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## 01

# GENERAL INFORMATION



**“Discover Ponte de Lima, a lively town, full of unique experiences, in a region that has been considered one of the eight best European destinations by the European Prize for Tourism and Environment.”**

Ponte de Lima, known for being the oldest village in Portugal, has had the wisdom and ability to keep a healthy distance from the values that so often govern today's culture, instead directing science and rationality towards the areas of heritage, environment and the rural way of life. An integrated vision of spatial planning, co-ordinated policies and investments common to various sectors, together with a timely and committed belief in heritage and endogenous resources, have contributed to a perfectly coordinated identity and authenticity combining modernity, attractiveness and competitiveness, which are all very important factors for tourism, quality of life and the well-being of the population.

Successful tourism, with its increasing importance in the social-economic context of the council, cannot be dissociated

from diversity and high quality cultural and natural heritage conservation, which latterly in Ponte de Lima have boosted eco- and cultural tourism.

Ponte de Lima is proud to be considered in recent years a national example as far as green spaces, environment and life quality are concerned. Visitors are immediately struck by its leisure facilities and also by the number of people walking, cycling and horse riding, enjoying the Ecovias (ecological-paths), canoeing, swimming in the river Lima, and many other activities, in other words, people who indeed seek an excellent standard of living.

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# PORTUGAL I. D.

**OFFICIAL NAME** PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC

**FOUNDING OF  
THE PORTUGUESE** 1143

**FOUNDING OF THE  
REPUBLIC** 1910

**POLITICAL SYSTEM** DEMOCRACY

**LANGUAGE** PORTUGUESE

**TERRITORIAL  
ORGANIZATION** TWO AUTONOMOUS REGIONS (AZORES AND MADEIRA).  
18 DISTRICTS

**CAPITAL** LISBON

**AREA** 92.142 KM.<sup>2</sup>

**POPULATION** 10.642.836 (JULY 2007 EST.) 

**CURRENCY** EURO, DIVIDES INTO 100 CENTIMES



# MUNICIPALITY PONTE DE LIMA I.D.

**REGION** NORTH

**SUBREGION** ALTO MINHO

**TOTAL ÁREA** 321KM.<sup>2</sup>

**TERRITORIAL  
ORGANIZATION** MUNICIPALITY WITH 39 PARISHES

**TOTAL RESIDENTE  
POPULATION** 44 343 





# PONTE DE LIMA, THE OLDEST VILLAGE IN PORTUGAL

**“Ponte de Lima is a focal point for a large group of places that are characterized by their important ecologic value and diversity of ecosystems represented.”**

In the heart of the Lima Valley, the unique and genuine beauty of the oldest town in Portugal hides deep roots and ancestral legends. It was Teresa, Countess of Portugal, who, in the distant date of March 4th of 1125, signed the town's charter, calling it “Terra de Ponte” (Bridge Land). Years later, already in the fourteenth century, Pedro I, taking into account the strategic position of Ponte de Lima, ordered it to be walled, which resulted in a medieval walled burg with nine towers. Two of these are still standing and there are traces of several others and of the whole defensive structure built at the time. The access to the town is made through six doors.

The town began to grow in the eighteenth century and as a consequence its walls began to be pulled down. Throughout the county of Ponte de Lima, opulent manorial houses were built by the nobility of the time. Over the years, Ponte de Lima has thus added to its natural beauty magnif-

icent Gothic, Mannerist, Baroque, Neoclassical and nineteenth century façades, significantly increasing the historical, cultural and architectural value of this unique corner of Portugal.

## PONTE DE LIMA LAND OF UNIQUE LANDSCAPES, FULL OF NATURAL RICHES

Ponte de Lima is a focal point for a large group of places that are characterized by their important ecologic value and diversity of ecosystems represented. Traveling from the mountain tops downwards towards the valley, it is possible to identify various places with high natural significance, namely the high plateau areas, hillslopes, and valleybottoms, associated





with alluvial soil.

With diversified and dynamic landscapes of unique beauty, these areas support the great majority of a group of species which, constitutes one of the most representative biological collections of the region, with only the endemic elements of the higher mountainous areas and the species typical of coastal ecosystems missing.

Worth mentioning, not only because of their existence, but also because they are where most of the outdoor tourist activities take place, are the Área Protegida e Zona Húmida de Importância Internacional das Lagoas de Bertandós e S. Pedro de Arcos (protected natural area and wetlands of international importance in the Lakes of Bertandós and S. Pedro de Arcos) and the Sítio de Importância Comunitária do Rio Lima (site of community importance of the Lima river).

Outdoor tourist activities, when taking place within protected landscape areas, can be officially recognized and classified as Nature Tourism.

## RIVER LIMA, THE RIVER OF FORGETFULNESS

The connection between this town and the river that gave part of its name is very strong and, even today, we have to recognise the value added which is also an outstanding point for tourism and environment sectors.

Called Lethe - the River of Forgetfulness by the Romans (who believed that those who crossed would forever lose their memory), for centuries it watered our

lands, supplied water for our homes and allows locals and visitors to bathe in it in the Summer, since it has fortunately not yet been touched by pollution.

Nautical sports are more and more practiced and this causes growing demand for the facilities provided for athletes and apprentices of different aquatic sports.

## THE GARDEN TOWN

Ponte de Lima is the most floral town in Portugal. Respect for and maintenance of green spaces are reflected in their characteristic harmony. In the town and the surrounding area there are a notable series of gardens that invite for long walks, reading, resting and full relaxation.

Still on the right bank, Campos do Arnado is another pleasant landscaped area for lovers of green spaces and in the Summer offers easy access to the transparent waters of the river and the must see International Garden Festival.

On the left bank, the leafy and monumental Plane Tree Avenue, the Terceiros Garden and Guia Park call for a longer visit. In the town centre, the Dr. Adelino Sampaio, Lapa, Villa Moraes and Paço do Marquês gardens are just some examples of how much you can find in this historical town.

**"Outdoor tourist activities, when taking place within protected landscape areas, can be officially recognized and classified as Nature Tourism."**

# 02 LEGAL ASPECTS

## 2.1. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

0. C. The structure of the Organization is defined as shown in the following diagram, with members of the Portuguese Canoe Federation, of Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima and Ponte de Lima City Hall. The Portuguese Canoe Federation has the status of public sports utility, being the maximum legal entity for all the National Canoeing issues, responsible for the organization and regulation of all the competitions in national territory. The Portuguese Canoe Federation already

organized several National Championships in this course of action. This great effort is being made to develop the sport, calling more athletes, audiences and sponsors. As part of this plan, the Portuguese Federation wants to organize majors events that can help to reach the goals defined. The host of 2019 Canoe Marathon World Cup and 2021 Canoe Marathon World Championships, also enjoys the support of government authorities, of the Secretary of state of sport and of local authorities.





