



MEMORANDUM

From: 2024 Americas Olympic Qualifier and Pan American Championships, Host Organizing Committee
Canoe Kayak Canada and the American Canoe Association

Date: November 3rd, 2023

EVENT: 2024 Americas Olympic Qualifier and Pan American Championships

DATES: Tuesday, April 23 to Thursday, April 25

VENUE: [Nathan Benderson Park](#), Sarasota, Florida, USA

MORE INFO: <https://americancanoe.org/2024-americas-canoe-sprint-olympic-continental-qualifier-pan-american-championships/>

Dear COPAC Federations,

The Pan American Canoe Federation (COPAC), the American Canoe Association (ACA) and Canoe Kayak Canada (CKC) are pleased to welcome you to Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida, USA for the 2024 Americas Olympic Qualifier and Pan American Canoe Sprint Championships.

The below package will contain logistical information regarding the event to assist in your teams' preparations and travel to Florida. The most critical point at this stage is to ensure if visas are required for your country to travel to the US that you begin that process immediately. Further details about Visa requirements are below. As well as booking your accommodation as it is a busy time in Florida in April.

We look forward to seeing you all in August.

Sincerely,

Beth Spilman
American Canoe Association
CEO

Casey Wade
Canoe Kayak Canada
CEO



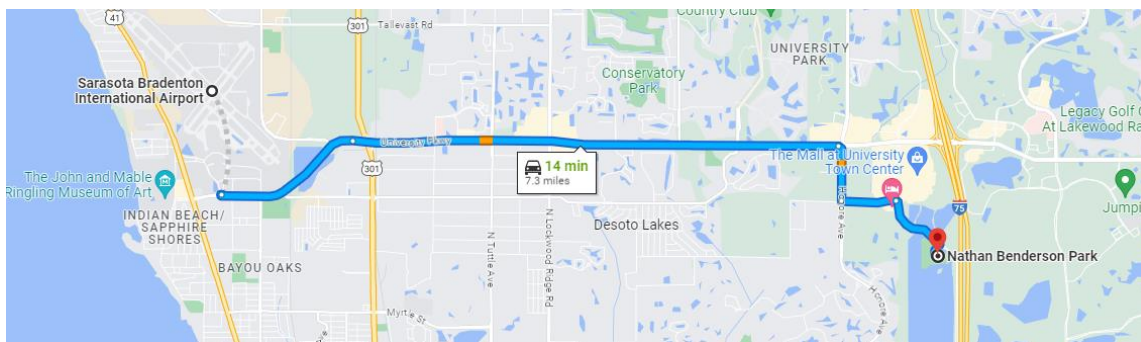
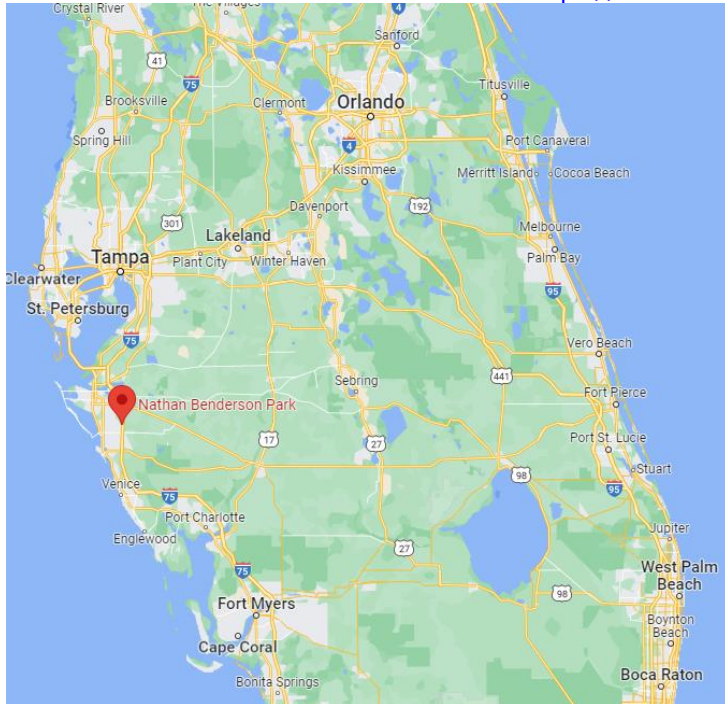


LOCATION: SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Sarasota is a city south of Tampa on Florida’s Gulf Coast. Sarasota has its own international airport. TAMPA airport is also only 1 hour away.

In Sarasota during April **average daily high temperatures increase from 78°F to 82°F** and it is overcast or mostly cloudy about 37% of the time.

