



and the

Southern California Outrigger Racing Association

present the inaugural

9-Man Sprint

Marine Stadium, Long Beach, California

Saturday, July 17, 2010

In their ongoing efforts to find innovative ways to utilize this excellent venue, which was originally built for the 1932 Olympics and is still going strong today, Kahakai Outrigger and SCORA have teamed up to offer the first-ever (as far as we know, that is) "9-man Sprint". The brainchild of Kahakai's Eric "EZ" Espejo, this event will feature a 3,000 m (1.8 mi) sprint, flag turns and three-person changes, all in the same race, and all in front of the cheering Marine Stadium crowd!

Divisions: For this, its inaugural year, only two divisions will be run and awarded – Open Men and Open Women. We encourage teams to use this opportunity to start mixing in their novices who will soon have to graduate to open 9-man racing. Remember, novices do not lose their novice status for having paddled open in their novice year. So, don't miss this chance to give your newer paddlers experience at changing under race conditions without the boat wake and chaos of the open ocean. We do, however, suggest that you do not use novice steerspersons in any of your crews.

9-Man Sprint Format: The Start/Finish line is in the middle of the course, in front of the crowd, just like at the Kahakai Sprints. Six-person crews start the race, in lanes, facing their first flag turn 500 m down the course, at the closed end of the Stadium. After making the turn, as each crew races back toward the start line, its three alternates will have entered the water from platforms set up in each lane. All three alternates must enter the oncoming canoe as it passes the Start/Finish line. The race continues toward the open end of the Stadium where the second turn flag awaits, 250 m up the course. The next three-person change happens as the canoe passes the Start/Finish line for the second time, heading back toward the closed end of the Stadium. Half the distance has been covered at this point. Another turn at the closed end of the Stadium and a third three-person change at the Start/Finish line heading for the open end of the Stadium. One last turn, and a sprint to the finish. Two 1500 m laps, four turns, three changes. Should be fun, and hopefully, a good show for the crowd on the beach! We will have a detailed and **mandatory** steerspersons' meeting with a chart prior to the race.

Every crew that enters will have at least one crack at this format in heats of four crews each. The four fastest times in the heats will advance to the final event, and the first three finishers will receive medals.

As with all flag-turn events, turns will be officially monitored and time penalties assessed for brushing or knocking down a flag.

Boat Pool!

Clubs do not have to bring canoes. There will be a boat pool of similarly set up Bradley canoes, and crews will be assigned randomly to these canoes and to lanes.

Keiki Racing will be held at this event!

A full schedule of keiki racing will be held prior to the “main event”. Boys and Girls 12/under, 14/under, 16/under and 19/under OC6 races will be held. 12/unders and 14/unders will race a straight (no turn) 500 meters in a gang start, limited to the number of canoes in the boat pool (eight), so there may be heats. 16/unders and 19/unders will race 1000 m with one flag-turn, in lanes, four to a heat. Results and awards will be time-based.

OC1 Racing will NOT be held at this event.

Race Day Schedule (Start times are *estimates*)


- 6:30 am** Gates Open
- 7:00 am** Race-Day Registration begins (online pre-registration is encouraged)
- 8:00 am** Close of Registration/Keiki Coaches’ and Steerspersons’ Meeting
- 8:20 am** Launch canoes for first keiki race (12/under girls) – Keiki awards
- shortly after last keiki race of the morning (19/under boys)
- 10:30 am** Adult (9-Man Sprint) Coaches’ and Steerspersons’ Meeting, during keiki races
- 11:30 am** First Heat – 9-Man Sprint – Remaining heats and finals to follow, awards shortly after second final (Men’s Open)

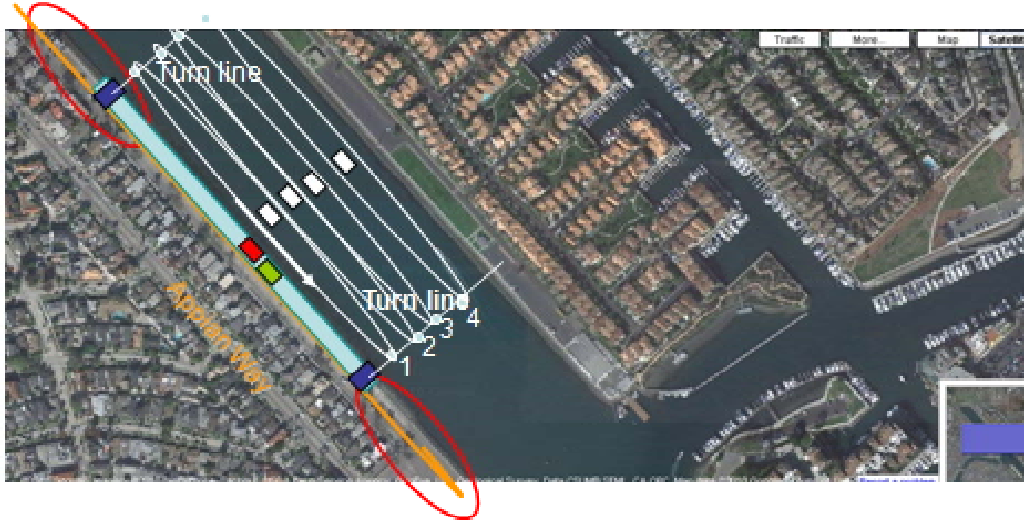
Directions to the Marine Stadium

From the North: Take the 405 Fwy south. Exit at Studebaker Road. Turn right, away from the freeway, toward the ocean. Take Studebaker to Westminster Ave (T intersection) and turn right. Cross Pacific Coast Highway (Westminster becomes 2nd Street) and stay in the right lane. You will begin to cross a bridge over the channel. Look for a turn-off to the right, which takes you down off the bridge to Appian Way. Turn left on Appian Way. Cross another small bridge and look for the entrance to the Marine Stadium on your right.

From the South: Take the 405 Fwy north. Merge to the 22 Fwy/7th Street exit. Stay in the right lane. Take the Studebaker off-ramp and turn left onto Studebaker. Take Studebaker to Westminster Ave (T intersection) and turn right. Cross Pacific Coast Highway (Westminster becomes 2nd Street) and stay in the right lane. You will begin to cross a bridge over the channel. Look for a turn-off to the right, which takes you down off the bridge to Appian Way. Turn left on Appian Way. Cross another small bridge and look for the entrance to the Marine Stadium on your right.

Kahakai Relay (17 July) Site Plan
Marine Stadium - Long Beach

-  Parking
-  Access route
-  Bathrooms and shower
-  Emergency / med / food ctr
-  Event mgmt HQ
-  Spectator / participant area



Additional Information

T-shirts (separate design, not the same as Kahakai Sprints) will be sold by the host club.

Food will be available throughout the day.

All-Day parking available in the Stadium parking lot - \$5.

Race fees: \$6/paddler keikis, \$10/paddler open.

Dogs allowed, but not on the sand.

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