## 2.2. LETTERS OF SUPPORT



### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

**“The combination of these initiatives aims to create an image of a strong identity as well as an allure that endeavors to stimulate an increase in the number of sportspersons, tourists and visitors to the region;”**

Nautical sports play an important role within the set of actions that we propose to increase, articulate and integrate and which will certainly contribute to the quest of the municipality's objectives for development by exploiting the Lima River's great potential in terms of natural settings, on the one hand, and equipment and supporting infrastructures created for this purpose, on the other.

The combination of these initiatives aims to create an image of a strong identity as well as an allure that endeavors to stimulate an increase in the number of sportspersons, tourists and visitors to the region; that it be recognized nationally and internationally due to the high indicators of quality and that there be new investment in activities related to nautical sports, hotels, restaurants, tourism com-

panies, among others.

The growth of Canoeing as an activity and its promotion by the Ponte de Lima Nautical Club is progressively assuming a preponderant role in the sporting life of our young people, illustrated by the good results achieved in competitions that highly dignify the Alto Minho region. Club athletes are often summoned to represent national colors, having now won gold medals for Portugal in European and World Championships as well as an Olympic medal.

At the same time, it is imperative that the incorporation of this strategy in the region of the Alto-Minho be mentioned, namely if we view these aims in the wider scope of the Cidade Náutica project (nautical city project). This project endeavors to be a dynamic center of

economic activities linked to the sea and the river, constituting itself as a nucleus of strategic affirmation of the promoting region as well as an element that shapes and drives the development of an entire network of activities that integrate the three basic elements of the region: the sea, the mountains and the rivers.

As I mentioned before, the municipality incorporates a number of important infrastructures and equipment, along with

an extensive experience in hosting and organizing large-scale events. We therefore believe that we will dignify the CANOE MARATHON WORLD CUP in 2019 and the CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS in 2020, as both will be highly prestigious for Ponte de Lima and for the entire region.

**THE MAYOR**  
**VICTOR MENDES**





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## MESSAGE FROM THE PORTUGUESE CANOE FEDERATION

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**“We decided to move forward with this ambitious purpose convinced that we possess all the natural conditions and infrastructure designed to achieve this ambitious goal.”**

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The Municipality of Ponte de Lima, in partnership with the Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima and other partner organizations, welcome this application to host the 2019 CANOE MARATHON WORLD CUP 2019 and 2020 CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, as a huge challenge. We decided to move forward with this ambitious purpose convinced that we possess all the natural conditions and infrastructure designed to achieve this ambitious goal.

In parallel, it is our absolute conviction that all the necessary and exceptional conditions will be created so that the competition is fully meets the demands, not only as far as the organization goes, but as well for the athletes, entourages, assistants and for the public in general.

The moment we make the application of-

ficial we guarantee that we will be worthy of such an important challenge.

Beforehand, be conscious that Ponte de Lima wishes you here and will ensure you a competition at the finest level with all the necessary requirements!

Yours faithfully,

**THE PORTUGUESE  
CANOE FEDERATION  
VITOR FELIX**





## MESSAGE FROM THE NAUTICAL CLUB OF PONTE DE LIMA

The Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima is delighted to invite the ICF (International Canoe Federation) and the world of canoeing to visit and discover Ponte de Lima.

The village of Ponte de Lima is a must see in the heart of the Alto Minho, one of the most visited places in Northern Portugal. The Lima River provides a majestic mirror of water at the foot of the oldest village in Portugal, renowned for its natural beauty, heritage and incomparable gastronomy.

The Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima, a 25-year-old canoeing team, is an institution dedicated to the training of young people, with a special vocation for working in co-operation with municipal schools. Apart from being the club with the largest number of federated athletes in the Portuguese Canoeing Federation, approximately 250, it has a large number of associates, with more than 2500 members.

The CNPL (Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima) is the current national champion and has dominated the last decade of the sport in Portugal, with special emphasis on mar-

athon competitions. Most of the Portuguese athletes who are medalists in European and World marathon championships are from Ponte de Lima namely, Fernando Pimenta, Nuno Barros, Rui Lacerda, Samuel Amorim, João Amorim, Nuno Quintela, Ricardo Coelho and Duarte Silva.

It will be a great challenge for the CNPL to undertake the organization of this great competition for athletes and the general public, but I am sure that given the proven experience of the Portuguese Canoe Federation as well as the Municipality of Ponte de Lima in the organization of major events, the commitment, effort and enormous motivation of the CNPL's administration is sure to make this event a great success.

See you soon in Ponte de Lima!

**THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE NAUTICAL CLUB  
OF PONTE DE LIMA**  
**LUÍS CAPITOLINA**

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# 03 IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM PROCEDURE

## 3.1. VISA REQUIREMENT

It is a mandatory requirement for both athletes and officials to follow the Schengen rules and apply for visa according to those rules. Then we can confirm that a visa to enter Portugal will be granted.

All info can be found through the We link below:

**[http://www.sef.pt/portal/v10/EN/  
aspx/apoiocliente/index.aspx](http://www.sef.pt/portal/v10/EN.aspx/apoiocliente/index.aspx)**

## 3.2. CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

The OC will do all in their power to ensure that all the custom procedures run smoothly.

# 04 FINANCING

## 4.1. FINANCING

The main contribution will come from the Municipality of Ponte de Lima and CNPL, who will grant us full access to the regatta-venue.

## 4.2. FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE

The Nautical Centre of Ponte de Lima has all of the important infrastructures required for the event. All necessary updates will be implemented by the Municipality of Ponte de Lima.

