



## Participation rules for the 20<sup>th</sup> Hiddenseemarathon

These rules are a translation of the German original. In case of uncertainty the German original is to be consulted.

### 1. Limitations on participation

A maximum of 70 boats will be admitted.

Each participant has to be at least 18 years old at the date of the race.

Good health condition and sound experience in large water areas are required. Race control reserves the right to reject registrations.

### 2. Registration fee

After an online registration a confirmation is sent to the provided e-mail address with information on details for the money transfer. For a relay team the team captain is responsible to deliver the fee for all participants.

The registration is valid when the fee reached the organizers' account.

Registration is possible till 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Any later registration is possible in exceptional cases with an added charge of 50 €.

In case of cancellations the full registration fee will be refunded if you cancel until 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021. If you cancel after this date but before 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021, you will receive a refund but a cancellation fee of 30 € will be kept. A refund is not possible, if you cancel after 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Any additional costs due to reimbursement will be charged to the participant.

### 3. Boat classes and age groups

The race is held in the kayak classes K1, K2, K1 open and K2 open (each for male or female athletes and mixed teams), as well as open relay team (male, female, mix). Every class consists of the age groups 18 to 39, 40 to 59 as well as 60 and over.

A relay team consists of 3 athletes. Changeovers are done the at the beaches of Barhöft and Schaprode. At the changeover the distress signal and the map must be handed over to the next athlete. The overland transport needs to be organised by the relay team itself. Every team has to provide a team name.

### 4. Substitution of participants

After online registration but before local registration on the evening before the race a substitution of participants is possible.

If a participant is exchanged, the receipt of the original certificate at the award ceremony can not be guaranteed.

### 5. Local registration

Local registration is held between 12 PM and 7 PM the day before the race, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Local registration is mandatory for participating in the race.

During registration every attendee will receive:

- a boat number
- a map of the route
- a statement of participation to sign
- a Hiddenseemarathon base cap

Participants staying the night on the grounds of Stralsunder Kanu Club e.V. are asked to pay any incurring costs due to accommodation in full during local registration. In case of any prolonged stay the obligation of settling additional costs for accommodation falls unto the participant.

There is a limited number of distress signals available to purchase at local registration.

## **6. Mandatory briefing**

At 8 PM on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 a mandatory briefing is held. The planned route, Local currents, possible spots to rest, areas with prohibited entry as well as security measurements are going to be explained. Any questions by the participants will be answered in this meeting.

Attendance in this briefing is required of all participants.

## **7. Race course**

The race starts at the dock of the clubhouse in Stralsund. Afterwards the course runs through the trench at Barhöft out to the Baltic See. Running along the western shore of Hiddensee the track turns at the northernmost point of the island, called "Toter Kerl" before going back to the clubhouse through the Bay of Stralsund. The goal is the dock at SKC's boat house.

Every boat will receive a map on the planned route at local registration.

Depending on wind direction the route may be reversed.

Race organization reserves the right to change the course of the race according to occurring wind and weather conditions on short notice.

## **8. Race control**

Race control is the chief operating decision maker in all aspects concerning the race, including online and local registration, the briefing, the start, the process and the award ceremony.

During the competition race control is present at the boat house as well as on the water. Every participant is bound by orders of race control.

## **9. Boats and equipment**

Every boat has to be unsinkable. Racing, touring or down river racing boats are not permitted. Everyone is obligated to wear a life vest! Each participant has to wear the Hiddenseemarathon base cap to be distinguishable on the water.

Athletes on surfskis as well as outriggers must wear a leash connecting them to the boat.

Every canoe must carry a distress signal and mobile phone.

Each participant is required to carry enough food and drink to endure the race.

The boat, its name and color as well as a mobile phone number need to be announced to race control at least 7 days before the race.

## **10. Rule violations**

Rule violations and complaints shall be made known as soon as possible, but

- no later than one hour after the official end of the race (26<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 7 PM)
- no later than one hour after the last participant reached the goal

Every decision of race control is binding. Rule violations can lead to disqualification at any time.

## **11. Show sportsmanship, avoid hinderance**

Any deliberate hinderance to the progress of other participants, on water or on land, are met with disqualification.

Following in somebody's wake is generally allowed but only permitted when both parties agree. Using naturally occurring waves as well as following a ships' wake is allowed.

During the race no additional help is allowed. Pace and feeder boats are forbidden.

## **12. Emergencies**

In any emergency the guideline "Human life before material or racing results." is to be followed.

It is your duty to help other participants in any visible emergency, if you can reach them. Use your distress signal, to call attention to the emergency. Stay with the person in need until an accompanying ship has reached you.

If you are not able to reach the person in need, inform race control about the incident through your mobile phone.

Failure to render assistance in an emergency will be met with a lifelong exclusion from Hiddenseemarathon for all involved participants.

### **13. Accompanying ships**

The organizer provides several accompanying ships along the track. These escorts usually ride along the field at a moderate velocity, observe participants and will pass the athletes from time to time. Nevertheless it can not be guaranteed there always will be an escort in close proximity to you. Accompanying ships are bound by navigation rules and will therefore stay in the fairway.

### **14. Garbage**

Keep our environment clean! It is forbidden to leave any garbage on the track or at rest areas.

### **15. Race start**

The race will start at the dock in front of SKC's boat house in the Bay of Stralsund at 6 AM on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021. All participants are required to be at the starting line on the water 10 minutes before the start. Each participant will be called upon by name before the start to collate with the list of contenders. By answering to their name at the start each participant confirms they feel healthy and fit enough to take part in the race.

Each participant enters the race at his or her own risk!

### **16. Report ships**

Report ships will be at 4 positions along the track. Each ship is marked with a large yellow buoy. Their positions may vary from the position given at the briefing due to wind, waves and each ships' own draught. Be on the lookout for the yellow buoy!

At every report ship each participant has to call out their boat number to the volunteers aboard and make sure, that the number was understood. Communicate with the volunteers!

### **17. Time limits**

The race for a participant or team is discontinued, if ...

- ... the boat has not reached the Baltic Sea 3 hours after its start. In this case the team or participant is sent back.
- ... the boat has not reached the last checkpoint (report ship 4 in front of Ummanz / Suhrendorf) till 3 PM. In this case the team or participant will be picked up by accompanying ships.

### **18. End of the race**

The race ends when the last participant has reached the dock in front of SKC's boathouse but not later than 6 PM on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Volunteers on the accompanying ships will convey race controls orders.

In the event of an extreme weather event the race will be discontinued and all participants will gradually be picked up by accompanying and report ships.

### **19. Voluntary redundancy from the race**

If a participant wants to discontinue the race voluntarily, he or she has to inform race control immediately, so their recovery can be organized.

### **20. Legal rights**

Each participant releases the organizers, the Stralsunder Kanu Club e.V. and every other contributor from their liability and responsibility. This concerns all deliberate acts or omissions by participants, volunteers or organizers leading to injuries of a participant as well as loss or damage of participant's property.

Hiddenseemarathon is a public event. Stralsunder Kanu Club e.V. reserves the right to photograph and film the event. This right is not revocable, incontestable and effective indefinitely. The footage is used for representation and information in internet, press as well as social media.

## **21. Changes**

The organizer reserves the right to change competition conditions due to any important reasons.