

WaterTribe Overview

Expedition-Style Adventure Racing for Small Boats

The WaterTribe was founded in 2000 by Steve “Chief” Isaac, a former US Marine from Clearwater, Florida, who wanted to create opportunities for people to compete in long-distance small boat adventure races designed for paddlers and sailors. He organized a series of expedition-style unsupported races for human and wind-powered boats. No motors allowed.

Challengers must decide for themselves how far and how fast to travel. The competitors face shifting winds, tides, and waves while pushing themselves to their physical limits in round-the-clock competition. It’s all part of the Challenge.

The WaterTribe includes over 2,000 named members.

“The purpose of WaterTribe is to encourage the development of boats, equipment, skills, and human athletic performance for safe and efficient coastal cruising using minimal impact human and wind powered watercraft based on kayaks, canoes, and small sailboats.” ~ Chief, February 2000

Sponsored Events in 2010

The Everglades Challenge is an annual 300-mile race from Tampa Bay to Key Largo. It includes mandatory stops at three checkpoints, and must be completed within a week.

The Ultra Marathon is a 67-mile, two-day race from Tampa Bay to Placida. It takes place simultaneously with the Everglades Challenge.

The Ultimate Florida Challenge is a 1,200-mile race that starts and ends near the entrance to Tampa Bay. Racers complete a counter-clockwise circumnavigation of Florida in 30 days or less. The Ultimate Florida Challenge is held every four years.

The North Carolina Challenge is an annual 3-day, 100-mile race in Core Sound.

The North Carolina Ultra Marathon is 40-mile, one-day race run with the 100-mile race.