## 4.3. MARATHON WORLD CUP CANOEING SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS 2019

### PERMITS

Copyrights, Music pass, various permits	500,00 €
	<b>500,00 €</b>

### SAFETY AND GUARDIAN STAFF

Portuguese Red Cross	3 000,00 €
10 supporting boats	5 000,00 €
Supporting seat on top	1 000,00 €
Personnel transportation vessel to the platform	1 000,00 €
Night Guard	500,00 €
Day Guard	450,00 €
Guard for the Municipality Pavilion-(hosting place)	300,00 €
	<b>11 250,00 €</b>



**TV NETWORK COVERING & ADVERTISING**

TV Network Covering	9 000,00 €
Hosting cost for nine image operators	1 350,00 €
Meal cost for nine image operators	1 350,00 €
Outdoors Advertising design and production	10 000,00 €
Notebooks and skins (for delegates and promotion)	1 000,00 €
Photoshoot team covering the event	2 000,00 €
	<b>24 700,00 €</b>

**FEDERATION**

Meals for referees	2 000,00 €
Hosting for referees	2 000,00 €
Meals of the FPC and International Federation	3 000,00 €
Hosting for the FPC and International Federation	2 000,00 €
Trophies and Medals	4 000,00 €
Carpets, tents, podium, chairs, tables, masts, installation material, tools, paint, glue..)	7 000,00 €
Flowers to accompany medal winners	500,00 €
Prize Money	10 750,00 €
Reception	5 000,00 €
Transports	5 000,00 €
	<b>41 250,00 €</b>

**MEALS**

Athletes	8 000,00 €
Staff meals	1 500,00 €
Staff supporting meals to the starting vessels	500,00 €
Referees snack	500,00 €
Snacks for the photographs team and image operators along the contest	500,00 €
Red Cross snacks	200,00 €
Water	500,00 €
	<b>11 700,00 €</b>

**LOGISTIC**

Sound system – equipments and installation	3 500,00 €
Radios with supporting central office and installation	1 000,00 €
Platform Staff Costa (40 elements)	1 500,00 €
Guest Athletes	20 000,00 €
Diesel/fuel - Transport and boats	800,00 €

Contest notebooks	200,00 €
Logistic, computers, ink cartridges, paper, phone, etc	300,00 €
Regular daily cleaning chores (2 employees /day)	600,00 €
Cleaning and hygiene products	400,00 €
Medical First Aid Kit	400,00 €
Dorsal scales for staff and delegates	400,00 €
Signboards and warning signs	400,00 €
Big screen	5 000,00 €
Promoter Compensation Fee – costs	2 000,00 €
Computer equipment and office furniture	1 000,00 €
Vessel Fixing material to support boats	1 000,00 €
Lawn Mowing of the Canoeing Centre - Lawn Mowing	300,00 €
Floating devices	1 000,00 €
Car renting	1 000,00 €
Internet room /WI FI Spots with computers and printers	4 000,00 €
Public bathhouse renting	2 000,00 €
Tents	3 000,00 €
Interpreters	2 000,00 €
	<b>51 800,00 €</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141 200,00 €</b>

## 4.4. MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS CANOEING SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS 2021

### PERMITS

Copyrights, Music pass, various permits	700.00 €
	<b>51 800,00 €</b>

### SAFETY AND GUARDIAN STAFF

Portuguese Red Cross	3 000,00 €
15 supporting boats	7 500,00 €
Supporting seat on top	3 000,00 €
Personnel transportation vessel to the platform	4 000,00 €
Night Guard	1 000,00 €
Day Guard	800,00 €
Guard for the Municipality Pavilion-(hosting place)	400,00 €
	<b>19 700,00 €</b>

**TV NETWORK COVERING & ADVERTISING**

TV Network Covering	35 000,00 €
Hosting cost for nine image operators	2 000,00 €
Meal cost for nine image operators	2 000,00 €
Outdoors Advertising design and production	10 000,00 €
Notebooks and skins (for delegates and promotion)	1 500,00 €
Photoshoot team covering the event	3 000,00 €
Marketing	10 000,00 €
	<b>63 500,00 €</b>

**FEDERATION**

Meals for referees	3 000,00 €
Hosting for referees	4 000,00 €
Meals of the FPC and International Federation	4 000,00 €
Hosting for the FPC and International Federation	5 000,00 €
Trophies and Medals	6 000,00 €
Carpets, tents, podium, chairs, tables, masts, installation material, tools, paint, glue..)	10 000,00 €
Flowers to accompany medal winners	600,00 €
Reception	7 000,00 €
Transports	8 500,00 €
	<b>48 100,00 €</b>

**MEALS**

Athletes	16 000,00 €
Staff meals	2 300,00 €
Staff supporting meals to the starting vessels	1 000,00 €
Referees snack	500,00 €
Snacks for the photographs team and image operators along the contest	500,00 €
Red Cross snacks	200,00 €
Water	600,00 €
	<b>21 100,00 €</b>



**LOGISTIC**

Sound system – equipments and installation	3 500,00 €
Radios with supporting central office and installation	1 000,00 €
Platform Staff Costa (40 elements)	1 500,00 €
Diesel/fuel - Transport and boats	1 000,00 €
Contest notebooks	350,00 €
Logistic, computers, ink cartridges, paper, phone, etc	700,00 €
Regular daily cleaning chores (4 employees /day)	1 200,00 €
Cleaning and hygiene products	600,00 €
Medical First Aid Kit	400,00 €
Dorsal scales for staff and delegates	500,00 €
Signboards and warning signs	500,00 €
Big screen	8 000,00 €
Promoter Compensation Fee – costs	2 000,00 €
Computer equipment and office furniture	3 000,00 €
Vessel Fixing material to support boats	1 500,00 €
Lawn Mowing of the Canoeing Centre - Lawn Mowing	300,00 €
Floating devices	2 000,00 €
Car renting	2 000,00 €
Internet room /WI FI Spots with computers and printers	4 000,00 €
Public bathhouse renting	6 000,00 €
Tents	7 000,00 €
Interpreters	7 000,00 €
	<b>49 050,00 €</b>

**TOTAL 202 150,00 €**

- 4.5.** Both events will mainly be supported by the Municipality of Ponte de Lima. The revenues will basically consist in Sponsors, Official subsidies, Participation fee.

# 05 PARTICIPATION FEE

## 5.1. ALL TEAM ENTRIES (NUMERICAL AND NOMINAL) MUST BE MADE ONLINE THROUGH SDP ISF ONLINE SYSTEM.

Participation fee:

**All participants (athletes, coaches, attendants, etc.) have to pay a participation fee of 30 € / day / person for 2019 ICF CANOE MARATHON WORLD CUP, and 40€/day for the 2021 CF CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, that includes:**

- Accreditation card;
- Shuttle bus: on the competition days according to the timetable to be published;
- Training bus running according to the timetable to be published;

- Security service at the course;
- Medical care at the course;
- Fees for the use of the regatta course and its facilities;
- Bottled water and snacks during competition days.

The participation fee does NOT include:

- Transfer from and to the Airport.

In case accommodation is booked. Through the HOC, then all team members of that national federation will not have to pay a participation fee as it is already included in the accommodation price.

## 5.2. SPECIAL INVITATIONS AND PRIZE MONEY

For **2019 ICF CANOE MARATHON WORLD CUP**, the organization invites the first 10 K1 men seniors, the first 5 K1 women seniors and the first 5 C1 men seniors from the 2018 ICF CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

### PRIZE MONEY FOR THE 2019 ICF CANOE MARATHON WORLD CUP

For the Long distance event, the organization will present prize money with a total amount of more than 10.750,00 euros.

