

Schedule of Events for Skippers – Catalina Channel Crossing

Friday, September 7

MANDATORY Meeting for all Coaches and Skippers

Pavilion A at Newport Dunes

Newport Dunes Waterfront
Resort & Marina 1131 Back Bay Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Parking at the Dunes from 5 to 9PM until the end of the Safety & Registration meeting is free. Free parking is for cars only; this does NOT include canoe trailers. Mention SCORA meeting at the gate.

Coaches – 5:30PM

- Advice – Ensure your coaches checklist is complete and registration will not consume the entire meeting
- All RACE FEES ARE DUE: bring club check book (separate checks to SCORA, Skippers, etc)
- All liability waivers are due (one for each paddler, skipper, coach, etc)
- Acknowledgement of race start line, procedures, and escort boat location will be addressed at each site.
- Sunday's SCORA awards dinner tickets will be available at the registration table **at the Dunes on Sunday**. One member from each crew will be responsible for picking up entire crews tickets. THEY WILL NOT BE dispersed to each paddler. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$10 a ticket.
- Meet your Skipper; go over crew size and baggage limitations
- Organize Saturday AND Sunday morning loading times, locations and procedures, exchange cell numbers

Skippers – 6:30PM

- Sign in and receive nametag.
- Meet your coach and SCORA officials. Discuss crew size and baggage limitations.
- Organize Saturday AND Sunday morning loading times, locations and procedures, exchange cell numbers
- Please address issues now. If assistance is needed, see Bud or Buff
- **NOTE: No waiver signatures for either Coach or Skipper will be considered a failure to comply and fines will be assessed**
- Discuss Avalon mooring procedures
- Responsibilities and rules of racing
 - Precautions in case of fog
 - Acknowledging tanker lane
 - Synchronize time checks and radio checks
 - Loading and unloading areas and procedures
 - Get your fuel early: Saturday and Sunday's race – Fuel dock in Avalon (adjacent to the Casino) is open from 8:00AM to 5:00PM

Saturday, September 8

6:00 AM

- Rig and launch canoe at Newport Dunes West Beach Pavilion (see map on page 3). Please load gear on escort boat before launching to prevent a log jam at the dock.

7:20 AM

- All canoes need to be on the water and proceed to start line; be aware of rowers and tidal currents near the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Bridge.

7:50 AM

- Time synchronization on VHF_(TBD)_
- Skippers stay clear of the harbor entrance and well behind or either side of the starting line.

8:00 AM

- Women's Race Start. Canoes lined up at the Bell Buoy at the harbor entrance. All escort boats will follow slowly behind or alongside the Official boats that are established around the perimeter of the race course. No escort boat may enter the pack until the official signal is received. This new format will be explained at the escort skipper meetings IF FOG DICTATES, escort boats will proceed SLOWLY to assigned canoes and keep in sight.

8:20 AM

- Co-ed Race Start (skippers, please read the above for escort directions)
- Once the OFFICIAL ESCORT BOAT SIGNAL has been sounded for each time frame, all escorts may proceed onto the course from the back or either side of the pack, so as not to upset canoes with their wake as they approach their team. Throughout the race, escort boat wakes may not hinder an opposing team, nor assist their own. Time penalties will be assessed if an escort boat does not proceed safely and courteously at any point during the race.

1:00 – 2:30 PM

- Approximate finish time
- Escort boats will precede to the Avalon Log Jam at Lover's Cove and see the SCORA skiff to see if moorings are available and if so, to get your mooring assignment, then you will pay the Harbor Master at this time for your mooring. Please be patient, Buff works closely with the Harbor Master to obtain available moorings for as many skippers as possible. **Side ties inside will be mandatory.** Bring appropriate gear for side tying.
- The gas dock is not for loading or unloading!!
- During refueling you may transfer gear up the ramp.
- Do not stack and leave gear on the ramp.

