

IFR WORLD CUP SERIES – KATUN RIVER CUP 2006

A. General information:

Katun, after nearly 20 years of negligence, is again hosting the premiere whitewater event – Katun River Cup-2006.

The Event will be held on August 8-14 near the village of Kupchegen, Onduday District, Altai Republic on the mighty Katun River and its tributary Chuya River.

Altai Republic is widely known as a major whitewater destination in Russia for rafting enthusiasts. Whitewater rafting has been cultivated here for more than half a century, and naturally rafting has become the national sport in Altai. These competitions are of genuine interest to acting sportsmen, whitewater veterans and those who are doing their first steps in rafting.

B. Hosting organizations: Government of Altai Republic, International Rafting Federation (IRF), Russian Rafting Federation (RRF), Union of Sport Tourism of Altai Republic (USTAR).

C. Necessary contacts: www.altai-raft.com
rafting@rinet.ru

D. Due to complicated logistics of the Event, team registration should be done by June 1, 2006 and sent to altai-raft@yandex.ru

Finally, application forms of the teams, with detailed information, should be forwarded by July 1, 2006 to USTAR: altai-raft@yandex.ru

E. Event format: Time Trial

Altai Head to Head Race

Slalom Race(8 downstream and 4 upstream gates)

Downriver Race

Special Event – Siberian Supermarathon Race (appr. 50 km)

F. Gear: At this time of year, water temperature ranges between 10-14 C, air temperature - 15-30 C.

Full wetsuit (not less than 3mm) is required, as well as throw bags, knife, life jackets - buoyancy 18 liters, helmets.

Self-bailing, 14 feet rafts will be provided by the Organizer.

G. How to get to the venue. Forming the budget:

Nearest International airports: Barnaul and Novosibirsk.

Distance from Novosibirsk to the venue is 815 km, via federal highway M-52.

T/W transfer from Novosibirsk is by van (up to 8 pax.) for 1000 euro or by minibus for 1580 euro (up to 15 pax).

Distance from Barnaul to the venue is 515 km, via federal highway M-52.

T/W transfer from Barnaul is by van (up to 8 pax.) for 600 euro or by minibus for 980 euro (up to 15pax).

For official races and official practice, transport will be provided and the cost is included in the Registration fee. Additional transport could be arranged on request.

Rent-a-car service with driver (van up to 8 pax.) is 50 eurocents per km. (Cost doesn't include accommodations and meals for the driver –appr. 15 euro/day.)

The event invitation fee is 15 to 20 euro per person.

H. Accommodations before and after the Event - 10 euro (ethnic village) per person per night.

Camping – 3 euro per tent.

Meals – appr. 10 euro per person per day.

Raft rental – 50 euro per day.

Entry Fee – 450 euro per team of 6+1 members.

I. Miscellaneous

Internet will be provided at the competition headquarters.

Insurance liability certificate could be issued on the eve of the Event. Cost of the insurance is 15-20 euro for the period of the competition. (7 days)

Program:

August 8, Tuesday

10.00 -12.00 Official registration

12.30 – 13.00 – Lunch

14.00-18.00 –official training (Katun River)

19.00 - Dinner

20.00 -Captain’s meeting

20.30 – Cultural/social program

August 9, Wednesday

08.00 – Breakfast

09.00 – Teams depart to Chuya River for official training

11.00-16.00 - Official practice (packed lunch included)

16.00 – Teams depart to ethnic village

19.00 – Dinner

20.00 – Captain’s meeting

20.30 – Cultural/social program

August 10, Thursday

08.00 – Breakfast

10.00- Opening ceremony

11.30 – Time Trial and Head to Head race (technical break for packed lunch)

19.00 – Dinner

20.00 – Captain’s meeting

20.30 – Award ceremony followed by social/cultural program

August 11, Friday

08.00 – Breakfast

11.00 – Slalom race first heat (technical break for packed lunch)

13.00 – Slalom race second heat

19.00 – Dinner

20.00 – Captain’s meeting

20.30 – Award ceremony followed by social/cultural program

August 12, Saturday

08.00 – Breakfast

09.00 - Teams leaving for downriver race to Chuya River

12.00 - Downriver race (packed lunch after completion of the DR)

19.00 – Dinner

20.00 – Captain’s meeting

20.30 – Award ceremony, social/cultural program

August 13, Sunday

08.00 – Breakfast

09.00 - Teams leave for Siberian supermarathon race to Chuya River

12.00 – Siberian supermarathon race (packed lunch after completion of the SSR)

19.00 – Dinner

20.00 – Captain’s meeting

20.30 – Closing ceremony, Award ceremony, Final party.

August 14, Monday

08.00 – Breakfast

Teams depart.

River sections description:

The Chuya River:

Level of difficulty – 2-4 grade as per International classification

Average width of the river – 30-50 metres.

Gradient – 6-8 metres per km

Volume - 100 cubic metres per second

Rapids: Sumrachny (grade 2), Burevestnik (grade 3), Begemot (grade 4), Slalomny (grade 3), Classical (grade 3), Turbinny (grade 3), Horizon (grade 4).

The Katun River:

Level of difficulty – 4 grade as per International classification

Average width of the river – 100-300 metres.

Gradient – 4-6 metres per km

Volume - 500-600 cubic metres per second

Rapids: Ininskaya (grade 2), Yalomansky (grade 3), Bolshoy Ilgumensky (grade 4).

Before and after the Event the teams have the unique opportunity to travel in Altai Republic. Because it’s a high season, it should be planned long in advance.

Altai highlights:

- Altai is geographical and astral centre of Asia, oykumena of Asian and Americas civilization,

- Pristine lakes, alpine mountains and much more,

- Rafting on the most technical rivers of the World: Bashkaus river, Chuya river, Chulzshman river, Argut river.

- Horseback riding, trekking to glaciers and mountain summits.

Welcome to Altai!