

WORLD SPRINTS 2010 – NEW CALEDONIA
Pure Light Racing Memo #1
December 21, 2009

Hi Gang,

Here are the things we covered in our team meeting on 12/18/09. We are excited about the upcoming 2010 World Sprints in New Caledonia and look to represent Hawai'i proudly. Please read this carefully because there are some deadlines that need to be met.

First off, here is the link for the World Sprints New Caledonia website:

www.vaa2010.nc/index.php?lang=english

It has a lot of good information about the competition and also about New Caledonia including weather, currency exchange, electricity info, etc., so check it out.

COSTS:

Cost per paddler is anticipated to be \$2,500.00 to cover race registration, airfare, hotel and ground transportation. All other expenses (meals, etc.) are the responsibility of the paddler. Payment schedule:

Due January 17, 2010 - \$1,500.00

Due mid-March - \$500.00

Due mid-April - \$500.00

By Monday, 12/28/09, please let us know EITHER WAY whether you feel you are able to commit the time and finances to make this trip. We need to book now in order to secure the best airfare rates, so please let us know if you are serious about being a part of this team. If we make the reservations for you and you have to cancel, you will be responsible for any penalties or lost deposits due to the cancellation.

TRAVEL:

The World Sprints competition dates are 5/25 – 5/29/10. Tentative travel dates would be leaving from Honolulu around 5/21 and returning around 5/31. Depending on the flights we book, we will probably be traveling through Sydney or Auckland on our flights to New Caledonia.

We will all leave Honolulu at the same time. If you are looking to extend your stay, please let me know by Monday, 12/28/09 with the date you are looking to return. We will assist in booking your new return date home, but you will be responsible for handling any other airfare and whatever additional costs are incurred by extending your stay.

If you have a guest(s) traveling with you, they will be responsible for their entire cost of their travel. Please let us know if you are bringing additional people. We may ask that the additional guest(s) coordinate their own reservations as a group, but we will do what we can to assist in the coordination process with the team reservations.

PRACTICE:

During the month of January, there will be team practices every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. SHARP at the Sand Island practice site.

From February through mid-May, practices will be held every Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. SHARP at the Sand Island practice site.

This does not give us a lot of team practices, so you will be expected to make these practices as part of your commitment to participating in this competition.

We will once again be learning a hula to share at cultural night. We will start hula practice in February, so allow for enough time to be a part of that.

FORMS:

We will be forwarding soon the necessary adaptive paddler forms from the World Sprints. Please be sure to have these filled out by the necessary medical people and turned back in to us by the deadlines stipulated. Don't wait until the last minute. It really holds everything up if you are late getting these forms back to us.

FUNDRAISING:

If you plan on doing any fundraising on your own, please get approval in advance from Aka or Suzi so that Pure Light can ensure that there are no conflicts with potential sponsors and so that we are aware of what you are doing and not get blindsided. That way we can give you approval before you make any commitments to sponsors, etc. and prevent any awkward situations in advance.

If you need help with information about the World Sprints and the Pure Light Racing Team to assist in your fundraising efforts, please let us know.

PASSPORTS:

If you plan on participating, please email Suzi asap with the name as shown on your passport.

The ID that we turn into the IVF must be current through the competition dates. Once you let us know if you are planning to participate, we may need new copies of your IDs.

Look at your passport NOW for the expiration date. The passport office recommends renewing your passport now if it is due to expire within the next two years.