



**Marathon Paddle
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INFORMATION

Venue

Silkeborg Langsø, city centre of Silkeborg

Organizer

Danish Canoe Federation - supported by
Silkeborg Municipality and Sport Event
Denmark

Website athletes

paddleworldwide.com

Website for the public

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Next info

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Bulletin 3 - will be published in June 2027



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WELCOME

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the 2027 Marathon Paddle World Championships in Silkeborg, Denmark.

Silkeborg is situated in the heart of the Danish Lake District, a landscape of lakes, rolling hills and the largest continuous forest areas in Denmark. We call ourselves the Outdoor Capital of Denmark, and in 2027 we intend to show you why.

The championships will be raced on Silkeborg Langsø, the lake that runs straight through our city centre. As we did at the 2022 European Championships, we will build the venue right at the water frontline - in the middle of the city. Two minutes of walk from the city square.

Our ambition is simple: to bring together the world's best paddlers, the paddle community, the enthusiastic spectators, the city and its surrounding natural landscape in a World

Championships for everyone.

Silkeborg Municipality, Sport Event Denmark and the Danish Canoe Federation are once again joining forces, and we bring with us the experience of the World Championships in 2013 and 2023 and the European Championships in Silkeborg in 2022.

During the Championships, Silkeborg will go above and beyond to give paddlers, teams and officials a warm welcome and create an unforgettable Marathon World Championships.

Expect thrilling competition on the water, outdoor activities, street food, music and a vibrant atmosphere, all coming together in a celebration of athletes, teams, families and spectators.

We look forward to welcoming you to Silkeborg, Denmark.

Helle Gade
Mayor
Silkeborg Municipality

Lars Lundov
CEO
Sport Event Denmark

Tom Faurschou
President
Danish Canoe Federation



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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The championships are organized by the Danish Canoe Federation as Host Organizing Committee (HOC), in partnership with Silkeborg Municipality, Sport Event Denmark and Silkeborg Kajakklub.

Presidium

- Helle Gade, Mayor of Silkeborg
- Thomas Schlie, Chair of the Culture and Leisure Committee, Silkeborg Municipality
- John Bøgelund Frederiksen, Head of Culture and Citizen Services, Silkeborg Municipality
- Tom Faurschou, President, Danish Canoe Federation
- Christian Jacobsen, CEO, Danish Canoe Federation
- Finn Pape, President, Silkeborg Kajakklub
- Peter Sørensen, Chair, Sport Event Denmark
- Lars Lundov, CEO, Sport Event Denmark
- Pia Lange Kristensen, CEO, VisitAarhus

Steering Committee

- Christian Jacobsen, CEO, Danish Canoe Federation
- John Bøgelund Frederiksen, Head of Culture and Citizen Services, Silkeborg Municipality
- Ulla Pedersen, Sport Event Denmark
- Lars Damgaard, Silkeborg Kajakklub - Head of Technical, sport and Competition 2027 Marathon Paddle World Championships
- Susanne Rohde, Silkeborg Municipality - Head of side events 2027 Marathon Paddle World Championships
- Frank Hyldgaard, Danish Canoe Federation - Event Manager 2027 Marathon Paddle World Championships



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SILKEBORG - THE OUTDOOR CAPITAL OF DENMARK

The city

Silkeborg lies in the middle of the Danish Lake Highlands, a landscape formed during the last ice age. Lakes, rolling hills and the largest forest area in Denmark surround the city on all sides. Denmark's longest river, the Gudenå, runs through the city, and every year it hosts Tour de Gudenå, the largest canoe event in the region.

