



Canal du Midi Rallye

Regulations (reading necessary)



PARTICIPATION RIGHT

- ✦ The ATPPR is a member of the FFA its purpose is to promote long-distance leisure rowing. Therefore priority is given to rowing members, non rowing members will be accepted within the limit of available places.
- ✦ Each participant must possess an FFA or foreign federation licence and is therefore subjected to its rules (medical certificate, etc.). Otherwise, whatever their mode participation to the Rallye, a one week licence will be delivered to members who do not possess one. This cost is included in the fee for the Rallye.
- ✦ Each under-eighteen member needs a parent authorization, which must also be signed by the adult member who will be responsible for him/her during the week of the Rallye, whether the parent or legal guardian is participating in the rallye or not.

The organization committee has the right to exclude any member who shows signs of incivility towards either people or equipment.

RALLYE PRINCIPLES

- ✦ The Canal du Midi Rowing Rallye is run in quad scull with coxswain (5 seats).
- ✦ **It's strongly recommended to include in the team a sixth person/rower following the crew** by bicycle in order to help to the security to board to the Canal bank. So team members can switch times to times (rowing, cycling, coxing). Crews will be formed on this principle, by the ATPPR at the close of registrations, with the rowers registered individually.
- ✦ Maximum of 2 under eighteen are accepted in the team.
- ✦ Rowers must be confirmed (2 years of minimum practice)
- ✦ The Rallye is a five day event, each stage of **30 to 50 km is split in two half days**.
- ✦ Friday afternoon is dedicated for regatta in Béziers. After folding equipment, the association offers everyone a festive animation on Friday evening. Saturday morning is dedicated to the return on Toulouse
- ✦ Each boat is evaluated every stage and then the start order for the following stage is determined.
- ✦ The crossing of obstacles (locks, bridges, roads) takes place **on foot without running**. The team can be helped.
- ✦ Rowers must be attentive and courteous with other participants to ensure the safety and usability of the Rallye.

The organization committee has the right to modify or stop a crew if they estimate that the latter is not able to follow the Rallye

SAFETY - ASSISTANCE

- ✦ The safety during the stage is ensured by the vigilance of the participants, by the bicycle guides who follow the boats and by the members of the organizing committee who accompany the convoy and who are connected to each other by telephone.
- ✦ **Helmets are mandatory for all cyclists**
- ✦ The tow-path is forbidden to motor vehicles, except local rights holders and in case of emergency.
- ✦ Every one must help anyone in danger according to their capacity and warn members of the organization as soon as possible.
- ✦ Crossing roads must be done with caution and respect to the road regulations.
- ✦ Driving members must have detailed maps (Green IFG n° 72 or 114).
- ✦ Routine care related to the event (blisters ..., minor injuries) are ensured by the permanent presence of authorized staff members of the organizing team. Interventions that are no longer the responsibility of the members of the organization are provided by the civil emergency services or local care (doctor, hospital, Samu, fire brigade)

Each rower undertakes to respect the instructions of the organizers concerning safety in all situations (on the water, on the bank, on the roads, on the buses, etc.).

The organization committee may have to stop or modify one or more stages for climatic conditions

EQUIPMENT

- ✦ Rentals, boats, bicycles and trolley are possible **but in limited numbers**. The price includes a participation for the payment of repairs not supported by the insurer.
- ✦ Participants using their own equipment must be self-assured.
- ✦ Each boat must be equipped with a rope (6 meters or more) attached to the front, the back, a gaff, a sponge and be decked on the stern.
- ✦ The boats are equipped with a reliable transport trolley to ensure the passage of obstacles. A construction plan may be provided to participants wishing to use their own equipment.
- ✦ ATPPR can not be held responsible in case of theft.

We are covered by river navigation rules: all boats (barges, sailing boats, tourism boats) have right of way over our boats in every situation (while at rest, manoeuvring or at the locks).