**K1 MEN**

1 st - 1100 €

2nd - 800€

3 rd - 550€

4th - 450€

5th - 350€

6th - 300€

7th - 250€

8th - 200€

9th - 150€

10th - 100€

**K1 WOMEN C1**

1 st - 1100

2nd - 800€

3 rd - 550€

4th - 450€

5th - 350€

**C1 MEN**

1 st - 1100 €

2nd - 800€

3 rd - 550€

4th - 450€

5th - 350€

## 5.1. MASTER EVENT

For **2019 ICF CANOE MARATHON WORLD CUP** there will be a participation fee per event for all masters of 30€, not including Lunch or 45€ including lunch at the venue.

For **2021 CF CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS** there will be

a participation fee per event for all masters of 40€, not including Lunch or 55€ including lunch at the venue

This will include:

Event participation | Security & First Aid  
| Car and trailer Parking | Accreditation  
Camping on Site.



# 06 SPORT EVENT HOSTING EXPERIENCE

## 6.1. THE NAUTICAL CLUB OF PONTE DE LIMA — CURRICULUM AND HOSTING EXPERIENCE



The Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima (CNPL) was founded on August 21, 1991, based on the extinct canoeing section of the Ponte de Lima Sports School, the first entity to promote canoeing in the municipality. Unsurprisingly, athletes with a great capacity to attain interesting levels in the national panorama began appearing in Ponte de Lima. From a technical point of view, and from the get-go, Hélio Lucas, a young local accompanied the history of canoeing in the municipality of Ponte de Lima through his actions. At the beginning of the 2000s, the local Club was already approaching the top clubs in national kayaking, winning its first national club title in 2007, an award that has not left to this day. The CNPL athletes are often called upon to represent national colors, having already earned gold medals for Portugal in European and World Championships as well as an Olympic medal. A quarter

of a century after its founding, the Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima is one of the great ambassadors of this resident sport and one of the great national sporting bastions, crossing the most brilliant moment of its history, thanks to the effort and selflessness of its athletes, technicians and leaders.

One of the distinctive features of the Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima is the way it is organized: in great proximity to its athletes and showing great empathy for and involvement with the local community. Important efforts are being made to ensure that the practice of canoeing is recognized in a transversal manner, encompassing not only high-level competitions, but also educational, social, environmental and touristic issues.





### International Sports Curriculum

- The Portuguese club with the most medals won in international competitions for the national team;
- Merely in 2016 when Portugal won 64 medals, CNPLima won 20 medals;
- From the beginning of its foundation, CNPLima's athletes have already won 48 medals in European and World Championships;
- 1 Silver Medal at the Olympic Games;
- 11 European Champion Titles;
- 5 World Champion Titles;
- The Club with the highest number of participating athletes in the national team, in 2016 alone there was a total of 21;
- In 2016 alone there was participation in 11 International races.

### Specialties of the CNPLima

#### Canoeing

- Marathon
- Canoe Sprint

### Schools, School Sports and Education

- Supports the municipal schools in the organization of school sports with a total of 6 groups;
- Supports the Arcozelo School Group of the canoeing sports training center;
- Planning of nautical activities in a didactic context;
- Organization of the following activities:
  - ▶ Regular classes for about 250 students;
  - ▶ Downriver trips;
  - ▶ School Sports;
- Organization of district and regional phases of school sports;

### Social Aspect

- **Solidary descent** – Downriver trips/ activities with underprivileged youths with the aim of social inclusion and recreational occupation.

### International Sports Curriculum

- Absolute National Club Champion -2007/2016
- 40 times National Champion of various categories.
- 33 Portuguese Cups (2007-2016) 100% success rate.
- 10 Wins in the Portuguese Cup and Medals' Ranking (2007 to 2016).
- 6 Wins in the national ranking of medals for national championships (2008 to 2013, 2015 and 2016).
- Club with more national champions in the last 10 years.
- 44 National Champions in the Season of 2016.

### Environment

- Downriver descent through the Environment
- Lima River Cleaning Actions
- Constant monitoring function of the Lima River

### Nature, Adventure and Leisure

#### Tourism

- Nautical Tourism - since 1998:  
75 Downriver trips (annual average)  
20 Participants (average per downriver trips)  
20 Kayak rentals (daily average recorded in-high season)

### Organized Events

- Organization of 10 national championship events;
- Organization of more than 35 regional competitions;
- National Promissory Championship 2006
- National Final for the Open and Slalom Tournaments in 2002/2005/2006/2008/2015/2016

## 6.2. THE MUNICIPALITY OF PONTE DE LIMA HOSTING EXPERIENCE

- Ponte de Lima: 84th FICC International Rally 2016
- World Urban Parks Congress 2015
- 9th Iberoamerican Congress of Parks and Public Gardens 2015
- 2nd International Congress - Vinho Verde, History, Economy, Society and Heritage (Porto, Marco de Canavezes, Barcelos e Ponte de Lima) 2012
- Horseball World Cup 2016
- Horseball World Cup 2008
- Horseball Champions League 2013
- Horseball Iberian Cup 2012
- Dressage International Competition 2012
- Horseball Champions League 2011
- Driving INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION 2011
- Horseball 4 Nation 2010
- Working Equitation EUROPEAN Championship 2009
- Horseball World Cup 2008
- Horseball LADIES EUROPEAN Championship 2008
- Horseball JUNIOR EUROPEAN Championship 2008
- Dressage International Competition 2008
- Jumping International Competition (every year since 2008)
- Para-equestrian Competition (every year since 2008)
- Dressage National Competition (every year since 2008)
- Dressage National Championship (every year since 2008)

## 6.3. THE FPC HOSTING EXPERIENCE

**2009** - ICF Canoe Marathon World Championship

**2012** - ECA Canoe Sprint Juniors & U23 European Championship

**2013** - ECA Canoe Sprint European Championship

**2013** - ECA Canoe Marathon European Championship

**2013** - ICF Ocean Race World Championships

**2014** - ECA Ocean Racing European Championships

**2015** - ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup

**2015** - ICF Canoe Sprint Juniors & u23 World Championships

**2016** - ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup

**2016** - ICF Canoe Marathon World Cup



# 07 SPORT COMPETITION INFORMATION

## 7.1. DESCRIPTION OF COMPETITION VENUE AND SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE



The sports facility is divided into three major buildings, two of them with connected by a bridge. The centre provide a amount of distinguish areas with reception, two offices, two meeting rooms, medical de-

partment, five changing rooms, gym, bar, multipurpose area, trophy room, two hangars and a access zone to the water with platform. The outside has a huge park with capacity for 800 cars

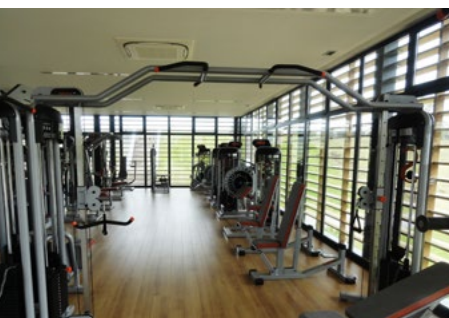
## 7.2. PRESENTATION OF THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE COURSE



The course will be according to the ICF-standards. Portage will be on grass with plenty of

room for the feeding zones. Disembarkation and embarkation will be on platform.