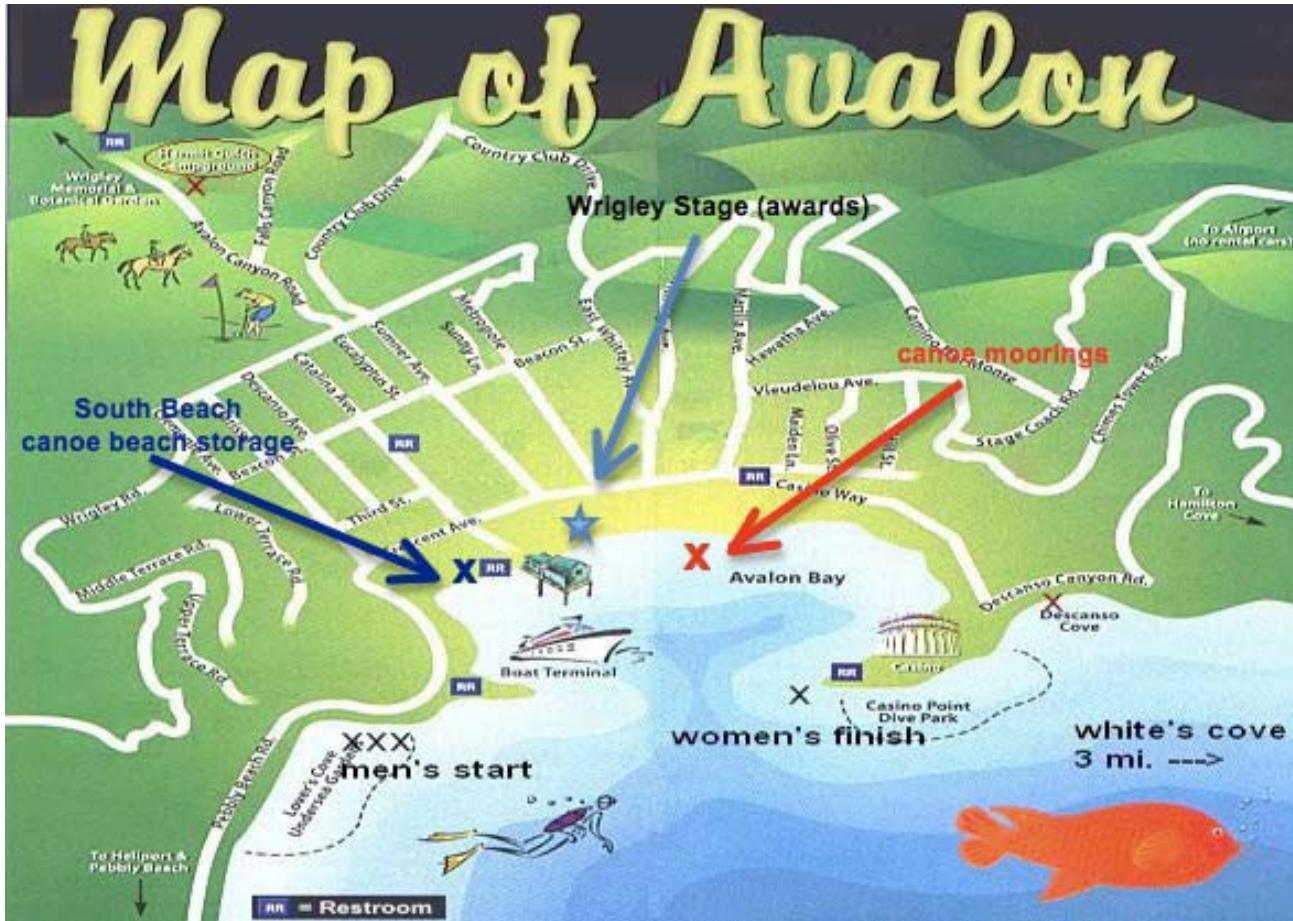
1:00 – 3:00 PM

- Canoes go to South Beach (left side of Green Pleasure Pier as seen from the water) or reserved canoe mooring (right side of pier). For the canoe moorings, only 2 paddlers are needed to secure canoe to mooring. Do not leave any personal gear on board your canoe. SCORA is under no obligation for damage or theft of improperly secured canoe.
- Clubs and coaches are responsible for any violations

3:45 – 5:00 PM – Wahine & Open Coed Awards | Wrigley Stage (Crescent Ave)

- Mayor's Cup presentation
- Women's & Coed race awards
- Coaches confirm with Skippers regarding Sunday morning logistics.
- Any conflicts and other info will be handled at the Wrigley Stage SCORA table

8:30 PM – Wahine Express departs at Dock



Sunday, September 9

6:00 – 7:30 AM

- Breakfast in town. A few recommendations include Pete's | Pancake Cottage | Original Jack's Country Kitchen | Eric's on the Pier, etc... Please be patient, courteous, and tip well!

7:30 – 8:30 AM

- Clean up at South Beach and organize gear for loading onto escort boats.
- EACH CLUB is responsible for their own trash removal; make sure your area is clean before leaving.