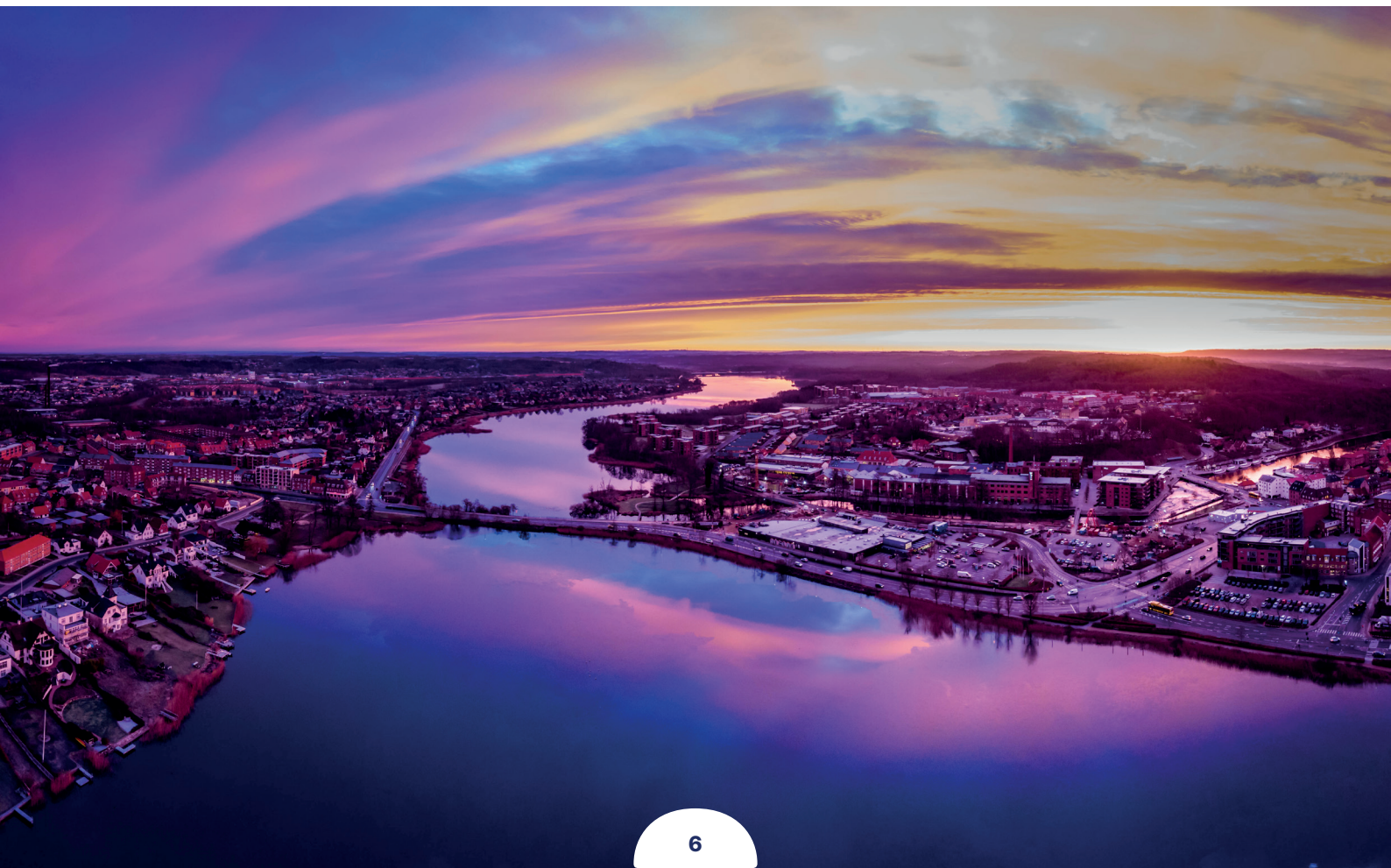
Silkeborg is also a lively city with museums, historic sites and a rich food scene, from gourmet restaurants using local produce to

traditional Danish inns and cafés in the city center.

A canoe city

Silkeborg Kajakklub is the largest canoe club in Denmark, with members at every level from children and beginners to masters and international elite.

Many of the paddlers on the Danish national marathon team are club members, and they have won medals at international championships for more than a decade.





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SILKEBORG - HOW TO GET THERE

By plane

Billund Airport is the recommended airport when travelling to Silkeborg. It is the closest international airport and has direct connections to many larger European cities.

By train

Silkeborg is connected to the Danish national rail network with regular services via Aarhus and Skanderborg train stations. Copenhagen Airport also has direct trains to Aarhus from where you can get a direct train to Silkeborg train station.

By car

Silkeborg is reached by motorway from the E45, the main North to South motorway in Jutland. The German border is approx. 2,5 hours away.

Airport shuttle

We offer a shuttle service between Billund Airport and the official hotels on arrival and departure. The price is €40 per person for a return trip. The service must be booked in advance together with your travel information. Booking details will follow in Bulletin 2.