For more information about Sarasota visit <https://www.visitsarasota.com/>



BOAT SUPPLIER: NELO

If you are looking to source boats for this event please reach out to Gil Campos of NELO gil.campos@nelo.eu



VISA INFORMATION

The VISA process to travel to the United States is critical to your team's participation at this event, applying early is the most important thing. **The State Dept. recommends applying 90-120 days in advance of travel.**

Attached [here](#) you will find the USOPC's Visa Handbook (EN, ES, FR) which **provides an overview of the visa process.**

For questions or support please contact [Steve Kelly](#) with ACA, who will help to put you in contact with the correct people.

Additional resources:

- [USOPC Visa Handbook \(EN, ES, FR\)](#)
- [Visa Waiver Program \(ESTA\)](#)
- [U.S. Embassies & Consulates](#)
- [Visa Wizard](#)
- [Visa Appointment Wait & Processing Times](#)
- [DS-160 Form](#)
- [Photograph Requirements](#)
- [Interview Waiver Eligibility](#)
- [Country-Specific Visa Validity Length Agreements](#)
- [Visa FAQs](#)
- [Arrival/Departure Forms: I-94 and I-94W](#)
- [ESTA](#)

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Participation fees

Details to be announced in January 2024

Entries:

Numerical Entries are due December 8th, 2023

Please fill the following form: <https://forms.gle/kontRZZdaj4Wi948>

Nominal Entries are due January 8th, 2024

Please fill in the following form: <https://forms.gle/C2HGTRAFgRciPaoM8>



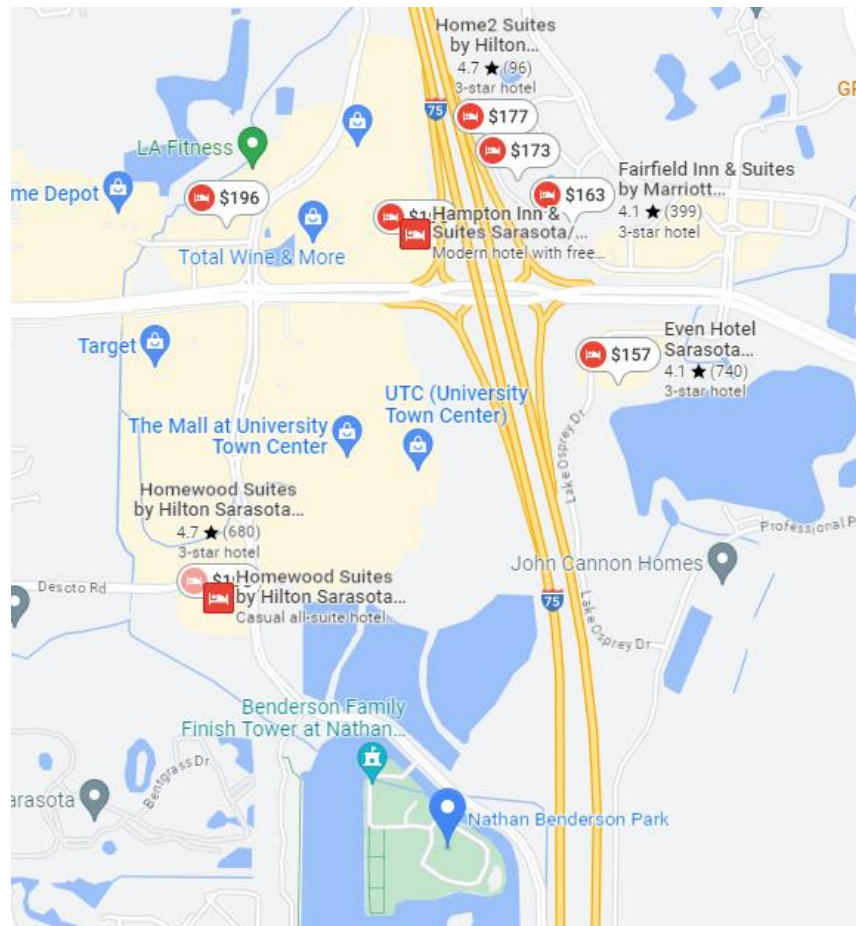
ACCOMMODATION

The Host Organizing Committee has worked with an accommodation partner to provide teams with discounted hotel rooms near the Nathan Benderson Park Venue. **Please note that April is a busy month in the local hotel industry.**

To book discounted rooms please follow this link:
[Sarasota Accommodation Booking Link](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Maciejewski aaron@pellucidtravel.com

Below you will see the number of hotels in the area in close proximity to the course:



FINAL REMINDERS

Task	Due Date	Link
Numerical Deadline	December 8th, 2023 by 5pm EST	Click Here
Nominal Deadline	January 8th, 2024 by 5pm EST	Click Here