



Thrombi X-Fest

ICF Level 4 Kayak Cross Event

25 January 2025

Competition Information

Host Club: CSA Canoe Slalom Committee and Canyon Canoe Club

Host Federation: Canoeing South Africa

Date: 25 January 2025

Location: Thrombi Rapids, Umzimkulu River, Umzimkulu River Lodge, Underberg, KwaZulu-Natal

Categories: Kayak Cross Snr, Jnr and u23

Entries: Open to all international athletes, all entries through Canoeing South Africa entry portal, www.canoesa.com

Race Committee

Organiser: Iain Rennie

Race Committee: Shane Raw, Scott Humphry, Iain Rennie

Chief Safety Official: Iain Rennie and Shane Raw

Chief Judge: Angus Gibson

Race Course Information

- Grade 3-4 white water
- Water level is rain dependant, no dams or control possible
- Access available year round with permission from land owner
- 2 Start options are available depending on water level. The final call will be made on the day of the race

View of Rapid From Finish Pool



Top view of Rapid Looking down to Finish Pool



View of first Pool after first drop

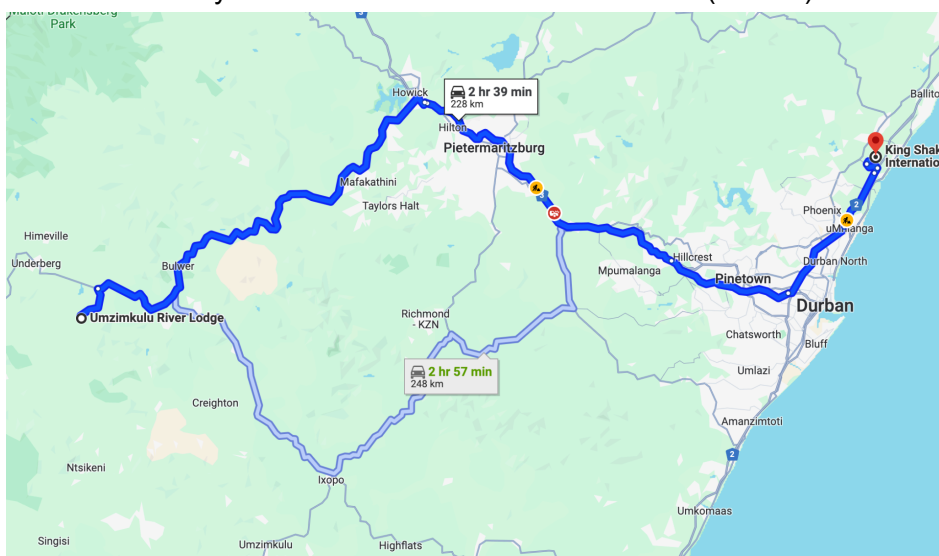


Overhead view of Race Course



Travel information

Closest Airport is King Shaka International Airport. Serviced by Emirates, Turkish Airlines and Qatar Airways. The race venue is around 3 hours (289km) from the Airport by car.



Schedule

- Thursday 23 January
 - Setting of course for event and training
- Friday 24 January
 - Training sessions on course
- Saturday 25 January
 - Morning timetrial for seeding
 - 2 min intervals
 - Knockout finals
 - At least 3 rounds of heats, semis and finals used to determine winner

Mitigation Plans

1. High Water

- a. Should water level be determined to be too high for safe participation by race committee, the race course will be moved higher up the river (by 500m) to an area where the river is wider and not affected by excessive water

2. Low Water

- a. Should water level be determined to be too low for safe participation by race committee, the race course will be moved lower down the river (by 100m) with the finish pool of the standard race course becoming the start pool

3. Adverse Weather

- a. Should there be thunderstorms during the event, the event will be paused till the storm moves past the event area.
 - i. If the storm prevents running over entire Saturday 23rd, the race schedule will be moved to Sunday 24th
 - ii. If the storm prevents running during the afternoon of Saturday 23rd, the leader at the time of competition being called off will be the winner of the event. In the case of a draw, the ranking between those athletes in the time trial will be the deciding factor.

4. Injury and/or accident in water

- a. Kayakers will assist others, each kayak er will only be allowed to leave the water once the person / group starting behind them has competed the course
- b. Self rescue will be prioritised
- c. In the case of a foot entrapment or dangerous swim, the event will pause so a extraction can take place
- d. As the rapid used for the event is on Grade 3+ rapids, a combination of multiple swift water rescue techniques will be used.
- e. No water level control is possible.
- f. When any swim happens, the race starter will only send the next athlete down once all athletes have been successfully extracted