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Hosts: **Wokingham Canoe Club**

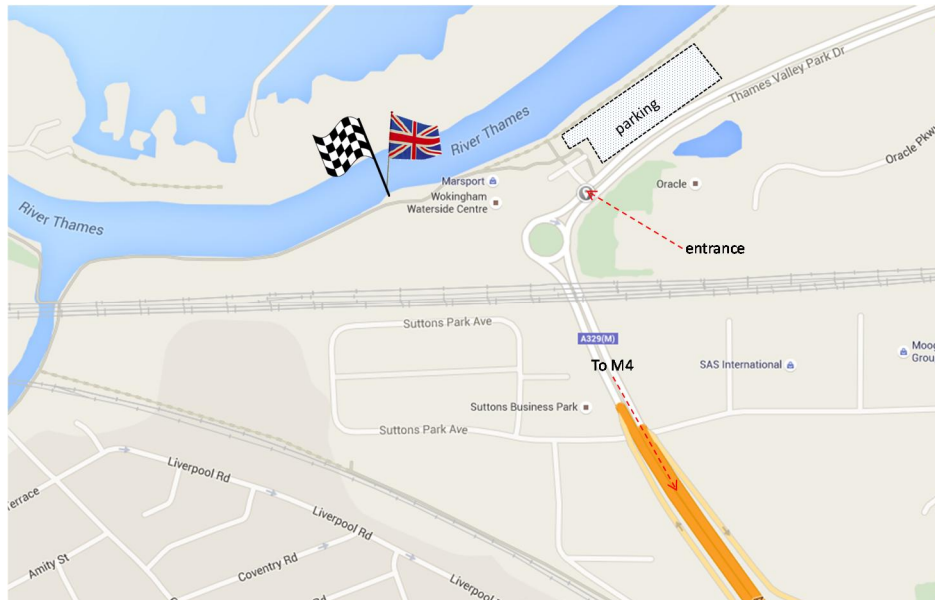
Contact: **Pat Smith**

Date: **12th July 2015**

Location:

**Wokingham Waterside Centre,
Thames Valley Park Drive,
Reading,
RG6 1PQ**

GPS coordinates: 51.459807N -0.941264W



Host web site: <http://www.wokinghamcanoeclub.co.uk/>

Organiser: Nick Adnitt nickadnitt@aol.com mob: 07824327725

Timings:

- Registration opens – 09:00 hrs
- Last sign-on time – 10:00 hrs
- First boat starts – 10:31 hrs

Advanced entries by: Friday 29th May 2015 to nickadnitt@aol.com

Entry form available at:

http://www.darksidedcanoes.com/documents/National_Time_Trial_Series_Entry_Form_V1_0.docx

Note: All competitors MUST have current BCU membership and be able to prove it at sign-on. This ensures that paddlers and the event are insured and boats are licensed to use the river Thames. A day ticket cannot be issued for this event because it does not cover the river Thames.

Registration: A registration desk will be located in the Wokingham Waterside Centre next to the Hasler race registration.

Please complete an entry form (one per paddler), read the briefing instructions and sign-on. Collect a number board.

Parking

Parking opens at 08:30. Please follow the signs and instructions from the marshals. Parking arrangements may be altered at short notice if heavy rain precedes the race.

Course

The course is a ten mile there-and-back route. It starts on the south bank of the Thames on a pontoon just upstream of Wokingham Waterside Centre and Marsport. The start is donated by a union flag.

Proceed upstream to Caversham Lock. Portage the lock (see diagrams). Be careful how you approach the portage point which is just before the lock gates as boats are constantly entering and leaving the lock. Ensure that you are on the left side of the river rather than cross at the last minute and risk encountering a boat accessing the lock.

There are bridge works on Reading Bridge which is the first one after the portage. The danger areas are clearly marked with buoys and you are advised to avoid these.

