

2021 – Toronto IOC OC6 Iron – Course Overall / Division

September 25, 2021 ~ Event hosted by: TSCC

Overall Place	Adjusted Time	Team Name	Canoe Division	Age Division	Gender Division	Division Place	Clock Time	Start Adj	UI Adj (15%)
1	2:15:31	Malolo*	Unlimited OC6	Open	Mixed	1	2.00.96	-14.35	2:36:28
2	2:19:47	River Runners*	Unlimited OC6	Open	Mixed	2	2.05.12	-14.35	2:41:12
3	2:21:04	Vortex*	Unlimited OC6	Open	Mixed	3	2.06.69	-14.35	2:42:10
4	2:24:04	CSDC Mahalo	Spec OC6	Open	Mixed	1	2.09.79	-14.35	2:24:04
5	2:37:39	Haunani	Spec OC6	Open	Mixed	2	2.23.04	-14.35	2:37:39
		PFZP	Spec OC6	Open	Mixed		DNF		
		The OC 6ixers	Spec OC6	Open	Mixed		DNF		

Note 1: *Unlimited Open OC6

Ultralight unlimited OC6s are inherently faster than spec boats. But due to the relatively small overall number of OC6s, it's tough to form separate categories for them. For this year we kept them in the same class, but we're piloting an approach where we add a flat adjustment of 15% to the unlimited canoe times. Is it perfect? No. But it's based on an average we determined in our review of results from races around the world, and should result in a relatively comparable time. You'll see that adjustment in the UL ADJ column above. Congrats would have gone to CSDC Mahalo if we had incorporated the adjustment into this year's medal results. We'll continue to collect feedback and see how it goes for next year - and/or buy more unlimited canoes! :)

Note 2:

You may have seen pictures circulating of an OC6 smashed on the rocks at the back of the island. We want you to know that the craft was under tow to safety (with the participants already safe and sound, having been picked up by our safety boats) when authorities were called to another emergency elsewhere and had to release it. Of course the lives of others take priority, and we are completely supportive of their decision to let it drift. Though the end result was the boat crashing into the rocks, making sure people are safe is always the priority. We sincerely appreciate everyone who assisted the paddlers and boats that day!

Note 3:

Speaking of hearts though, they're a bit broken from having lost our club OC6. One of the teams hulled near the pier on the south side of the island. The marine police were called by some helpful kayakers, and came over to help, followed by the race safety boats soon after. Once we retrieved the paddlers from the water, we attempted to save the boat by bringing it closer to shore, but it was too heavy and during the endeavour ended up beaching the safety boat which was then disabled. The police boat tried to save the OC6 without success then, when they got another call, had to cut the line and let it drift. By the time another safety boat pulled the first safety boat off the beach, the OC6 was out of sight and it wasn't the right time to chase after it. Due to the conditions we weren't able to recon the boat until the next morning when we found it on the rocks. Incredibly sad to see it laying there broken. But even worse - another OC6 team had a huli and had to be rescued as well. In the process the rescue snapped the ama in two and caused some serious hull damage to the OC6 the crew had rented from Wai Nui.

SO... all in all some ridiculously challenging conditions which led to some stellar displays of paddling prowess. And some heartache for the boats of our ohana. From a race organization perspective, there are definitely some new learnings from this year to bring into future years. But most of all we truly appreciate the aloha spirit in our paddling community. Check out the timing results here - great job to all!

<https://www.tioc.ca/2021-results> - Chris and your TIOC Committee