8:30 AM

- Load your escort boat. Do not go to the dock until your crew is ready to load. We strongly suggest that you use your canoe to load gear onto escort boats due to congestion at docks.

9:00 AM

- **Master Coed Start**
- All other canoes should be on the water by now.
- Warm up and proceed to Lovers' Cove for the start (see map) where canoes will line up between 2 strategically placed SCORA buoys.
- All escort skippers must check in prior to the race by radio or in person at Lover's Cove

10:00 AM

- **Men's Race Start** will be at Lovers Cove between the buoys. Lovers Cove is very close to the Catalina Flyer and Catalina Express loading docks (and NOT a quarter mile into your race).
- All escort boats will be staged alongside the race course and will follow slowly outside the Official Boats that are established along the perimeter of the race course. No escort boat may enter the pack until the official signal is received. Escort boats are not to block the entrance to the harbor transit area.
- IF FOG DICTATES, escort boats will proceed SLOWLY to assigned canoe and keep in sight.

10:30 AM

- Once the OFFICIAL ESCORT BOAT SIGNAL has been sounded, all escorts may proceed onto the course from the back or either side of the pack, so as not to upset canoes with their wake as they approach their team. Throughout the race, escort boat wakes may not hinder an opposing team, nor assist their own. Team penalties will be assessed if an escort boat does not proceed safely and courteously at any point during the race.

1:00 – 3:00 PM

- Approach Newport Harbor.
- NO WATER CHANGES are allowed inside the harbor.
- Escort boats cannot follow their canoes through the harbor or they will be cited for breaking the "no wake" rules and/or exceeding the 5 mph limit.
- All escort boats must stop and check in with SCORA Official Boat that's located immediately inside the Harbor entrance.

2:00 – 3:30 PM

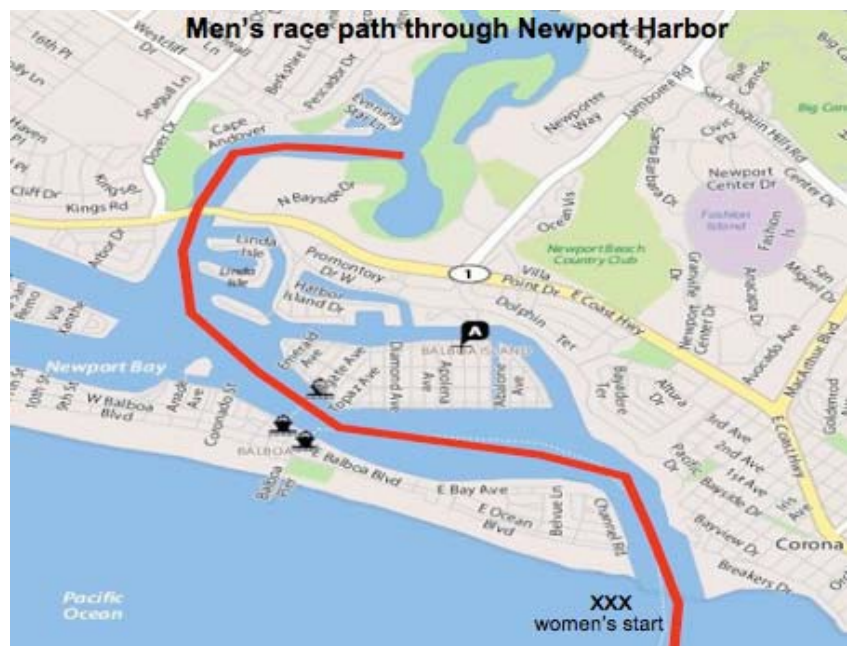
- Finish of men's race at Newport Dunes
- Unrig and load canoes onto trailers and unload escort boats
- Outside showers are available at the Dunes
- The Camp James area is not in our event contract, PLEASE NO LOITERING AT THAT SITE

2:00 PM

- End of Season Party begins (Food service and entertainment at Newport Dunes Pavilion 'C')

4:30 PM

- Awards ceremony for men's races (and recap of women's awards)



General Information for Escort Skippers

Read this entire packet to familiarize yourself with this race.