## 7.3. CONTINGENCY PLAN



If necessary the river Lima, due to its extension, allows to hold the event in multiple locations.

## 7.4. COMPETITIONS AND PROGRAM

The program will be made according to the current ICF competition format.







# 08 OPERATIONS AND IT



## 8.1. OPERATION CENTRE

- Rooms will be set-up to arrange meetings between the stakeholders;
- Working room for OC;
- Working room for ICF Marathon Committee;
- Meeting rooms for jury, MC and OC;
- Relaxing room for officials;
- All rooms will be provided with power and internet access;
- The responsible person will be in close contact with the OC and MC true cell phones and walkie-talkie;
- All decisions in case of crisis will be made by the responsible and will be communicated to the Staff;
- Existed also a place specially designed for the awards ceremony.

## 8.2. EVENT MANAGEMENT TOOLS

Software will be available to manage start lists and results.

## 8.3. EVENT WEBSITE

An event website will be set up as well as a Facebook page and twitter account with special “f” for the event.

# 09

# ATHLETES: ATHLETE’S AREA AT THE VENUE AND OTHER SERVICES



## 9.1. ATHLETES AREA CHARACTERISTICS

Will be placed in the vicinity of the Centre Canoeing, supporters for vessels, area will have team-tents, boat storage,

dressings rooms and showers, boat repair, boat weighing and quick access to the river.

## 9.1. SERVICES FOR ATHLETES



Services provided:

- Relax-rooms
- Internet-zone
- First-aid
- All the needed information

The organization will create a zone intended exclusively for athletes

## 10. INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

For the ITO's, a full package will be available including meals, transport and special rooms as described in 8.1.

## 11. VIPS AND DIGNITARIES

IP area will be made so all the VIP's and sponsors will have a good view of the portage and the race. There will also be food and drinks there as well a screen to follow the race closely.

# 12 ACCOMMODATION

### INLIMA HOTEL & SPA



Guests of the INLIMA can relax on the terrace and enjoy a range of massages at the spa, including full-body massages, facials and pedicures. The spa also features a relaxing Turkish bath.

All air-conditioned guest rooms at the 4-star INLIMA Hotel are bright and airy. They include cable TV, a minibar and a private bathroom with hairdryer.

Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi
- Free parking

Capacity – 30 rooms / 70 Persons

Event distance – 1.7 Km / 4 min.

**Contacts:** Rua Agostinho José Taveira, Lote 6,

**4990-072 Ponte de Lima**

**Phone number: +351 258 900 059**

**Email: [info@inlimahotel.com](mailto:info@inlimahotel.com)**

**[www.inlimahotel.com](http://www.inlimahotel.com)**

**GPS - 41° 45' 50,23" N | 8° 35' 15,36" W**

## AXIS PONTE DE LIMA GOLF RESORT HOTEL



Axis Ponte de Lima Golf Resort Hotel offers rooms with private bathrooms. Each is equipped with satellite TV and a minibar. For those who enjoy sport activities, the hotel has a tennis court, golf school and a fitness centre. Guests can relax in the indoor pool, or have a rejuvenating massage. Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi
- Free parking
- Restaurant

Capacity – 40 rooms / 40 single / 120 Persons

Event distance – 8.3 Km / 8 min.

**Contacts:** Quinta De Pias, 4990-620 Ponte de Lima

**Phone number:** +351 258 900 250

**Email:** reservas@axisgolfe.com

**www.hotelaxispontedelima.com**

**GPS - 41° 45' 0,86" N | 8° 34' 23,78" W**

## HOTEL IMPÉRIO DO NORTE



The Hotel Império do Norte offers 46 standard rooms, 3 standard suites and 1 suite which is suitable for guests with limited mobility. All are comfortably

equipped with air conditioning, flat-screen TV, telephone, balcony. The rooms and suites each have a private bathroom with a shower, free toiletries and a hairdryer.



Some units have views over Avenida dos Plátanos and the Lima River.

Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi
- Free parking

Capacity – 45 rooms / 4 suites / 1 single / 100 Persons

Event distance – 2 Km / 6 min.

**Contacts:** Avenida 5 de Outubro 97, 4900-030

**Ponte de Lima**

**Phone number:** +351 258 009 008

**Email:** [reservas@hotelimperiodonorte.com](mailto:reservas@hotelimperiodonorte.com)

[hotelimperiodonorte.com/](http://hotelimperiodonorte.com/)

**GPS - 41° 45' 57,11" N | 8° 35' 12,10" W**

## ARC'OTEL



Located in Ponte de Lima and ready to début, Arc'otel is 100 m from the Lima River and the Roman Bridge. This B&B offers air-conditioned and soundproofed rooms with free WiFi access.

ARC MY OTEL has rooms with views of the village, a flat-screen satellite TV, iPod docking station and a desk. Each room features a private bathroom with shower and free toiletries. Linen and towels are provided.

Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi
- Free parking

Capacity – 10 rooms / 5 single / 25 Persons

Event distance – 650 m / 3 min.

**Contacts:** Largo da Alegria, Nº 9, 4990-154

**Ponte de Lima**

**Phone number:** +351 258 900 150

**Email:** [info@arc-otel.pt](mailto:info@arc-otel.pt)

[www.arc-otel.pt](http://www.arc-otel.pt)

**GPS - 41° 46' 10,80" N | 8° 35' 20,50" W**

## POUSADA DE JUVENTUDE DE PONTE



Each room is heated and features a desk and bed linen. Most rooms feature access to shared bathroom facilities, while some of the twin rooms come with their own bathroom.

Guests are welcome to cook their own meals in the full kitchen at their disposal. Alternatively, a wide range of traditional Portuguese restaurants is available at a 5-minute walk.

Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi

- Free parking

Capacity – 17 rooms / 52 Persons

Event distance – 1.8 Km / 5 min.

