



Hydro Tasmania Cataract White-water Challenge

**Class 4 White-water rapid race on the most beautiful race course in Australia.
Cataract Gorge, Launceston, Tasmania**

Saturday, 1st November 2014

The Hydro Tasmania Cataract White-water Challenge is an extreme kayak race on the lower Cataract Gorge below first basin. Kayakers will race down class 4 rapids in heats of 4 to 6 paddlers. Each kayaker will be timed and the fastest kayakers from all the heats will progress to the final. Each kayaker can race in as many heats as they can to improve their own time. The fastest kayaker in the final will be the winner of the inaugural Hydro Tasmania Cataract White-water Challenge.

The first heat will start at 12noon and heats will start at about every 5 minutes and the final heat will start at 3pm with the Final to be held shortly after.

This 300m long rapid will see kayakers race each other down through the white water rapids avoid rocks, dodging sucking holes and boofing drops to ensure they are the first past the finishing line. This will be a thrilling and challenging white-water kayaking race set in Launceston's Cataract Gorge.

Conditions of Entry

- Tamar Canoe Club Inc. (ABN 40 065 013 029) organises the Cataract White-water Challenge and invites you to participate.
- The event organisers have taken all care but accept no responsibility.
- This is an extreme race, for ADVANCED level white-water kayakers. It is NOT for beginners or those of limited experience. The event by its very nature involves paddling on dangerous white-water potentially causing serious injury or death.
- Kayakers are expected to know their skill limits and use prudent judgement in determining their capabilities and risk exposures (and the consequences) in participating in this event.
- I accept that the described difficulty grading of the river may be different from my own perception (of the river difficulty) and that I will accept responsibility to fully assess and manage all hazards and risks prior to participating in as well as during the event and/or event warm-up. This may include withdrawal from event if I deem it too difficult and/or dangerous for my level of experience and skill.
- I agree to fully assume the risks and dangers, regardless of their nature.
- Entrants can have a support crew. Competitors and support crews are responsible for their own food, drinks, equipment and clothing.
- Competitors and support crew must be present at the briefing.
- Competitors and support crews may be expelled, in the interests of safety, at the discretion of the organisers and officials.
- Entrants must be 16 years of age or over on the race day. Entrants under 18 years must have the declaration signed by a parent or guardian.
- Competitors must behave in a sporting manner. This includes not doing anything to endanger or cause injury to other competitors, using abusive language or behaviour toward other competitors and officials.
- All entrants must read and sign the attached declaration.
- The number of entrants may be limited by the organisers, at the organisers' discretion, and entries will be on a first received basis.
- Any section of the course may be cancelled or modified (subject to weather and conditions) before or on the day of the race at the discretion of the organisers.
- Entrants must be a current financial member of an Australian Canoeing affiliated club.

Equipment / Safety Requirements

- This is an extreme race, for advanced level white-water kayakers. It is NOT for beginners or those of limited experience.
- The area where this event is held is subject to cold, hot, wet, slippery, sunny, windy and difficult terrain. Get the idea – it's not a walk in the park!
- All participants must assess the conditions and dress accordingly and have extra clothing, food and equipment available.
- Kayakers must wear an approved helmet, buoyancy vest, footwear, and boats must have adequate buoyancy and hand loops.
- Kayaker's equipment which is deemed by officials to be unsuitable for the conditions will not be allowed to be used.
- Entrants must render all possible assistance to any other competitor who is in distress or danger.

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Entry Form – HYDRO TASMANIA CATARACT WHITE WATER CHALLENGE

Entries close Monday 27th of October. Send the completed entry form and signed declarations and all fees to Hydro Tasmania Cataract White-water Challenge, 233 Upper York St, West Launceston 7250, Phone 0458 001 406 .

On acceptance of your entry, you are bound by the Conditions of Entry, Equipment and Safety requirements, Event Entry and Declaration, as well as using some common sense!

