

## How To Join and Use the vtmarathonpaddlers Yahoo Group

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The preferred way to get on the vtmarathonpaddlers email list, is to go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vtmarathonpaddlers/> .

- If you are already a Yahoo group user (like for PaddlersConnection), then all you need to do is Sign In and add yourself to the vtmarathonpaddlers group by using the Join This Group! button.
- If not, then at the top of the page, use the small Sign Up link at the top right of the page. I believe step 1 is optional, but I am not sure. Steps 2 and 3 are required.
- Pick yourself a user ID and password in Step 2. You can have it check to see if your user name is available.
- In step 3, enter the email address to which you want messages from vtmarathonpaddlers group to be sent. Put this in the Alternate Email box. [Yahoo is trying to get you to use their email.]

Yahoo groups recommends that you join a group via the group's page (above). But you can also sign up direct to the group mailing list. When you're only on the mailing list, you don't get access to all the group's web features (Photos, Files, Links, Polls, Calendar.)

- To subscribe to a group's mailing list via email, send a blank email to: [vtmarathonpaddlers-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:vtmarathonpaddlers-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com)
- When you get the confirmation message, reply to it and you are signed up.

Once you have joined, then you will receive emails from [vtmarathonpaddlers@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:vtmarathonpaddlers@yahoogleroups.com) , and you can post and reply to the same address.

To start a new topic, simply send an email to [vtmarathonpaddlers@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:vtmarathonpaddlers@yahoogleroups.com) with a new Subject:.

It is proper etiquette to keep the message on Topic. That means if a topic is about paddling at Bear Trap on a certain day, don't Reply to that topic and ask about a carpooling to an upcoming race. Send a new email with a new Subject, for example "Carpool to Race name". This keeps the info organized and easier to find.

<http://help.yahoo.com//us/yahoo/groups/original/members/email/index.html> and <http://help.yahoo.com//us/yahoo/groups/original/members/index.html> have a lot of help info. For example, you can disable the email and use the web interface instead.