**Contacts:** Rua Papa João Paulo II, 4990-062

**Ponte de Lima**

**Phone number:** +351 258 751 321

**Email:** pontelima@movijovem.pt

**www.pousadasjuventude.pt/pt/pousadas/**

**pontelima/**

**GPS - 41° 45' 39,71" N | 8° 35' 24,74" W**

## ACCOMMODATION OF THE QUINTA DE PENTIEIROS



Surrounded by the harmony and diversity of spaces provided by a typically rural landscape, in Quinta de Pentieiros and in others strategic locations of Ponte de Lima, you may find several accommodation types, directed to provide you with a pleasant and comfortable stay by limianas lands.

Bungalow do Resineiro - T0 / 2 Persons

Bungalow do Prado - T0 / 2 Persons

Bungalow do Lago - T0 / 2 Persons

Bungalow do Olival – T2 / 5 Persons

Bungalow do Espigueiro – T2 / 4 Persons

Event distance – 8.6 Km / 12 min.

**Contacts:** Rua de São Pedro de Arcos,

**4990-530 Ponte de Lima**

**Phone number:** +351 258 240 201

**Email:** lagoas@cm-pontedelima.pt

**www.lagoas.cm-pontedelima.pt**

**GPS - 41° 46' 27,0" N | 8° 39' 12,1" W**

## HOTEL DO PARQUE — VIANA DO CASTELO



Hotel do Parque offers free parking and a panoramic breakfast restaurant with views of Lima River. The hotel has 2 swimming pools.

This Hotel has airy guest rooms which include satellite TVs and air conditioning. Some rooms feature balconies offering wide views of the river and Viana do Castelo. Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi
- Free parking
- Restaurant

Capacity – 122 rooms

Event distance – 28.1 Km / 23 min.

**Contacts:** Praça da Galiza, 4900-476 Viana do Castelo, Portugal

**Phone number:** 258 828 605

**Email:** [reservas@hoteldoparque.com](mailto:reservas@hoteldoparque.com)

**http://**[www.hoteldoparque.com](http://www.hoteldoparque.com)

**GPS:** 41° 41' 48.0963" N | 8° 49' 12.1705" W

## AXIS VIANA BUSINESS & SPA HOTEL VIANA DO CASTELO



The stylish bedrooms at Axis Viana Business & Spa Hotel feature LCD TVs and en suite bathrooms. Many rooms have far-reaching views across the city's parks.

The Axis Viana's restaurant serves an à la carte menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Designer cocktails are available in the trendy bar, and the well-stocked wine cellar has plenty of local vintages. Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi

- Free parking

- Restaurant

- Indoor pool

Capacity – 87 rooms

Event distance – 27.3 Km / 21 min.

**Contacts:** Av. Capitão Gaspar de Castro, 4900 Viana do Castelo

**Phone number:** 258 802 000

**Email:** [reservas@axisviana.com](mailto:reservas@axisviana.com)

**http://**[www.axishoteis.com/pt](http://www.axishoteis.com/pt)

**GPS:** 41° 42' 9.9246" N | 8° 49' 10.1742" W

## HOTEL FLOR DE SAL - VIANA DO CASTELO



Featuring large windows, rooms at the Hotel Flôr De Sal offer sea or mountain views. They are all equipped with air conditioning and flat-screen satellite TVs. The private bathrooms include a bathtub and a hairdryer.

Offering sea views, the in-house Saleiro Restaurant serves traditional specialities from the Alto Minho Region, cooked with an innovative twist. For drinks, the bar on site also offers a nice selection of spirits combined with sea views.

Flôr De Sal hotel also provides free access to a well-equipped gym. A bowling alley is just 50 m away from the hotel. Guests wishing to explore the 20 km long seaside walkway can rent one of the free bikes at the reception desk.

Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi
- Free parking
- Restaurant

Capacity – 60 rooms

Event distance – 31.2 Km / 29 min.

**Contacts:** Av. de Cabo Verde nº 100 Praia Norte,  
4900-568 Viana do Castelo

**Phone number:** 258 800 100

**Email:** [reservas@hotelflordesal.com](mailto:reservas@hotelflordesal.com)

[hotelflordesal.com](http://hotelflordesal.com)

**GPS:** 41° 41' 9.2871" N | 8° 50' 46.3268" W

## HOTEL RALI VIANA - VIANA DO CASTELO



Each bright room at Rali has a satellite TV and a desk. All rooms are fitted with heating, safety deposit box and a minibar.

Toiletries and a hairdryer are in the bathroom. The hotel's in-house restaurant specializes in Italian cuisine and has a cozy atmosphere,



with a blend of modern and vintage décor. Room service, including breakfast, is offered by the staff. They can also arrange car rentals and a laundry service. A shuttle service is available on request.

Guests can play a game of billiards in the games room. Rali Hotel has a 24-hour front desk and free on-site parking, subject to availability.

Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi
- Free parking
- Restaurant

Capacity – 39 rooms

Event distance – 29.0 Km / 26 min.

**Contacts:** Av. Afonso III, 180, 4900-477 Viana do Castelo

**Phone number:** 258 829 770

**Email:** [reservas@hotelraliviana.com](mailto:reservas@hotelraliviana.com)

**www.hotelraliviana.com**

**GPS:** 41° 41' 49,87" N | 8° 49' 34,46" W

## HOTEL DA RIBEIRA — ARCOS DE VALDEVEZ



Flat-screen TVs with satellite channels and minibars feature in all the rooms..

Shops and restaurants can be found in the centre of Arcos de Valdevez, which is a 5 minutes' walk away. Hotel Ribeira has a bar service throughout the day, and offers a daily buffet breakfast.

Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi
- Free parking

Capacity – 37 rooms

Event distance – 23.8 Km / 22 min.

**Contacts:** Largo dos Milagres, 4970-592 Arcos de Valdevez

**Phone number:** 258 093 485

**Email:**

**<http://hotelribeira.pt>**

**GPS:** 41° 50' 37,10" N | 8° 25' 1,49" W

## ARCOS HOTEL NATURE & SPA — ARCOZ DE VALDEVEZ



The hotel offers 3 suites, 5 junior suites and 67 standard rooms. All rooms are air-conditioned and have a cable flat-screen TV, a minibar and en suite bathroom with hairdryer and free toiletries.

The restaurant offers a breakfast buffet and à la carte or buffet lunch and dinner, with flavors of Portuguese and Atlantic cuisines. A bar and TV lounge where guests can relax and enjoy a drink is also featured.

The “Nature Spa” has a water circuit that includes an indoor swimming pool, hot tube, sauna and Turkish bath, as well as 2 separated rooms for massage and individual therapies, relax room and cardio fitness area.

Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi
- Free parking
- Restaurant

Capacity – 75 rooms

Event distance – 25.1 Km / 26 min.

**Contacts:** Lugar de Requeijo S/N, 4970-769

**Arcos de Valdevez**

**Phone number:** 258 093 600

**Email:** geral@arcoshotelnature.com

**www.arcoshotelnature.com**

**GPS:** 41° 51' 4,25" N | 8° 25' 2,69" W

## HOTEL FONTE VELHA — PONTE DA BARCA



Rooms are fitted with a flat-screen TV. Some rooms feature a seating area for your convenience. Views of the river, garden

or city are featured in certain rooms. The rooms are fitted with a private bathroom equipped with a bath or shower. For

your comfort, you will find bathrobes and slippers.

You can play tennis at the hotel. The hotel also offers bike hire.

Most popular facilities:

- Free WiFi
- Free parking

Capacity – 16 rooms

Event distance – 24.2 Km / 22 min.

**Contacts:** Rua Plácido de Vasconcelos 27, 4980-

**020 Ponte da Barca**

**Phone number:** 258 101 699

**Email:** geral@hotelfontevilha.pt

**www.hotelfontevilha.pt/**

**GPS:** 41° 48' 31,3" N | 8° 25' 5,20" W

# 13 TRANSPORT

## 13.1 AIRPORT DESCRIPTION

In order to reach Ponte de Lima you have to travel preferably to the Oporto or Vigo airports, though you can also fly over here from the Lisbon airport.

### OPORTO

Oporto Airport

GPS: N 41°14 '19":W 8° 40 '14";N 4114.328 W 8 40.234

The Francisco Sa Carneiro Airport is located in the heart of the industrial north of the country, 11 km from the city of Oporto, making it a privileged access point to this valuable commercial area.

Porto-Ponte de Lima " The Francisco Sa Carneiro" Airport has connections to bus Stations

By car, take A3 highway in direction of Valença (Take exit 11, Ponte de Lima, on the A3) - 80 Km, 47 min

This will be the official airport of the event and the HOC will provide pickups only from here.

Other pickups may be possible upon special request.

### VIGO

Vigo Airport

GPS: N 42°13'31 .51 "" W 8°37'18 .96"

The Vigo airport [VGO] is one of the smallest Spanish airport. It is located 9km from Vigo city's center and 64 km from Ponte de Lima

The Vigo airport is located 9km from the city centre, where you have access to trains and busses services.

By car, follow the AP-9 and A3 to the N203 direction Oporto, Portugal. Take exit 11, Ponte de Lima, on the A3) - 64 Km, 42 min

### LISBON

Lisbon Airport

GPS: N 38°46' 12";W 9°07' 41"

The Lisbon Airport, providing service to the capital of Portugal, is the busiest and most important airport in the country. Lisbon-Oporto

The principal point of entry for travellers arriving in Portugal. Connection to the city centre and interface with Railway Stations by Aero shuttle and Bus.

By car, take the A 1 highway in direction of Porto -305Km; continue through A3 highway in direction , to Valença (Take exit 11, Ponte de Lima, on the A3.

## **13.2 TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES + PROVISIONAL COSTS**

There will be an official bus transfer from Oporto and Vigo Airport for all teams requesting this service. There will be a fee of 20 euros per person, including return. This service must be requested during the flight info on line form at [www.canoemarathonportugal.com](http://www.canoemarathonportugal.com)

## **13.3 TRANSPORT OF ATHLETES AND TEAM OFFICIALS DURING THE COMPETITION**

There will be a shuttle service between all official hotels and the venue return included for all participants with accreditation, 3- 5 times a day. Schedule to be published in the final information bulletin.

## **13.4 TRANSPORT OF TECHNICAL OFFICIALS DURING THE EVENT**

Transport will be available on demand.

## **13.5 CAR SERVICES FOR VIPS AND DIGNITARIES**

Cars and mini-vans will be available for VIP's, sponsors and the ICF family. Transport "on demand" from 13.4 will also be available.



# 14 CEREMONIES

## 14.1 OPENING CEREMONY LOCATION

We would like to have the opening ceremony at the centre of Ponte de Lima, nearby de the venue location and a chance to get ore people interested in what is going on in the Nautical Centre.

We are thinking about some speeches as the official part (the Mayor of Ponte de Lima, President of ICF, FPC e Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima) followed by some culturural moment (music, dance..)

## 14.2 CLOSE CEREMONY LOCATION

The closing ceremony will take place at the regatta course shortly after the last race located in the Centre of Ponte de Lima. We would also like to have some small speeches and a little show.

## 14.3 PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

Each prize giving ceremony will take place at the venue itself about 15' after the first finish of the race. It will go according to the ICF protocol guide.

# 15 SPORT PRESENTATION AND SPECTATOR SERVICES

### SPECTATORS

All entrances to the competition will be free of charge. We will provide temporary structures for leisure. This will include entertainment, food and beverage kiosks, merchandising kiosks and other activities for the public to enjoy.

### GRANDSTANDS

There will be a temporary stand with 400 seats capacity.

### FOOD

This service, located in areas in contact with public, nearby stands will be provided

by temporary machines or by local business shops.

d) Some screens, making it easy for the people to follow the races.

#### INFORMATION

The information system will be set in 4 steps:

- a) Outside the limits of the event at different public locations;
- b) From the sites of parking;
- c) In the main entrance to the venue in appropriated structures for the purpose;

#### PUBLIC SANITARY

There will be temporary structures, placed in strategic location. About 20 units will be provided.

## 16 SPORT PRESENTATION AND TEAM SERVICES

### 16.1 CHANGING ROOMS

Location – Adjacent to the permanent Nautical Centre at the same level. All changing facilities will be provide with benches, lockers, hooks on the walls, mirrors, power points.

### 16.2 SANITARY FACILITIES

All the showers and toilets are adjacent to the changing facilities. Despite the trip for accommodation is less than 30 minutes, there will be 14 men shower heads (including 2 for handicap) and 14 women shower heads (including 2 for handicapped). The permanent units in men toilets are 4 urinals, 3 toilets and 3 wash basins.

In women toilets are 3 toilets and 3 wash basins. All the extra units will be provided in individual temporary structures in the changing rooms extensions.

### 16.3 MASSAGE

There will be provided communal areas with individual curtains to separate men and women.

Its location will be in the Canoeing Centre Area, nearby the team facilities.

### 16.4 MEETING ROOMS

There are multiple possibilities for the meeting rooms as the space is not very limited on site.

Team Leaders Meeting: It will be provided at the Canoeing Centre structure.