Name:	AC member (Y/N)*
<small>* Current Australian Canoeing Inc. member</small>	
Contact Address:	
Phone:	
E-mail:	
Date of Birth:	

Entry fee is \$30 per person. LATE ENTRY FEE of \$10 per person applies. We accept: Direct Deposit (Tamar Canoe Club Inc.: BSB 067003 Account 28053701 and use your name as description); Money Order; Cash; Cheque

Payment method: (Tick one)	Direct Credit Tamar Canoe Club account <input type="checkbox"/>	Money Order <input type="checkbox"/>	Cash <input type="checkbox"/>	Cheque <input type="checkbox"/>
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***** You must COMPLETE EVENT DECLARATION (over page) *****

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Paid:		Declaration:	
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Tamar Canoe Club Inc.
EVENT ENTRY APPLICATION and DECLARATION

I[insert name] of[insert address] hereby apply for entry to **Cataract White-water Challenge** ("Event"). In so applying and in consideration of my application for entry to the Event being accepted I **acknowledge and agree** that:

1. **"AC"** for the purposes of this application and declaration means and includes Australian Canoeing Incorporated, its members (including State Associations and Affiliated Clubs) and their respective directors, officers, members, servants or agents.
2. **If accepted I will be permitted** to participate in the Event subject to my complying with the terms and conditions of the Event, this declaration and any reasonable direction issued by the Event organisers or their representatives.
3. **This document cannot be amended.** If I do amend it my application will be null and void. It cannot be accepted by AC.
4. **Insurance** is in place that provides limited cover to me whilst I am participating in the Event. For insurance details contact your State Association. I understand that this insurance may not cover me for all injury, loss or damage sustained by me and I can, in my own interests, seek and obtain personal insurances over and above the cover provided by AC.
5. **The Event rules and this declaration** comprise a contract between me and AC. It is necessary and reasonable for promoting and conducting the Event.
6. **Warning:** Participation in the Event can be inherently dangerous. Risks including but not only overexertion, equipment failure, dehydration, serious accidents, weather conditions, water quality and shark attack can and do happen which may result in me being personally injured or my property being damaged. I have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in the Event.
7. **Exclusion of Liability:** Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, I agree that it is a condition of my entry to the Event (if accepted) that AC is absolved from all liability however arising from injury or damage however caused (whether fatal or otherwise) arising out of my participation in the Event.
8. **Release and Indemnity:** In consideration of AC accepting my application for entry to the Event I:
 - (a) release and forever discharge AC from all Claims that I may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with my participation in the Event; and
 - (b) indemnify and hold harmless AC to the extent permitted by law in respect of any Claim by any person including but not only another participant in the Event arising as a result of or in connection with my participation in the Event.

In this **clause 8 "Claims"** means and includes any action, suit, proceeding, claim, demand, damage, penalty, cost or expense however arising but does not include a claim in respect of any action, suit, etc made by any person entitled to make a claim under a relevant Event insurance policy.

9. **Fitness to Participate:** I declare that I am and must continue to be medically and physically fit and able to participate in the Event. I am not and must not be a danger to myself or to the health and safety of others. I will immediately notify AC in writing of any change to my fitness and ability to participate. I understand and accept that AC will continue to rely upon this declaration as evidence of my fitness and ability to participate.
10. **Privacy:** I understand that the information I have provided is necessary for the conduct of the Event and for the Objects of AC. I acknowledge and agree that the information will only be used by AC to facilitate the conduct of the Event and other events conducted by AC. I understand that I will be able to access my information through AC. If the information is not provided my entry application may be rejected.

I acknowledge that AC may also use my personal information in accordance with the AC Privacy By-law. I may advise AC if I do not wish to receive from AC any AC sponsors or third parties' promotional material.

11. **Copyright and right to use image:** I acknowledge and consent to photographs being taken of me by or on behalf of AC during my participation in the Event. I acknowledge that the photographs are owned by AC and that AC may use the photographs for promotional or other purposes without my further consent being obtained. Further, I consent to the Event organisers using my name, image, likeness and also my performance in the Event, at any time, to promote the Event by any form of media.
12. **Prevailing conditions:** The Event and the conduct of, and participation in the Event will be effected by weather and associated conditions. Given there is often an element of the "luck of the prevailing conditions" in entering and competing in the Event I acknowledge and agree the Event organisers cannot control the weather and associated conditions.

I have read, understood, acknowledge and agree to the above declaration including the warning, exclusion of liability, release and indemnity. I acknowledge that if my application to enter the Event is successful I will be entitled to participate in the Event.

Signed: Date:
Name:

Where the applicant is under 18 years of age this form must also be signed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian.

I, am **the parent or guardian** of the applicant. I expressly agree to be responsible for the applicant's behaviour and agree to personally accept the conditions set out in this Event application and declaration including the provision by me of a release and indemnity in the terms set out above. I consent to the applicant's entry to, and if accepted, participation in the Event.

Parent's signature: Date:
(where applicant under 18 y.o)
Name: