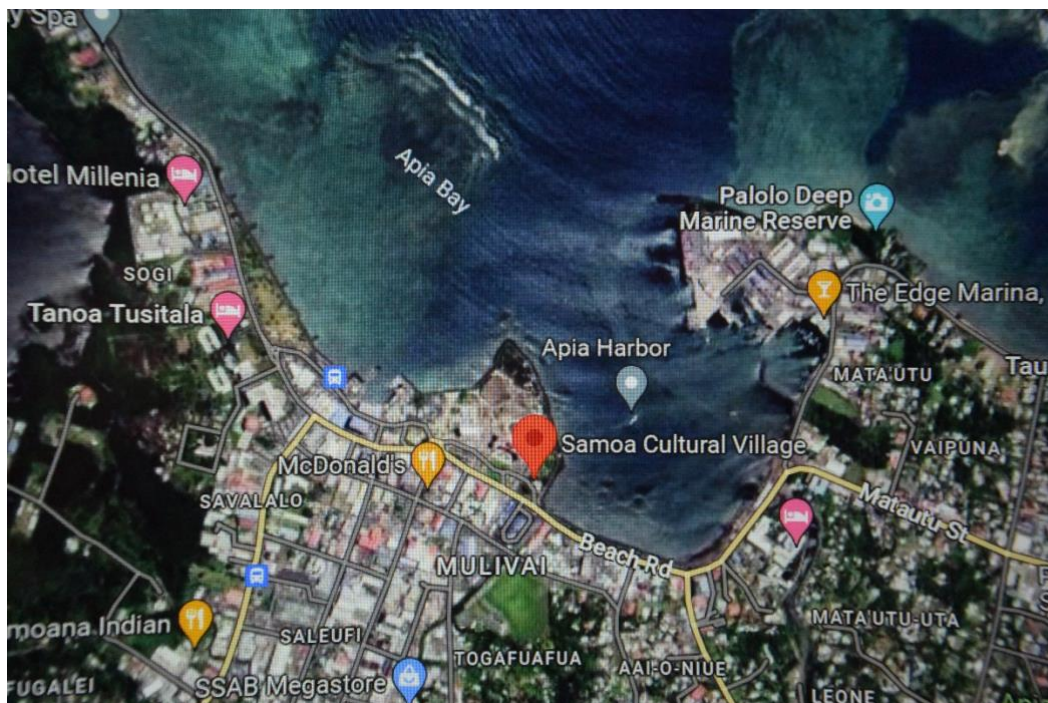


IVF World Distance Championships Para Va'a Bulletin

10th- 16th August. Apia, Samoa.

Information, March 2023



The event is based on the [Samoa Tourism Authority \(STA\) grounds](#) on the waterfront in Apia. This area can be seen to the right of Tanoa Tusitala marked on the map above

The course for Para V6s will be 16km. The course for Para V1 will be 12km.

The organisers are looking at appropriate access to the water for Para paddlers and have given reassurance that these will be wheelchair friendly. They are not aware of any obstacles to wheelchair mobility around the site but are undertaking a detailed review of all routes.

Entries. Please refer to the IVF website for entry details and cut-off dates.

The Boats for the Distance Championships.

The V6 for the Distance Championships 2023 is the **'ARE Matahina'**.



This was the boat used for the Dorney Championships



The Cockpit

At 90cms length, the cockpit is roomy front to back.



**All seats are approximately
37.5cms wide**



**Just below hip height, this reduces to
about 35cms**



**Fore/aft, the seat measures just under
28.5cms, and is just over 1.5cms deep.**



**Height of the seat will vary with curve
of the hull, but is approx. 27-28cms.**

For all paddlers who use **bespoke support seats**, the organisers have given an assurance that they are willing to drill 4 holes in selected seats so that **a support seat can be bolted firmly in place**. It is proposed to provide 4mm fixing holes spaced 20cm apart laterally and 20cm longitudinally, and **4mm bolts with quick release wingnuts are recommended**.

The V1 Race-Boat



The V1 to be used is *the Fausaga*, built in Samoa. It has a standard bench seat. A limited number can have their seats drilled with 4 holes 20 x 20cm apart, for wing-nut and 4mm bolt fixing down of support seats.

Equipment the Para Committee can provide.

- If participants need for foam blocks to provide support, then rather than transporting these to the event, a pre-order may be placed with the Para Committee Chair, john.court@gboutrigger.org for rigid foam blocks, to be cut by the paddler on arrival.
- Blinders must be worn by all **Visually Impaired** paddlers. Blinders will be supplied.
- **4mm bolts and wing-nuts can be provided.**

A V1 will be reserved for on-water classification and kept in the testing area. This boat will be available between tests (by arrangement) for paddlers to try their fittings in the race-boat.

1. **A Classification Schedule document** will be published nearer the Championship. Those competitors needing to be classified at the Championships are asked to sign-up to hourly slots and will be fitted in on a first- come basis. Participants are asked to consult **the IVF website** for information about procedures and the documents required to be presented ahead of classification.

Para V6 rules for Samoa Distance Racing

- The V6 classification points total for Samoa will be **20 points.**
- V6 crews must contain no more than **Three (3) VL4a paddlers**
- V6 crews must have at least one **(1) 'low-pointer'**- (Classification **VL1 or VL2**)
- V6 crews must have **2 female paddlers (minimum)**
- The quota limit is **one (1) V6 crew per country.**

The categories for V1 will be: VL2, VL3 and the IVF class VL4a.

The national quota for V1s is one (1) paddler per race-class.