From	By car	By public transportation
Billund Airport (BLL)	50 minutes	2 hours 15 minutes
Aarhus Airport (AAR)	45 minutes	2 hours 26 minutes
Aalborg Airport (AAL)	1 hour 45 minutes	2 hours 41 minutes
Copenhagen Airport (CPH)	3 hours	3 hours 45 minutes
Silkeborg Railway Station	-	5 minutes



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RACES - ELITE: LONG & SHORT DISTANCE

All races are held under the Paddle Worldwide Marathon Competition Rules in force in 2027.
The following information regarding laps and distance are provisional and can be subject to minor changes. The detailed and final information will be a part of Bulletin 2.

Elite - long distance

- Junior: K1 and K2 men and women, C1 and C2 men, C1 women
- Under 23: K1 and C1 men and women
- Senior: K1 and K2 men and women, C1 and C2 men, C1 women, C2 women (NEW 2027)

Number of laps (portages)	Junior	U23	Senior
Women Canoe	3 (2)	3 (2)	4 (3)
Women Kayak	5 (4)	6 (5)	7 (6)
Men Canoe	4 (3)	5 (4)	6 (5)
Men Kayak	6 (5)	7 (6)	8 (7)

Each lap is approx. 3.6 km. All long-distance races finish with a small lap of approx. 1 km.

Elite - short distance

- Senior: K1 men and women, C1 men and women
- Junior: K1 men and women, C1 men (NEW 2027), C1 women (NEW 2027)

Short-distance races are held as heats and finals over approx. 3.4 km including portages.



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RACES - PARACANOE & MASTERS

Paracanoe

KL1, KL2, KL3, VL1, VL2 and VL3, men and women. Distances will be confirmed in Bulletin 2. Athletes without a valid international classification must attend classification at the venue before the races.

Masters

The Masters World Championships are held on 29-31 August 2027 on the same course, long distance only, in K1, K2, C1 and C2.

Due to the large number of races expected,

the plan is to hold the Masters on Sunday afternoon with single races without portage (for participants aged 65 and over), to ensure every paddler has a fair race, which we will achieve by spreading the races over three days.

New from 2027: singles and doubles (except mixed doubles) are divided into five-year age groups from 35-39, with no upper age limit. Mixed doubles are divided into ten-year age groups from 35-44. A class is valid with a minimum of three boats from two nations.



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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Date	Activity
Saturday, 28 August 2027	Arrival // Accreditation opens // Training on the course
Sunday, 29 August 2027	Masters World Championships - Day 1 and 2027 Paddle Marathon World Championships Paracanoe classification
Monday, 30 August 2027	Masters World Championships - Day 2 and 2027 Paddle Marathon World Championships Paracanoe classification
Tuesday, 31 August 2027	Masters World Championships - Day 3 and 2027 Paddle Marathon World Championships Paracanoe classification
Wednesday, 1 September 2027	Official training // Team Leaders Meeting // Paracanoe afternoon races // Opening Ceremony
Thursday, 2 September 2027	2027 Paddle Marathon World Championships - Competition Day 1
Friday, 3 September 2027	2027 Paddle Marathon World Championships - Competition Day 2
Saturday, 4 September 2027	2027 Paddle Marathon World Championships - Competition Day 3
Sunday, 5 September 2027	2027 Paddle Marathon World Championships - Competition Day 4 // Closing Ceremony

A detailed time schedule, including races, training slots and meetings, can be found in Bulletin 2 which will be published in January 2027.



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COURSE AND VENUE

The course

The course is on Silkeborg Langsø, in the center of Silkeborg. The lake has no significant current.

- Lap length: approx. 3.6 km, plus a final small lap of approx. 1 km
- Start, finish and portage in the same area, close to spectators
- One portage per lap, except the first lap
- Portage length in accordance with the Paddle Worldwide Marathon Competition Requirements - approx. 110 metres
- Embarkation and disembarkation via pontoons
- Water depth of at least 4 metres along the course

The venue

The road along the lake will be closed and the venue built on and around the water in the city center.

Athletes' area, boat storage, boat control, portage, finish, grandstand, medal ceremony area, VIP area and accreditation will all be within walking distance of each other.

A spectator village with street food, live music and a big screen will be located next to the finish area.

A detailed course map and venue layout can be found in Bulletin 2 which will be published in January 2027.



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PARTICIPATION FEE, ENTRIES & ACCREDITATION

Participation and accreditation fee

The participation fee and accreditation fee are to be decided and will be published in Bulletin 2 after approval by Paddle Worldwide.