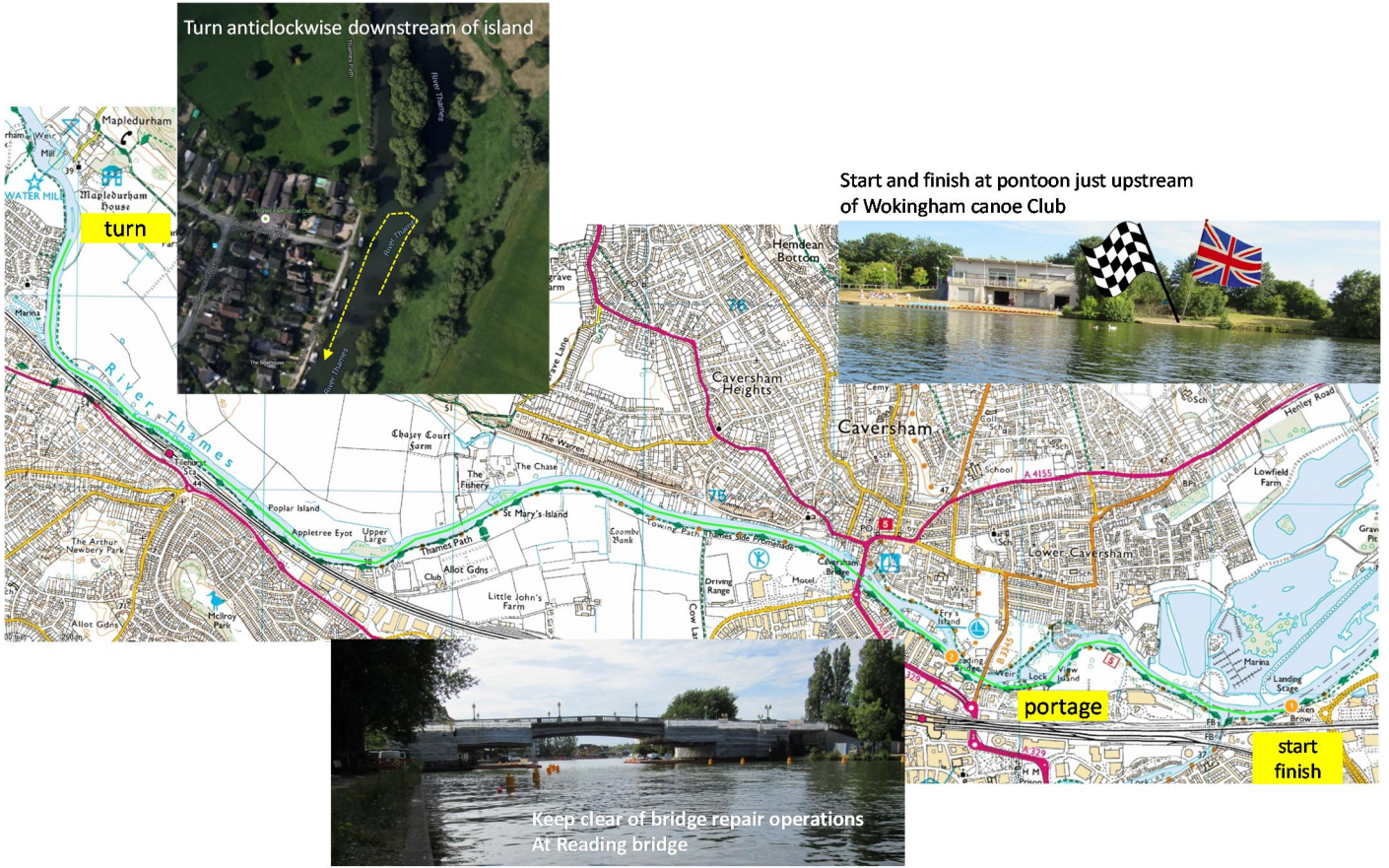
There is also a new bridge under construction, but this should not cause any problems.



Continue upstream to the small island just below the Mapledurham lock. Turn in an anticlockwise direction around the marker buoy, and return downstream back to Caversham Lock. Portage the lock paying particular care again, to avoid lock traffic.

Continue downstream to the finish, which is at the same place as the start. The finish is donated by a chequered flag. A whistle will sound when you cross the finish line.

It is wholly the responsibility of the paddler to know the course. Any deviation from the course will result in no time being given. There will be maps, course diagrams, Marshalls, signs and flags to show the course



Caversham Lock – portage

Downstream:

- Get out on right just before lock
- Ascend two steps
- Traverse the lock along the path
- Descend steps (caution)
- Put in at bottom of steps

Upstream:

- Get out on left, just before entry to lock
- Ascend small steps (caution)
- Traverse the lock along the path
- Descend two steps
- Put in just after lock gate



CAUTION
The lock is in constant use. Beware of boats going in and out of the lock on your approach



Results

The results will be available at the canoe club when the last boat has finished. They will also be published on the web site.

Environmental responsibility

The Environment Agency has asked us to be aware of the risks of spreading invasive aquatic species throughout the British waterways, and would like to draw your attention to the message below.





STOP THE SPREAD

STOP THE SPREAD
INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES
CHECK-CLEAN-DRY

Are you unknowingly spreading invasive species on your water sports equipment and clothing?

Invasive species can affect fish and other wildlife, restrict navigation, clog up propellers and be costly to manage. You can help protect the water sports you love by following three simple steps when you leave the water.

CHECK **Check** your equipment and clothing for live organisms - particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

CLEAN **Clean** and wash all equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly.
If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

DRY **Dry** all equipment and clothing - some species can live for many days in moist conditions.
Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

For more information go to www.direct.gov.uk and search for **Check Clean Dry**

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