

# Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

October 21 to 23, 2011.

## Information Sheet

A comprehensive outline of the event including maps and race book are available on the event website [www.canoeclassic.asn.au/](http://www.canoeclassic.asn.au/)

### To enter as part of the TAS Kayak and Canoe Club:

- You need to express interest by the end of Term 2 (see below)
- The minimum age is 15 years on Jan 1, 2011.
- You must commit to train for the event. Training allows you to find the boat that suits your size, to ensure the boat is race worthy, to develop team work with your partner and develop paddling stamina.
- You can source your own boat or use one of the TAS, NEGS or PLC craft
- Boats available from TAS are:
  - 1 Vortex racing double (usually reserved for the HCC Captain)
  - 6 x Kevlar/fiberglass Nomad double short sea kayaks
  - 4 x fibreglass double long sea kayaks,
  - 1 x Vulcan long rec double kayak
  - 1 x plastic double short sea kayak
  - 5 x fiberglass double medium recreational Estuary flat water kayaks
  - 3 x TK2 kayaks (for lightweight crews)
  - 1 x TK1 kayak (lightweight paddler)
  - 2 x Mirage single fiberglass sea kayaks
  - 1 x racing C2 (experienced paddlers only)
  - 1 x racing K4 (experienced paddlers only)
- NEGS have 5 Nomads and a Vortex and PLC have two Nomads and an Estuary available
- You need to express interest by the end of Term 2 at the very latest. Forms on the website, at Reception or through your school contact: Mr Campbell (NEGS) or Mrs Caldwell (PLC)
- Allocation of boats will not occur until the Week 5 of Term 3. Paddlers who have paddled before and train get first preference, followed in order by those who train regularly. Students followed by parent and child teams will be allocated boats before adult pairs.
- Training is on each Sunday in Term 3 starting at Malpas Dam on Sunday, July 24, 2011. See the website for details. There will be two longer paddles at Grafton and Myall Lakes during Term 3 and you (and partner) must attend at least one.
- Buoyancy vests, decks, tie down straps and aluminium paddles are supplied
- You must be a competent swimmer, able to swim 100 metres fully clothed and/or tread water for 10 minutes fully clothed

- Complete the official [entry form](#) online by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August or earlier. Your canoe club is TAS. The entry fee is \$44 for a Junior paddler (under 18) and \$88 for an adult. You will need to pay by credit card or personal cheque.

You need to ask for at least one raffle book, one receipt book, and a race book. You must return all receipt and raffle books, used or not, on race day.

Don't tick the class until you have been allocated a boat.

You also need to enter your land-crew online. If you don't have any, enter Peter Hall, vehicle: Edwards Bus, Mobile: 0427 255 685

If your parent(s) is prepared to land-crew, complete the land-crew entry as well as the online entry form. PDH is the land-crew leader.

In addition to your entry fee all paddlers must raise a minimum sponsorship of \$200 per adult paddler and \$100 per junior paddler to be handed in on or before race day. We would like all paddlers to raise as much as they can for this extremely worthwhile cause.

Sponsorship can be raised in the following ways:

- Donate the money yourself and get a receipt from the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic Association Incorporated which can be used as a tax deduction. Fill out credit card details on the form or use your receipt book.
- You could sell raffle tickets (or buy them yourself). There are great prizes. Raffle books come in lots of 50 and can be ordered when you enter
- You could ask friends, relatives, work mates and businesses to sponsor you via the website or through your receipt book. This can be at a flat rate or on a per kilometre basis. You order receipt books for sponsorship on the entry form

Other costs are detailed on the TAS website and include:

- The paddlers dinner will cost \$25
- Practice paddles at Grafton (about \$60), Malpas (about \$20) and Myall Lakes (about \$80)
- The bus to and from the event leaving on Friday, Oct 21 will cost approx \$60
- Food is supplied during the event (4 meals) but not on the trip down and back (allow \$20 for the bus trip and \$24 for event catering).
- Accommodation on Friday night will probably be at the Hawkesbury campus of UWS at a cost of \$60 per single bed room and includes a light breakfast.
- Race gear as listed on the race rules at your cost
- Boats, decks, paddles and trailers are supplied for a equipment charge of between \$50 and \$90 per paddler per boat and \$40 per paddler for equipment.

- Logistics costs of getting boats to training and to the event as well as the cost of setting up 4 checkpoints. \$40 per paddler and \$20 per land-crew.
- There are also separate small charges if you use a TAS bus to get to training and for the BBQs listed in the program if you are not a TAS boarder.

Parents can help by:

- Land-crewing for training sessions and the event
- Transporting paddlers and boats to and from training including Malpas and Grafton and Myall Lakes weekends
- Transporting boats to and during the event (4WD with roof racks and tow-bars needed)
- Cooking food for the various BBQs listed and Grafton and Myall Lakes training weekends
- Helping load and unload at trainings and secure boats
- Paddling with their sons and daughters at training or in the event