



USA Wildwater 2013 National Championships & 2014 Team Trials
Nantahala River, Wesser NC
Friday, September 6th & Saturday, September 7th, 2013

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• IMPORTANT • DATES HAVE CHANGED •
• NOW FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013 •

Nationals now Team Trials too

The USA Canoe & Kayak Wildwater Committee has designated the 2013 National Championships as the 2014 USA Team Trials. As a result, we expect increased interest and participation in the event. Consequently, we have moved the dates of this wildwater event to further capitalize on the excitement surrounding 2013 Freestyle World Championships. The new dates will be Friday, September 6th and Saturday, September 7th, 2013. We're grateful for the USACK Wildwater Committee in recognizing the exposure that this event is likely to draw in an international setting and awarding the Nantahala Racing Club the 2014 USA Wildwater Team Trials.

Provisional Schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Final Registration & Equipment Control

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

US Wildwater Nationals & TT / Classic Race

Finish Line Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: Surfer's Rapid to 2013 Wave

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

US Wildwater Nationals & TT/ Sprint Race

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Nantahala Falls to 2013 Wave

Course Description / CLASSIC

The 2013 Wildwater National Championships Classic race will start at "Surfers Rapid" and end below the 2013 Freestyle Wave at the Nantahala Outdoor Center. This 4km course features some entertaining whitewater early, followed by a shallow and flat mid-section before the action starts to build again culminating in the Nantahala Falls and a short sprint to the finish below the 2013 Freestyle World Championships feature. The fastest times are expected to be around 13-14 minutes. The Classic race will be run under current ICF Wildwater Competition rules.

Course Description / SPRINT

The Sprint race will start immediately below Nantahala Falls on river right. Several course options exist as you power under the Founders Bridge before the river curves sharp left and drops thru the 2013 Freestyle World Championships feature. The finish line follows shortly at the old road bridge. The fastest times are expected to be 80 seconds. The Sprint race will be run under current ICF Wildwater Competition rules. Plan on walking your shuttle, as there will be no parking at the Sprint start. This link will take you to a video of the Sprint course <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jqv3o86rbHg>

Classes

2013 Wildwater National Championship races will include the following classes; men's kayak (K1M), women's kayak (K1W), men's single canoe (C1M), women's single canoe (C1W) and men's tandem canoe (C2M). Juniors will have the same classes. Plastic boats will have a K1M and K1W class and other classes

will be added as the need arises. Everyone is encouraged to race regardless of craft. Due to scheduling limitations, you may only race in one class per day.

Boat Control

If you're racing in the wildwater classes, your boat and equipment must meet or exceed ICF requirements. Those rules and requirements are available at the ICF website <http://www.canoeicf.com> There will be equipment control before and during the event. It is your responsibility to meet these requirements.

Water Releases

Dams owned by Duke Power, control the water flow in the last 8 miles of the Nantahala before the Nantahala Outdoor Center and Fontana Lake. Race starts may have to be adjusted to meet the release schedule or adapt to release variances. If you're coming to the Nantahala early to train, you should check the dam release schedule at ... <http://www.duke-energy.com/lakes/nantahala/nan-scheduled-flow-releases.asp> It takes approximately 2.5 hours for the released water to reach the Nantahala Outdoor Center and 2 hours for levels to start dropping once the release is terminated.

River Use Permits

US Forest Service river use permits are required to paddle on the Nantahala River. \$5 Annual Passes are available at the NOC Outfitters Store. We expect the USFS to be checking permits over the course of the event week and if caught without a permit there is a substantial fine.

Airports

The closest airports are Asheville, NC (1.25 hours) and Knoxville, TN (2 hours). The closest major international airports include Charlotte, NC (2.5 hours) and Atlanta, GA (2.5 hours).

Accommodation

The Nantahala Gorge and surrounding area will be crowded for the week of the Freestyle World Championships and consequently parking, traffic and lodging options may be a challenge. So make your lodging or camping reservations early. You'll find all area campgrounds open. Try the Nantahala Outdoor Center's Base Camp for an inexpensive, basic alternative (www.noc.com). You'll also find good value lodging options at the NOC (www.noc.com) with everything from cabins to rooms. Alternatively, refer to Swain County's Chamber of Commerce listing of area lodging (www.greatsmokies.com).

Rafts & Private Boater Traffic

The event organizers will do their best to minimize river traffic congestions and interference, however some raft and private boater traffic on the Nantahala may be unavoidable. The Nantahala is wide and over taking easy in most situations. A simple shout as you approach private boaters is usually enough for them to move out of your way. Please remain courteous to these other river users.

Parking & Shuttles

The Nantahala Gorge will be crowded for the week of the Freestyle World Championships and parking WILL be a challenge. Plan on arriving early and give yourself plenty of time to get to where you need to be and follow parking permitting directions. If you are at the Nantahala training, it is fairly easy to leave your boat at the put-in, drop your vehicle at the take-out and thumb a ride off a boater back to the top. The Nantahala Outdoor Center will also shuttle you for a small fee to the top of the river only. Shuttles will not be provided on race day. Please make your plans with other racers.

If you pre-register for this event then the event organizers will guarantee you athlete parking passes, designated boat drop off areas and access to a dedicated athlete parking area. If you choose to wait until the last minute to register then we are unable to make you these guarantees. Registration will be open shortly.

Additional Information & Resources

Additional information, final schedule and forms and entry fees will be made available shortly and posted at all the usual information sources.

International Canoe Federation	www.canoeicf.com
USA Canoe/Kayak	www.usack.org
USA Wildwater	www.usawildwater.com
Nantahala Outdoor Center	www.noc.com
Swain County Chamber	www.greatsmokies.com
2013 Freestyle World Champs.	www.freestylekayaking2013.com