

## Falcon Marathon 2022 - Race Briefing

### ALL RACES

#### The start

- Start line is 200m upstream from here at Longbridges. Warm up on the river should be downstream from Falcon Boat Club
- The prestart marshalls will be located between Falcon Boat Club and Longbridges – the startline

#### Safety

- All competitors must ensure their boats have sufficient buoyancy to remain afloat
- During the race, if you see someone in the water please check that they're okay, ask if they need help and if you are the person in the water please respond to say whether or not you need help.
- If anyone retires from the race please inform the finish desk so everyone can be accounted for.
- It's recommended that you wear appropriate footwear for the portage and in case you take a swim.
- All division 7, 8 & 9 paddlers, plus Geoff Sanders paddlers must wear buoyancy aids

#### River rules

- Stay **river right** at all times. When you pass other paddlers coming in the opposite direction, make sure you pass them on the right. There are some tight twisty sections between Folly and Osney - please don't crash into each other.
- It is very likely you will encounter other boats on the river. Please show consideration to other river users. Be especially careful when encountering the cruiser boats turning round in the river. We have advised all the rowing clubs along this stretch of the river about the race. They are entitled to use the river but hopefully they will have decided to stay off the river today.

### START ORDERS

10:30 starts: 7K2, 8K2, 7K1, 9K2, 8K1, 9K1, Geoff Sanders K1 races

12:30 starts: 2K2, 1K1, 3K2, 2K1, 3K1, 4K2, 5K2, 4K1, 6K2, 5K1, 6K1

13:30 starts: Geoff Sanders K2 races

## **COURSE DETAILS**

### **Geoff Sanders classes**

- Start at Longbridges – paddle to the first buoy turn anticlockwise round it.
- Paddle past the start line, past Donnington bridge and down to Iffley lock.
- Turn anticlockwise around the buoy. Finish on the right between Donnington bridge and Falcon.

### **Divisions 7, 8 and 9**

- Start on the right hand side of the river level with the start line. Paddle straight up to Folly Bridge. Go to the right of the island.
- After the bridge the river turns right. Go under 2 more bridges. The turn is anticlockwise around a large buoy, just downstream of the next bridge.
- Paddle back down to Folly bridge. At Folly bridge you go to the right of the island.
- Come past the start line, past Donnington bridge and down to Iffley lock.
- Turn anticlockwise around the buoy. Finish on the right between Donnington bridge and Falcon.

### **Divisions 4, 5 and 6**

- Start on the right hand side of the river level with the start line. Paddle straight up to Folly Bridge. Go to the right of the island.
- After the bridge the river turns right. Go under 2 more bridges. The turn is anticlockwise around a large buoy, just downstream of the next bridge.
- Paddle back down to Folly bridge. At Folly bridge you go to the right of the island.
- Come past the start line, past Donnington bridge and down to Iffley lock.
- Portage at Iffley going under the small stone bridge.
- Paddle down to Sandford lock. Anticlockwise turn around the buoy just before Sandford lock.
- Paddle back upstream. Go around the back of Rose Island, portage back over the rollers at Iffley.
- Finish on the right between Donnington bridge and Falcon.

### **Divisions 1, 2 and 3**

- Start on the right hand side of the river level with the start line. Paddle straight up to Folly Bridge. Go to the right of the island.
- After the bridge the river turns right. Go under 2 more bridges. The turn is anticlockwise around a large buoy, just downstream of the next bridge.
- Paddle back down to Folly bridge. At Folly bridge you go to the right of the island.
- Come past the start line and Donnington bridge and down to Iffley lock.
- Portage at Iffley going under the small stone bridge.
- Paddle down to Sandford lock. Anticlockwise turn around the buoy just before Sandford lock.
- Paddle back upstream. Go around the back of Rose Island, portage back over the rollers at Iffley.
- Go back up to the Osney turn, stay right of Folly in both directions, then down to Iffley lock.
- Turn anticlockwise around the buoy. Finish on the right between Donnington bridge and Falcon.
- Please only come through the finish channel at the end of the race, not on the first loop.