



# ICF WILDWATER WORLD CUP 2009

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### LAST RACE ON THE UPPER MERSEY TOMORROW



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Canoe Tasmania, organisers of the 2009 Hydro Tasmania ICF Wildwater World Cup announced today that tomorrow's race (Race Three) will be the last at the Upper Mersey before competitors and officials pack up and travel to the next venue - Brady's Lake Whitewater course.

Race director, John Borojevic said that the last race at the Upper Mersey will be held at a lower section of the river.

"Tomorrow's classic race will cover a three-kilometre section of the Upper Mersey starting near Arm River with the finish line located just above Lake Parangana, John said.

"This section added some logistical challenges for us as the course provides very few access points and the finish line is located on the lake well away from the results and compiling team.

"We are very grateful to Forestry Tasmania for their support throughout the race. In particular, we have nothing but praise for Forestry's Regional Manager, Pete Rowlands who has not only been helping with cutting tracks for access points but also assisting with on-water rescue during the races. Pete has certainly been multi-tasking over the past few days, John said.

#### Race Four - Date Change

Mr Borojevic also confirmed the date of the second Rapid Sprint at Brady's Lake (Race Four) had been brought forward one day.





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“Race Four will now be held at Brady’s Lake Whitewater course from 9.30am on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

“Spectators are very welcome at the Brady’s Lake course and there are plenty of excellent vantage points to view all the action, John said.

Spectators are reminded to bring food, drinks and clothing and to observe the instruction of officials at the course.

Mr Borojevic also announced that the venue for the fifth race of the 2009 World Cup series had been agreed.

“Race five – the third classic leg -will be held on the Ouse River on Monday, 2 November.

“We should point out that there is no spectator access at the Ouse River,” John said.

Wildwater Races are individual time trials down sections of rivers containing difficult rapids. Specially-designed kayaks and canoes are used to negotiate the natural features of the river: rapids; rocks; tight corners; and waves; in order to find the fastest route down. Strong mental and technical skills are required with top wildwater racers among the fittest athletes on earth. Paddlers from 26 nations competed at the 2007 World Cup.

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