

Nottingham Kayak Club Hasler Race

Date Sunday 21st April 2024

Venue Nottingham Kayak Club, Trentside North, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5FA

Parking at The Brian Clough Stand carpark, Nottingham Forest Football Club, Scarrington Road, off Lady Bay Bridge Road (A6011) NG2 5FA (next to the Environment Agency offices on Scarrington Road)

Under no circumstances should you drive onto Trentside North from Trent Bridge (A60) on race day.

There will be diagrams and pictures on the club web site showing the parking area.

Timing Booking in from 9-00 am, Briefing for Geoff Sanders class races at 10-30 am,

Geoff Sanders singles races start at 10.45 am, Briefing for division 1-9 races at 11-30

Division 1-9 starts at 12-00 noon, Geoff Sanders doubles races at 2-00 pm Prize giving – hopefully by 2-30 pm

Classes, Geoff Sanders A, B and C in singles and Geoff Sanders doubles. Divisions 1-9 singles. Divisions 2-9 doubles

Course descriptions Geoff Sanders Classes – 3 laps of a circuit going around Trent Bridge and Lady Bay Bridge. Approx. 2 miles.

Divisions 7, 8 and 9 Start at NKC. Race upstream to a turn buoy between the third and fourth bridges and turn anti-clockwise and back to the start. Approx. 4 miles. No portages.

Divisions 4, 5 and 6 Start at NKC. Race upstream to a turn buoy about two miles after the fourth bridge and turn anti-clockwise and back to the start. Approx. 8 miles. No portages.

Divisions 1, 2 and 3 Start at NKC. Race upstream to a turn buoy between the third and fourth bridges and turn anti-clockwise and back to the start and continue past the start to Lady Bay Bridge, turn clockwise around the bridge and then do a false portage on the way back upstream. Then do the 8 mile course. Approx. 12 miles in total with one portage.

All starts will be upstream and all finishes will be downstream.

There will be pictures and diagrams on the club web site showing the courses.

All of the courses can be followed on the bank by cycling.

Entries Must be made by midnight on Thursday 18th April to be early entries. Entries after that will still be possible up to 9-30 am on race day but would then be counted as late entries and would incur an additional late entry fee of £5.00. Early entries are £12-00 for seniors and £10-00 for juniors. Entries should be made on line and paid for using STRIPE. Entry for the Geoff Sanders doubles races will be free for those that have entered the singles race. Entries will only be possible from paddlers whose name is on the British Canoeing Marathon website and are current members on the day of the race (or take out British Canoeing on the water membership on the day of the race) will be allowed to race.

Safety All paddlers who are ranked in divisions 7, 8 or 9 or are unranked MUST wear an approved buoyancy aid. All Geoff Sanders race paddlers MUST wear an approved buoyancy aid. All paddlers

racing in division 7, 8 or 9 classes MUST wear an approved buoyancy aid. Buoyancy. A buoyancy aid is advisable for all paddlers. Buoyancy aids may be made compulsory for all paddlers on the day if the weather and river conditions warrant this. (So all competitors are advised to bring a buoyancy aid with them) . See Marathon rule book.

Paddlers must take great care to avoid collisions with any other river users.

It is the duty of the team leader or person making the entry to the event to determine whether the paddler is sufficiently capable of completing the course in the type of boat entered and for the river and weather conditions on the day. Canoeing and kayaking is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. An entry for the event must have taken this into account.

All boats must have buoyancy at both the front and rear sufficient to support the boat and paddlers should the boat fill with water. See marathon rule book.

Paddlers retiring from races must let the organisers know as soon as possible after their retirement.

Miscellaneous points

British canoeing Marathon Racing Committee rules will be used for the event.

All boats must have a white number plate showing their race number on both sides. This must be supplied by the paddler.

Toilets, showers and changing rooms are available at the NKC clubhouse.

Light refreshments will be available to purchase and a free drink and biscuits available for competitors.

The Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) are fighting a battle against the spread of invasive plant species such as Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Giant Hogweed and Floating Pennywort in the canal and river system in the country.

Pictures on the CRT website show the effect that the spread of these plants can have on our waterways. To aid them in this will you please wash and dry your boat before bringing it to Nottingham and again on your return home after the race before going on any other waterways.

Assistance could be provided for paddlers with disabilities for access and egress to the water but please contact the club in advance to discuss what help will be needed. There are steps near to the start line down to the water's edge. For the divisions 1- 6 courses there are no portages. Paddlers doing the div 1-3 course who have such difficulties would be allowed to paddle past the portage.