Prior to Friday Night

- Make sure engine components are running and have been well maintained.
- Properly stow away all sharp objects and check for other possible unsafe conditions on your vessel.
- If you have not already, Please register no later than August 31, 2018 at <http://www.catalinacrossing.org/skippers> and fill out your name, address, phone number and boat CF info for mooring assignment and safety. If you need assistance, please contact Malia at safety@scora.org
- Due to having the increased escort boat numbers, it is requested that if any vessel that is assigned an inside mooring, be prepared with proper standing gear to assist another vessel to side tie

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- Attend meeting at The Newport Dunes to receive dinner tickets, turn in waiver forms, acknowledge mooring assignment procedures

Saturday & Sunday, September 8-9

- All escort vessels must check in with the designated official boat, following the procedure described at the Friday and Saturday night skipper meetings.
- To ease the movement of paddlers to and from the vessel, all non-racing gear should be properly stowed below. Bag and tag gear if space is not available on boat then inform Bud or Buff for transport.
- Inform all participants on your vessel of your safety precautions.
- Stay off of the race course (either behind or alongside by 100 yards), following the established officials' boats perimeter until the go-ahead signal is received.
- Do not charge through the pack. Violators will be assessed a penalty.
- Changes into the water will be from coach's command with skipper's acknowledgement.
- No changes may be made in the harbor on Sunday. Violators will be assessed a severe penalty.
- Skipper (or spotter) should maintain contact with persons in and on the water at all times.
- It is advisable to have paddlers jump into the water, board your vessel, and to keep paddlers in the water on the side on which steering station is located.
- Shut down engines when paddlers are in the water and are within 10 yards of your vessel.
- DO NOT, under any circumstances, back down to pick up or drop-off paddlers. In most cases, the paddlers will swim to you.
- Assist paddlers into the vessel with consideration to paddler's ability to get onto the ladder, swim step, or other loading device.
- Have a line (with a floating device attached) available for assistance in case it's necessary.
- Know your course and take radio charge if your vessel is involved in an emergency.

NO ALCOHOL MAY BE CONSUMED DURING THE RACE!!!

Radio Communication

We will monitor **CHANNEL_(TBD)**. It is only a MONITORING channel, not a conversation channel. If assistance is needed, call the vessel in question and proceed with transmission. The VIP BOAT will provide general race information. Do not crowd the channel with questions regarding placement of teams in the racing pack.

If assistance is needed for escort vessels, call **SCORA I, SCORA II, or SCORA III**. The Coast Guard has been informed of the race, as have the Harbor Patrols in Avalon and Newport Beach. Urgent medical emergencies should be handled on **channel 16** and directed to the agency that can assist in the timeliest manner.

We will be crossing the shipping lanes out of San Pedro and Long Beach. No ship will change its course for our race. It takes 4 miles for a vessel that size to slow down. Please proceed with caution and aim for the rear of any large vessel crossing the course.

Required Equipment

Escort boats participating in the Catalina Outrigger Canoe Race **MUST** be properly equipped. **All required equipment by law must be aboard each vessel.**

Below is a **minimal list of required and recommended equipment** to aid each escort boat and outrigger paddlers in the race:

Equipment Required by Law

- Flame arresters for gasoline engines
- Fire extinguishers of proper size and number
- Personal floatation devices of proper size for each person aboard (including relief paddlers)
- Visual distress signals
- Sound signaling devices
- Ventilation for vessels with gasoline aboard
- Marine sanitation devices
- First Aid Kit

Required Race Equipment

- Operating marine radio, no handhelds
- Ladder or device to board vessel from ocean
- Anchor and anchor line
- 40 foot towline (anchor line may substitute if proper size)
- Adequate fuel and proper storage of such
- Compass
- Chart of race course and navigation
- Adequate drinking water
- 5 gallon bucket

Recommended Equipment

- Extra line
- Mooring fenders (for safe side tying)
- Adequate jackets for night time
- Hats and sunscreen

Side tie and rafting gear needs: large fenders, spring lines, dock lines

Anchoring: adequate size anchor with chain for size of vessel and 200 foot anchor line

All escort boat skippers must use their discretion and carry aboard other safety gear.

Check out links on the SCORA website at www.scora.org/canoe-safety-information for other escort knowledge and safety procedures.

Additional Important Notices:

- Public consumption of alcohol is not permitted on Catalina Island.
- Please respect the rules and policies of the city of Avalon so we are welcome to continue this event in the future.
- No glass allowed at Newport Dunes.

NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL can be brought into the Newport Dunes. There will be fines from SCORA and disqualification from the race and non-participation in the 2018 Catalina Crossing if these rules are not obeyed.