA and must have passed a basic river proficiency test. All boats will be checked at the start of each day for adequate buoyancy and all paddlers are required to wear a CSA approved PFD. If a paddler or his equipment is deemed to be unfit by race officials prior to the start of the day, PCC reserves the right to not allow the paddler to compete and to do so without any refund of the entry fee.

Registration Saturday morning at the start; 8:30-9:30 a.m. The Ladies at PCC have come up with a cunning plan to help pay for the renovation of their changing rooms. They have negotiated with the Swartland organisers to raffle places for 5 paddlers to be in the back row of the seeded paddlers' batch when our charismatic PCC Chairman blows the start vuvuzela, with the rest of the field in batches behind them. So for a chance to mix it up with the good and the great, make sure you bring some dosh with you to race registration to buy raffle tickets from the PCC Ladies. You can buy as many tickets as you like at just R20 per ticket. The PCC Ladies have also decided to repeat the offer at Registration on Sunday, so if Day 1 was a bad day at the office and you find yourself scheduled to start in the last batch, you could still win a chance to blast off with the top guns and boost your race performance! So bring that money you normally set aside for the collection on Sundays and support another worthy cause! Each entrant also receives one free ticket to the Lucky Draw, and you can boost your chances by buying further tickets at PCC's time-trial on Tuesday 15 June, at Race

Registration on Saturday 19 June and then later at the Swartland Shindig itself. At only R50 a pop, the extra tickets are definitely worth dipping into your piggy-bank for!

			Race Day Schedule (Saturday and Sunday)	08:30-
09:30am	Goodie Bag collection (Saturday only)	08:30-09:30am	Sale of R20 raffle tickets for 5 paddlers	
	to start at the rear of the Seeded Batch (both days)	08:30-09:45am	Race Registration	08:30-
09:45am	Day Race entries and Registration	08:30-09:45am	Boat inspection and entrance into boat	
pound	09:30am	Seeded paddlers allowed on the water	09:30am	Welcome and safety
announcements. Raffle	Draw for 5 paddlers to start at the rear of the Seeded Batch		09:35am	5 Raffle
winners and Seeded Paddlers	allowed on the water.	09:45am	All paddlers allowed on the water and to	
assemble in their batches on the water as per race officials' instructions:			1.	Seeded Batch: Top 20
seeded paddlers	2.	5 Raffle winners	3.	A Batch
				4.
				B Batch
				5.
				C Batch
				6.
Under Starter's orders	9:58-10:00 am	Photographic recording of assembled	batches for scrutiny by	
Race Officials. (30 min time penalty per batch jumped!)		10:00am	Mass Start; at the sound of the official	
Starting Vuvuzela	10:05am	Day Race Start. With Mark Torrington (the official	Race Starter for the full	
race) and the Chairman's crew.		Approx 1:15 pm onwards (dependent on	conditions)	Finishers
arrive. The sound of the vuvuzela will signal that you have crossed the finish line and your time has		been captured.		
Saturday only	1:30 -3:00 pm	Sale of R50 Lucky Draw tickets for the	draw to be held at 7:15 pm at the	
Swartland Shindig	6:45-7:15 pm	Sale of R50 Lucky Draw tickets at the	Swartland Shindig at The Barn	
(adjoined to Ed's Diner) in Riebeek Kasteel		7:15 pm	Lucky Prize Draw at The Barn in Riebeek	
Kasteel	Race Enquiries	swartland@peninsula-canoe.org.za		

Accommodation Carel Visser, a farmer on the Berg, has a guest house on his farm that is available for the Swartland and the Berg marathons due to cancellations. His farm is at Bothmasdrift just before Hermon. This farmer has been instrumental in opening up the river from tree blocks and deserves our support, so please spread the word!. His email address: cjvisser@agrizone.co.za

Try Riebeek Valley Accommodation Also: www.langenhof.co.za : We have rooms available at our guest house for the Friday and Saturday nights. We are just 4.5 km from Ed's Diner at the Barn. Please view our website for details. We are offering a 25% discount to guests who stay both Friday and Saturday nights. The following special conditions apply to this offer: * double room bookings (i.e. 2 people sharing a room) * cash or EFT payments (20% discount for credit card payments) * Booking to be made directly with us either by telephone, email or via our website Kind Regards Mike & Gail Walters De Langenhof Guest House Riebeek
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