San Diego Canoe Kayak Team is proud to host the
2015 USA CANOE/KAYAK
Sprint National Championships and
Masters National Championships
July 30-August 2, 2015 at
The Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California

EVENT

- OFFICIAL WEBSITE: The Official website for the event is sdckt.net/nat2015
- SPONSORED by NRG, Power to be Free nrg.com
- USACK MEMBERSHIP: All U.S. participants in the USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint National Championships must be current registered members of USACK on July 1, 2015. Club membership will be determined by athletes listed on the USA Canoe/Kayak roster on July 1st memberusack.site-ym.com
- SOCIAL MEDIA: Updates and information can also be found on Facebook facebook.com/SDCKT ; Follow SDCKT on Twitter @SDCKTPaddle and Instagram.com/sdckt
- RACE PROGRAM: A race program will be distributed at the event.
COMPETITION

- **Race registration**: Registration will open on June 1, 2015. Team coaches will register their paddlers at sdckt.net/reg. Only one designated entry person per club is allowed. Unaffiliated competitors will be allowed to enter individually.
- **Registration deadline**: Nominal entries shall be due no later than June 30, 2015 midnight PST. Entries must be accompanied with payment. No payment, no entry. Checks postmarked on or before July 1, 2015 will be accepted.
- **Entry fees**:
  - Junior/Senior 4-9 Races........ $145.00
  - Junior/Senior 1-3 Races..........$72.50
  - Masters.................................. $55.00
  - Paracanoe.............................. $55.00
  - *Athletes can enter up to 8 events plus 1 distance event.

*Payment can be made by check (preferred) to:
SDCKT 4131 Raffee Drive San Diego, CA 92117
Online payments will have a $5 service fee per paddler.

- **Draft Order of Events**: A draft order of events is available online at sdckt.net/race-schedule. A draft order of events publishing the names of the competitors entered in each event in both heats and finals will be sent to each team leader or coach of each participating club on or before July 16, 2015. We anticipate that the first race of each day will start at 8:00am. Official start times will be announced after the scratch meeting. *Please be mindful of the proximity of races to one another and enter athletes accordingly. Races will not be delayed to accommodate athletes racing out of their discipline.
- **Virtual Pre-Scratch Meeting**: A virtual/remote web-based pre-scratch meeting will take place no later than July 23rd to resolve all entry issues and to complete any unresolved team boats. Team Leaders will be notified when the date and time are set.
- **Scratch Meeting**: The USACK Scratch Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Boathouse courtyard. Only scratches and competitor substitutions shall be allowed. The Masters scratch meeting will take place on Friday, July 31, 2015, at 6:00pm.
- **Team Leaders and Coaches Meeting**: Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at the boathouse courtyard immediately following the scratch meeting.
- **Officials Meeting**: The Officials meeting will take place Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 4:00pm at the Finish Tower.
- **Open Meeting**: An open meeting will be held following the last event of the first day of competition (July 30, 2015) at the Finish Tower to allow team leaders, coaches, and officials to comment on the conduct of the regatta.
- **Boat Control**: All boats are subject to weight and measurement specifications set forth in the Race Rules (link below.) Pre-competition boat control will be available on a self-serve basis on Wednesday, 9am-4pm, for athletes to check boat weights before the races. No stickers will be issued before racing. Boats called after each race should exit the water and report swiftly to boat control through the boat control chute. Full details will be given at the Team Leaders Meeting.
- **Athlete Check-in**: Athlete check-in is Wednesday, July 29, 2015 from 10am to 4pm. Team Leaders will check-in for the entire team and receive athlete goody bags and meal bracelets. Athlete check-in for Masters will be Friday, July 31, 2015 10am-5pm.
- **Course Maps**: Visit www.sdckt.net/course-maps to view the reservoir course maps for both sprint and distance races.
- **Dock Control:** Due to very limited dock space, access to the dock will be strictly controlled and restricted to only those absolutely necessary and athletes entering and exiting the water.

- **Awards:** Medals will be announced and presented throughout the race days shortly after each Final. The club awards will be presented on Saturday evening, August 1st, at the *Beach Blanket BBQ Banquet.*

- **Race Rules:** Visit teamusa.org/usa-canoe-kayak/racing-rules

- **Race Results:** Visit sdckt.net/nat-results

*OPENING CEREMONY, TORCH LIGHTING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL*

Our kickoff social, opening ceremony and Olympic torch lighting will take place July 29, 2015, Wednesday evening at 5:00-6:30pm after the coaches’ meeting. No need to change clothes—come directly from the boathouse for socializing, fun and ice cream! It’s complimentary and our way of saying welcome to San Diego.

*BEACH BLANKET BBQ BANQUET*

The awards banquet will be held Saturday evening at the Visitors Center/Olympic Torch area of the OTC. Dress is casual! (You are encouraged to come straight from boathouse – there are both men’s and women’s locker rooms to change into casual clothes!) Note: if you do go back to your hotel please be aware of the travel time! Masters and Paddlefest attendees are encouraged to come to the banquet – it will be a fun night!

Tickets are $40. The last day to purchase Banquet tickets is Tuesday, July 15th. Tickets can be purchased online at sdckt.net/reg.

*INFORMATION*

- **Lunches:** Lunches will be a little different this year. The permit from the City and the Olympic Training Center Rules prohibits individuals from preparing food at the venue and requires that we use an approved caterer. The teams may have a training table with factory-sealed, pre-packaged snacks, fruit and beverages.

