

Sarstoon Island Eco Challenge!

KAYAK RACE
FOR MEN AND WOMEN

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL MARATHON
AND ALL DAY MUSIC!

RACERS:

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
places for women and men!

Prizes for the Football Marathon!



US Supporters:

Looking for donated kayaks and
sponsorships!

Volunteer trip to Belize Sept 8-15

To learn more, donate, or register for the Eco Challenge,
call 603.397.5301, email Steve at steve@ff.international or
visit www.ff.international/eco-challenge

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 2019 at 9 AM

Country of Belize showing Guatemala and Honduras



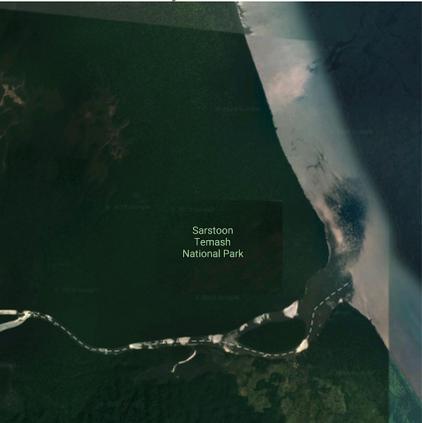
Toledo District in southern Belize borders Guatemala



The Sarstoon River forms the border with Guatemala and is the site of the kayak race



A satellite map of the Sarstoon River showing the island that racers kayak to.



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ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

2019 marks the 4th Annual Sarstoon Island Eco Challenge! The challenge was created to bring highlight the ecological importance of the region and the river, as well as the illegal fishing that is endangering it. Organizers hope to show that eco-tourism is an alternative to illegal and harmful fishing practices that can support the local economy.

All are invited to attend! Racers from international places are welcome. If you reach out as soon as you can, a kayak can be put aside for you. It is recommended that you stay in Punta Gorda and BTV will be organizing transportation to the starting line.

PRIZES

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes for both the male and female races! There will also be station prizes throughout the race - first person to pass the station gets the prize. The oldest and youngest racers will also receive a prize. During the race, spectators are invited to participate in 5-a-side football marathon, with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prizes!

BARRANCO AND THE SARSTOON RIVER

Barranco is the southern-most coastal village in Belize, right across the river from Guatemala, and has a population of about 200. Traditionally a fishing and farming village, Barranco has seen a decline in population in recent times. The village is already experiencing severe climate change impacts, including repeated flooding and drastic erosion. One goal of the Eco Challenge is to bring people back to the village and raise awareness both among everyday people and the government on the challenges facing them.



Images from Barranco of downed trees and erosion following storms in the region. FFI volunteers will be going to Belize in September 2019 to assist with an event to raise awareness of the threat of climate change and raise money for address the impacts as they happen. Learn more at www.ff.international/eco-challenge or by contacting Steve Martineau at 603.397.5301 or steve@ff.international.