

Tahiti International Paddle Week 2026

28th July - 2nd August 2026

Kayak / Va'a / Surfski / OC1



Aorai Tini Hau Nautical Center - Pirae - TAHITI

Teahupo'o - Mataiea - TAHITI



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The French Polynesian Kayak Surfski Federation (FPKS) extends a warm invitation to nations across the globe to join us in Tahiti for The Tahiti International Paddle Week.

This event provides an opportunity for world-class racing and cultural connections.

We look forward to welcoming you to our shores.

Program

1/ Pacific Games Test Event / 28th-30th July 2026

- Kayak Sprints / 28th-29th July 2026
- Va'a Sprints / 28th-29th July 2026
- Va'a Marathon / 30th July 2026

2/ Oceania Ocean Racing / 30th July 2026

- Surfski Ocean Racing (Nelo 510)

3/ ICF Ocean Racing World Cup / 31st July - 1st-2nd August 2026

- Surfski & OC1 Ocean Racing



Registration

Pacific Games Test Event & Oceania Ocean Racing

- Please send an intention to participate before 15th April 2026
- Entries close 07th July 2026
- The entry fee is 25€ per athlete
- Late registration may be accepted up to the 17th of July
- The entry fee is 40€ for any late registrations accepted
- Payment details will be provided in a subsequent bulletin
- Tahitian athletes must be current members of FPKS or FTV
- All athletes must have completed a 2026 Waiver form.
- Please email contactfpks@gmail.com with all registration queries.

ICF Ocean Racing World Cup

- Please send an intention to participate before 15th April 2026
- Entries close 07th July 2026
- The entry fee is 80€ per athlete
- Late registration may be accepted up to the 17th of July
- The entry fee is 120€ for any late registrations accepted
- Payment details will be provided in a subsequent bulletin
- Tahitian athletes must be current members of FPKS
- All athletes must have completed a 2026 Waiver form.
- Please email contactfpks@gmail.com with all registration queries.



Competition rules

Pacific Games Test Event (Kayak and Va'a Sprints / Va'a marathon)

The competitions will be run in accordance with the IVF (va'a) and ICF (Kayak) Rules in place at the time of competition, and any special FPKS or FTV rules as pertain to the competition.

Oceania Ocean Racing

The competitions will be run in accordance with the ICF Rules in place at the time of competition, and any special FPKS or FTV rules as pertain to the competition.

ICF Ocean Racing World Cup

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Competition Information

Pacific Games Test Event (Kayak and Va'a Sprints / Va'a marathon)

- Va'a and Kayak Sprints will follow the IVF and ICF race format, Heat / Repechage / Semifinal / Final, the format of this will be determined by the number of entries.
- Kayak sprints will be run on the same 250m lanes used for Va'a.
- Va'a Marathons will take place in the lagoon or the in the ocean depending of the weather conditions.
- The following age groups and events are contested and will medal : Open Men V1, Open Women V1, Mixed V6, Open Men K1, Open Women K1, Mixed K1 Relay.
- Canoes (Va'a) provided by the FTV, Surfskis (Nelo 510) provided by the FPKS.
- For the V6 races, if a delegation is understaffed, it can be supplemented by tahitian paddlers, but that composite V6 team will not compete under the delegation's country's colors.

Oceania Ocean Racing

- The race will take the form of several laps in the bay of Taaone (7-10km).
- The following age groups and events are contested and will medal : Open Men SS1, Open Women SS1, Mixed Relay.
- Surfskis (Nelo 510) provided by the FPKS.

ICF Ocean Racing World Cup

- Open Ocean Downwind race, from Teahupo'o to Mataiea (17 to 20km).
- Alternate race course on Tahiti North Shore, depending on the weather conditions.
- The following age groups and events are contested and will medal : Open Men SS1, Open Women SS1, U23 Men SS1, U23 Women SS1, U18 Men SS1, U18 Women SS1, Master40 Men SS1, Master40 Women SS1, Master50 Men SS1, Master50 Women SS1, Open Men OC1, Open Women OC1.
- Fenn Surfskis will be available for rent for 120€.