

April Theses ;)

In this paper (for those who read printed version) I will try to explain why we are doing it the way we do (and the fact that our ideas every year a little bit changing, is only normal)

This year there are no significant changes

The event, as you may have noticed, is a bit psychedelic;

Our intension is not to get as many people as possible but more a feelings and satisfaction of participants, perhaps even some intimacy, hot tea for more sportive and for leasurely ones, breakfast prepared by beautiful girls (how often you have got fried meatballs at seaside), champagne soup in the morning

Often asked question (or simply implied, internal reflection) - the required skills. This can be done by pure enthusiasts. You shouldn't be necessary rowing guru (distance is long enough to learn a little of paddling;). Well, a little determination (perhaps stubbornness) will not be disadvantage ;)

Security is very important, so despite the often protests, single kayaks must go in teams (at least two boats). River is not at all dangerous, but still there is darkness and there is water, river fallen (mainly leaf) trees, be cautious of nets (not seen in recent years, but who knows) (Vīki), a net attachment bars (mainly in light part of the trip), fishing veirs and sea (not planned this year). Do not forget that is very, very important to drink adequate amount of water

Costs. We will try to keep them down. So we will always try to save a bit on extras which (we think) is not so important, but there will still be ones those who (we think) is important and which we can afford. Each extra means something additionaly to membership fees. So there will be no inscription on the bridges - "welcome to Olympians" not girls with long legs and flags and flowers, but there still be hot tea, bread becon and garlic in Staicele (mid distance). As before - regular participants pay less (if anything)

As every year - still are thinking about starting and finishing places (at present - the usual starting place and finish at place in Salacgriva (just before bridge), but this can change in case of low water

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