

# Oceanpaddler World Series

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After much talk and various rumours floating around about different World Series and eligible events we have decided to put a series together. This series will be run by Oceanpaddler which will manage the whole back end of the series. Oceanpaddler will have no direction in the management of the individual events which have their own management team, sponsors, safety and government responsibilities etc.

This we hope will become the framework for the future of the sport. We currently have the backing from Think, Epic, Fenn and Nelo and are sourcing other manufacturers to be involved in this series.

None of the above are sponsors of the series as we are seeking a neutral sponsor for the eventual naming rights of the series.

We are also seeking events that wish to become part of the series.

If you are a manufacturers or event and wish to be involved in the future of ocean racing/surf ski please read the information below and get in touch with us. The series will kick off in January with the week of events around The Doctor in Perth Western Australia.

A racers committee has been formed to give guidance on the eligibility of events. That committee comprises of:

- Dawid Mocke
- Tim Jacobs
- Oscar Chalupsky
- Dean Gardiner

## Format

Oceanpaddler will be putting together a world series based on a number of races held in various locations around the world. All events are eligible for the OWS providing the event meets the criteria for the series.

This series has an emphasis on downwind paddling and predominantly open ocean paddling. Some bay and estuaries will be considered providing the location has the ability generate chop and swell e.g. Auckland Harbour and San Francisco.

## Criteria

1. The race must be point to point and downwind. (Racers committee will decide if the race is downwind)
2. The race must provide a minimum of \$3Kusd in prize money
3. The event must contribute to the series prize pool. (See below)

4. The event where possible must coincide with other OWS events held nearby All series D (over \$3K) events must be in conjunction with a series A event (over \$20K).
5. The race must be longer than 12k and shorter than 35k. (Molokai will be the only race exempt from this)
6. The event must be able to provide hire/loan skis for the race.
7. The event will have the following categories
  - Men/Women
  - Under 20 Men/ Women Junior
  - Over 40 Men/Women Vet
  - Over 50 Men/Women Master
 Events may have other categories; the above categories are the OWS events.
8. The results must be provided to Oceanpaddler in Excel format with Nationalities and categories listed in columns alongside the competitor. The results must be in the overall finishing order of the competitors first name first followed by surname.
9. Each event must provide an adequate finishing format/timing system
10. The event cannot use batch starting with the exception of gender or craft type.
11. All effort must go into making the event downwind. This involves and is not limited to holding up the start time, moving locations, reversing the course, waiting periods, adjusting the distance and other event changes that enable the race to be run in the best possible conditions.

## How the points work

All events start at 500 points. Events with greater than 200 competitors have a 1 point interval between placing, greater than 150 less than 200 have 2 point gap, greater than 100 less than 150 a 3 point gap, less than 100 a four point gap.

Events that meet all the criteria and have:

- Over \$20k prize money receive a 20 point loading, so start at 520 points (Series A Race)
- Over \$10k receive a 10 point loading (Series B Race)
- Over \$5k receive a 5 point loading (Series C Race)

All other events over \$3k are Series D Races and must be held in conjunction with a series A race. A group of series D races in one location over a short period of time will be considered.

## Events

Any event is eligible to be part of the series as long as it meets the criteria. The series points will be accumulated with 50% of the total number of races used to find the competitors result. EG if there are 20 races as part of the series in 2012, the competitors ten best races will be used in their final result.

In the case of a draw the competitors result in the biggest race (based on individual competitors) of the year will be used as the draw breaker. (This season The Doctor had the most individual competitors)

## **Prize pool**

I will be sending a proposal to all manufacturers. Only manufacturers that provide a \$500usd donation to the prize pool will have their paddlers eligible for prize pool prize money.

Each event will contribute to the series prize pool.

- Series A events \$500
- Series B events \$350
- Series C events \$250
- Series D Events \$150

All money received from manufacturers and events will be put into the prize pool. All interest received on that money will become part of the prize pool. Any additional sponsorship/donations will be added to the prize pool.

The presentations for the series will take place in January the following year (2013) at The Doctor in Perth and the winners deemed World Series Champions for the preceding year.

## **Manufacturers**

Only manufacturers with own original shapes are eligible for this series. While un-ethical manufacturers craft may be used in the races, the paddlers of those craft will not be eligible for OWS prize money or donated prizes.

The racers committee and current manufacturers will decide if a certain craft is eligible.

All manufacturers that participate will be listed and advertised as contributors to the OWS.

At this point we do not want any additional sponsorship from manufacturers other than the eligibility fee. Although we encourage manufacturers to sponsor individual events.

We will be seeking a neutral sponsor for the series.

Any manufacturers that sponsor individual events that are part of the series will be recognized as the sponsor of those events.

## **Racers Committee**

The racers committee will be made up of the following people:

- Dawid Mocke
- Oscar Chalupsky
- Tim Jacobs
- Dean Gardiner

All event managers will have input on the series but the committee above will make the final decision on the eligibility of an event for the series.