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### **Welcome to the 2008 Marathon Racing Season**

Welcome to another year packed full of exciting racing. We should lobby for a 2 day working week and a 5 day weekend so we have enough time to get to all the events crammed onto the calendar these days!

#### ***Year of the Novice Racer..... Free entry to Members & their "First-Timer" guests***

Everyone who currently participates is encouraged to introduce at least one new paddler to the Marathon Racing scene. There is something for all levels of paddler, in any type of craft, and the emphasis will be on encouraging novice racers to participate in a non-intimidating and friendly environment. To provide some incentive, the entry fee shall be waived for a first-timer's first race, and for the current Member who introduces them. This will apply to the Winter (Marathon 10) Series only.

#### ***Name Change for Winter (...not) Series***

The Northern Series will be a 6 race series from April to September and will continue to run as a modified Class Racing format. The Winter Series will be a 10 race series from February to November, and will continue to be the Divisional Racing format, with some minor Rule changes. We are dropping "Winter" from the name (for reasons which should be fairly obvious) and this series will now be known as the "Marathon 10" Series. Full Rules for each Series are shown further in the booklet.

#### ***New Booklet Format***

Another major change for this year will be the publication of the Booklet in full electronic format, which will be permanently available as a PDF on the Marathon page of the NSWCI website. Go to [www.nswcanoe.org.au](http://www.nswcanoe.org.au) and click on Marathon in the left-hand margin. A huge thanks to Tony & Alana Hystek from Lane Cove River Kayakers for their efforts in compiling the booklet, and we hope you enjoy the fresh approach.

Last year we had 1000 copies printed at a cost of nearly \$3000, and we ran out very early in the season! As a PDF, you can print the whole booklet or any page individually as you require. We will supply some printed copies to each Club for those who don't have access to the internet, but it will be in loose-leaf form rather than booklet form.

As a result, there will be no fee to the host Clubs for their Race Page, and any advertisers will be most welcome at a very generous rate of \$50 per page (rather than the previous \$400). The other advantage is that information or advertising can be added at any time throughout the year.

Before you read on, just take a moment to give yourselves a great big pat on the back. Why?..... because it is thanks to you that Marathon Racing continues to thrive & prosper in NSW. Statistics from the Winter Series show that a total of 1404 paddlers in 1132 boats participated in 2007. That's an average of 140 paddlers per race, and further proof that Marathon is continuing to grow.... So from all the host Clubs and organisers, thank you very much for your support, and we hope you have an enjoyable and competitive year of racing.

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