The accreditation fee for 2027 Paddle Marathon World Championships is payable per person per day for the access period, from the day of arrival until the day of departure. It is payable by all accredited athletes and team officials, including those who book accommodation independently.

The participation fee for Masters World Championships covers accreditation, medical care and security at the venue, drinking water on competition days, outdoor boat storage, Wi-Fi at the venue, access to the course for training and participation in the Opening Ceremony.

Entries

For Elite including Para all numerical and nominal entries, including athletes, coaches, team officials, other staff and media, must be submitted by the National Federation through the Paddle Worldwide online entry system:

The organizing Committee cannot accept entries directly.

Registration procedure and entry fees for masters will be published in Bulletin 2 and will have a special online registration system.

Accreditation

Accreditation is issued at the Accreditation Centre at the venue in accordance with the Paddle Worldwide Accreditation Manual. Opening hours will be published in Bulletin 2.



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ACCOMODATION & SHUTTLE

Accommodation for 2027 Paddle Marathon World Championships

Accommodation package in 3 categories is available within 40 minutes of the venue, and the hotels closest to the venue are within walking distance.

The accommodation package includes

- Accommodation
- Participation fee and accreditation
- Three meals per day (breakfast and dinner at the hotel, lunch at the venue)
- Shuttle service between the official hotels and the venue, according to timetable

Airport transfer is not included in the accomodation package.

Prices, booking conditions and the booking link will be published in Bulletin 2, published in January 2027.

Rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

The below prices is subject to changes depending on the accreditation fee (TBD by Paddle Worldwide).

Category	Type of accomodation	Single room	Double room
A - high level	Hotel - single or double room	€260-305	€185-205
B - standard	Hotel - single or double room	€205-225	€165-185
C - budget	Hotel/Hostel - single or double room	€165-185	€135-155

Prices are per person per night/day.

Accommodation for Masters World Championships

In Bulletin 2, the organizing committee will provide contact information for accommodation of different price levels.

walking distance of the venue.

A shuttle service will run between the venue and the official event hotels that are located outside walking distance.

Shuttle and local transport

Three of the official event hotels are within

A timetable will be published in the Team Leaders Guide.



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TIMELINE WITH KEY DEADLINES

Date	Milestone
Mid January 2027	Bulletin 2: detailed program, course, fees, accommodation prices and registration link
Mid January 2027	Accommodation booking opens for Elite and Para
Mid June 2027	Bulletin 3
1 July 2027	Final accommodation reservation and airport shuttle booking for Elite and Para
19 July 2027	Numerical entry for Elite and Para
1 August 2027	Travel information
14 August 2027	Masters registration deadline
25 August 2027	Team Leaders Guide
17 August 2027	Nominal entry for Elite and Para
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All deadlines are at midnight Central European Time.



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BOATS

Boat rental

Boat rental will be available through the official boat supplier(s) of the championships. Federations wishing to rent boats should contact the supplier directly.

Rental prices will be published on the event website and in Bulletin No 2.

Boat transport

Information on the official logistics partner will follow.

Federations arranging their own transport should contact their Chamber of Commerce or customs office regarding the documents required for transporting boats.

MANDATORY ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

For Paddle Worldwide World Championships, every athlete, coach and support person must complete the anti-doping online course relevant to their role on the WADA Anti-Doping Education and Learning platform (ADEL), or the corresponding national course.

This is also mandatory for masters.

Athletes who have completed the online anti-doping education in previous years do not need to repeat it.



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VISA & CUSTOMS

Denmark is a member state of the European Union and part of the Schengen Area. Citizens of the EU have free access to Denmark.

Participants who require a visa will, on request, receive an official invitation letter from the Danish Canoe Federation once their participation is confirmed.

Visa applications have strict and early deadlines, so please contact the Danish embassy or consulate as early as possible.

Travelers from visa-exempt countries outside the EU should check whether new EU entry requirements apply to them before travelling.

Read more about the rules for short-stay visas to Denmark: nyidanmark.dk/en-GB

Customs

The organizing Committee will assist to make customs procedures for sports equipment run as smoothly as possible. Please see section 8 on boat transport.

INSURANCE

All participants are strongly advised to take out appropriate medical and travel insurance in their home countries. The organizing Committee does not cover costs of hospital, dental or other medical treatment.

First aid and emergency medical services will be available at the venue throughout the access period. Information on the nearest hospital with an emergency department will be published in Bulletin 3.



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