### 16.5 BOAT RENTAL

The HOC will have one online catalogue for boat rental related to National Teams and masters.

This catalogue will include all boats available

to rental from all our national manufactures and other 3rd party suppliers.

### 16.6. WELCOME CENTRE & INFORMATION

This centre is located in the permanent Nautical Centre building nearby the main entrance easily accessible for the Team Leaders.

# 17 PROMOTION AND MARKETING

The merchandising will consider the following steps:

- a) Outside the limits of the event at different public locations;
- b) In the main entrance to the venue, in appropriated structures for the purpose, along the public access to the stands.

c) Would use all social media available to announce the event. Face book, twitter, YouTube, website

d) We also plan regular updates on those pages to keep the interest up.

# 18 TV AND BROADCASTING

## 18.1 EVENT TV BROADCASTING

The plan is to have live stream coverage of the event so people from all over the world can tune in. We want a minimum of 4 camera's (portage, far turn, halfway mark and "overall shot") to have a good coverage of the event.

Also press releases will be made during the event and live updates will follow through social media.

## 18.2 HOST BROADCASTING

The OC will do their best to have a host broadcaster for the event.

We do know that news coverage by

national TV and radio will be hard to provide. Regional

TV and radio will be easier to have.

# 19 COMMUNICATION

## 19.1 COMMUNICATION PLAN

Most of the national clubs have their own press-agent.

We want to work together with them to

cover a wide range of media (local as well as national).

We also want to work together with our

national stars to make them talk about the event on their social media.

## 19.2 EVENT MEDIA OPERATIONS

There will be a screen in the press centre to make sure that the media can follow the race and see what's going on during it. Wireless internet will be available. Press assistants will make sure that the

results are delivered to the press right after the races have finished.

A Mixed Zone will be set up for the press to provide interviews as well as close up pictures.

# 20 SUSTAINABILITY

As canoeing is a beautiful sport developing in natural surroundings, we want to keep that way. The venue itself has all we need so we don't plan on doing changes in the green area. All we want to do is find solutions to keep the impact our "footprints" as small as possible.

For example: minimize the waste by using recycled materials and materials that can be recycled, put bins in all the right places, minimize the amount of paper, ...

As you see, the main goal is to use the venue and nature, not to abuse it.

# 20 MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING

## 21.1 MEDICAL SUPPORT

The medical centre will be divided in two places. One in the athlete's area and another near the public stands.

At the venue there will be one ambulance and paramedics that will follow the race on the water as well.

## 21.2 ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

The doping control will be provided according to the ICF standards, in partnership with the National entities ADOP.

At the venue, it will be located in a specific room.

## 21.3 MASSAGE

There will be provided communal areas with individual curtains to separate men and women.

It's located in the Boathouse Area, nearby the team facilities.



## 21.4 LOCATION OF LOCAL HOSPITALS

Hospitals are all within 3 km from the venue.

# 22 SECURITY

There will be local police staff at both venues to ensure that everyone is safe and to guarantee that only authorized athletes go into the athlete's area for example. All the athletes will have a card that must be showed at the venue's entrance to prove

that they are participating the race. The security plan will be practiced by the local security authorities: Portuguese National Guard, Police, civil protection unity and Portuguese Red Cross.

# 23 SOCIAL PROGRAM

## 23.1 RECEPTION AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A reception will be organize for the team leaders/officials and athletes in the Expolima Centre.

## 23.1 SPOUSE PROGRAM

We will arrange for a desk with all the info about the region and city.

# 24 LANGUAGE

## 24.1 ICF OFFICIAL WORKING LANGUAGE

All documents will be in English. All meetings during the events will also be in English.

## 24.2 LANGUAGE AND INTERPRETER SERVICES

We do not plan to have professional Interpreters at the venue.

We will however have people at the venue who speak French, German and Spanish to help cover most of the problems.

# 25 CONCLUSION



## 25.1 WEAKNESSES

The event/venue doesn't have big weaknesses as almost everything we need is already there.

No big changes have to be made and the people involved know what this kind of races need.

## 25.2 WHY THE ICF SHOULD SUPPORT OUR CANDIDACY

**“The curriculum of the Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima is the greatest calling card for local and regional sports in which the club is inserted.”**

It was in Ponte de Lima that 25 years ago what would become the largest Portuguese canoeing club was born, the outcome of effort based on training and a strategic connection to local schools.

The curriculum of the Nautical Club of Ponte de Lima is the greatest calling card for local and regional sports in which the club is inserted. Yet the bid to host the World Marathon Championship does not surge due to this being home to the largest national kayaking club, but also because of the marathon specialty that has had the most and greatest sporting success gotten by the athletes of the Yacht Club of Ponte de Lima. A few years after its founding, titles of national marathon championships were already being attained in this village. With an intensifying emphasis on the work in this specialty, the results improved and, naturally, local athletes were summoned to the Portuguese, national team. The logical consequence was the achievement of very relevant results at both a European and Global level.

To say that Ponte de Lima is home to marathoners is not an overstatement, especially when there is evidence that there are not many clubs in the world

with as many marathoners. In the past 25 years, the club's athletes have won 28 medals in European and World championships, including 8 gold medals, 3 world championships and 5 European championships. These numbers reflect the quality of the work that continues to be carried out in Ponte de Lima, the ambition of the club and the merit that sustains this candidacy.

When Ponte de Lima applies for the organization of a World Championship, it intends to show the canoeing world a place, a club and an unparalleled set of champions, with renowned names like Nuno Barros, Samuel Amorim, João Amorim, Rui Lacerda, Fernando Pimenta, Nuno Quintela, Duarte Silva or Ricardo Coelho, men who have born kayaking to prime podiums of the planet, but simultaneously keeping the dream alive of being able to bring the great arenas of world canoeing to their native land.

We also hope that by organizing these events, we might attract more children to the sport

and in addition also attract more sponsors. In that way, we shall try to make this beautiful

sport bigger and better in Portugal.

## 25.3 HOST OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### Organized Events

- Organization of 10 national championship events;
- Organization of more than 35 regional competitions;
- National Promissory Championship 2006

- National Final for the Open and Slalom Tournaments in 2002/2005/2006/2008/2015/2016

Due to the creation of a set of important infrastructures related to the expansion

of the Nautical Centre of Ponte de Lima and the rehabilitation of the dam carried out in the beginning of 2016 which allowed for the ideal conditions for the practice of canoeing along the river as well as the will and the determination of both the Nautical Club and the Municipal-

ity, we believe that all the conditions are met to take the quantitative and qualitative leap in organizing evidence of national and international visibility, thus giving shape to the entire growth strategy of water sports in the Municipality of Ponte de Lima and in the region.





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