  Lunches will be served by Bekker’s catering Thursday through Sunday. Pre-paid tickets can be purchased for $8 per person, per day. Each lunch will include an entrée, a side dish and salad. The menu will be varied: Texas BBQ, Hawaiian, Mexican and Greek. Simple sandwich and vegetarian options will also be available. See sdckt.net/natfood for more information. Buy your team lunch tickets at sdckt.net/reg.

- **Event T-shirts:** Order your event t-shirts now at sdckt.net/reg Order now-supplies limited!

- **Race Program, Team Profiles And Shout-Out Ads:**

  We will be distributing a race program that will include team pages, coach profiles and dedication or “shout-out” ads. The “shout-out” ads recognizing your paddler’s commitment and success can be purchased at sdckt.net/shout-outs. Submission/payment deadline is 7/1/15. Once purchased, submit your ad to ShoutOuts@sdckt.net.
• **Parking:** Parking will be at the main parking lots at the Main entrance to the OTC. Athlete and equipment drop-off is allowed, but all vehicles must park in the upper, main visitor lots. See venue information, below and [sdckt.net/otc-map](http://sdckt.net/otc-map). Shuttles will transport you to the boathouse. Traffic flow and parking will be enforced by the OTC and our volunteers. Please follow their direction for an orderly and safe event.

• **Tents:** We will be using a combination of tents and boathouse space for teams. Please check-in BEFORE setting up tents to be given your assigned area. A map of the layout for team set up will be posted online prior to the event at [sdckt.net/nat2015](http://sdckt.net/nat2015).

• **Volunteers:** The SDCKT will have plenty of opportunities for parents, supporters and friends to volunteer during the Nationals. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, a link to sign up for volunteer opportunities is posted online at [sdckt.net/volunteers](http://sdckt.net/volunteers)

  For **Officials** we need you! Please visit [sdckt.net/officials-survey](http://sdckt.net/officials-survey) to sign up to officiate.

• **OTC Merchandise and Concessions:** The Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm and serves as the home base for the self-guided and guided tours. The Visitor Center is home to the BMX Hall of Fame and the Team USA Shop, where more than 100 different Team USA-branded items are available for purchase. Proceeds from all sales support U.S. athletes.

• **Accommodations:** Visit [sdckt.net/accommodations](http://sdckt.net/accommodations) for local host hotels for the USA Canoe/Kayak Nationals Regatta. Room blocks have been held under "2015 Sprint Canoe Kayak Nationals." To book, call the hotel front desk directly, and book early as the blocks will fill up fast!

• **Sunscreen, Sunscreen, Sunscreen.** We are not kidding. Protect yourself from the SD sun.

  **PADDLEFEST**

  Paddlefest will take place together with the Masters events on Sunday, August 2, 2015. Paddlefest is for everyone! This will be a day of friendly competition in various paddle sports including **surfski, outrigger and dragon boats.** Cheer for the Masters, watch a **kayak polo game,** and take on the other parents in a dragon boat race. It will be a great way to end the competition. For more information and to register now, see [www.sdckt.net/paddlefest](http://www.sdckt.net/paddlefest)

  **VENUE**

  • Olympic Training Center: The Sprint National Championships will be held at the renowned Olympic Training Center (OTC) in Chula Vista, California from July 30 - August 2, 2015. The OTC is a 155 acre complex situated next to the lower Otay Reservoir in San Diego County. It is the first U.S. Olympic Training Center to be master-planned from the ground up and is dedicated to the development of America’s future Olympic and Paralympic athletes. The OTC is located approximately 40 minutes south of San Diego International Airport at:

    **Olympic Training Center**
    2800 Olympic Parkway
    Chula Vista, CA 91915

  • For more information about the Olympic Training Center, visit [teamusa.org/About-the-USOC/Training-Centers-and-Sites/Chula-Vista](http://teamusa.org/About-the-USOC/Training-Centers-and-Sites/Chula-Vista)
Directions to the venue: [sdckt.net/otc-directions](http://sdckt.net/otc-directions)

Parking, Opening Ceremony and Banquet (2800 Olympic Parkway Chula Vista CA 91915): From San Diego, take I-5 south 1.5 miles to 94 east (exit 15B). (If this exit is missed, just take 54 east, which will also intersect with 805 south, exit 2)). Drive for 3 miles to 805 south (exit 3) for 9 miles to Olympic Parkway/Orange Ave. (exit 4) Turn left (east) onto Olympic Parkway and travel for approximately 6.7 miles. Turn right into the OTC-Main Entrance. Parking is located inside the main entrance at 2800 Olympic Parkway.

Boathouse/Reservoir for athlete, spectator and equipment drop-off only (Wueste Road): Pass the main entrance and take a right onto Wueste Road. Travel approximately .7 miles past the Athlete Entrance to the boathouse entrance on your left. Turn left and go down the dirt road where you will be directed to the drop off loop and equipment unloading area. Exit the drop off area and proceed back up Wueste. Turn left on Olympic Parkway and left again into the OTC Main Entrance to main parking lots. Shuttles will take you back down to the event on race days. It is also within walking distance.

***Note drive times for planning purposes – From each of the host hotels to the OTC it is approximately 20 minutes. If you are staying up in the San Diego area your drive time will be closer to 35-50 minutes***