



Oxford Marathon Sunday 23 June 2024

Important changes: New Boathouse

We're delighted to welcome you to our new boathouse. This year it should be possible to get on the water from both the Sea Scouts field and Falcon. Where possible, please avoid carrying boats along Meadow Lane to ease vehicle congestion to and from the carpark. After your race, please exit at the Sea Scouts and take your boat straight back to your car.

Location

Falcon Boat Club, near Donnington Bridge, Oxford, OX4 4BJ

Car parking is at the 22nd Sea Scouts on Meadow Lane just north of Donnington Bridge Road i.e. turn right into Meadow Lane if coming from the A4158 Iffley Road side or turn left into Meadow Lane if coming from the A4144 Abingdon Road side. There will be marshalls directing vehicles. Please do not park on Meadow Lane.

Course

- Divisions 1, 2 & 3 singles and 1, 2 & 3 doubles 12 miles, 2 portages
- Division 4, 5 & 6 singles and 4, 5 & 6 doubles 8 miles, 2 portages
- Divisions 7, 8, & 9 singles and 7, 8 & 9 doubles 4 miles, no portages
- Geoff Sanders singles (A, B & C) and doubles (K2 and mini K2), 2 miles, no portages

Maps and briefing notes are on our website and will be on site on the day.

Timings

- 09:00 Check in opens **for team leaders only**
- 10:00 Briefing for 10:30 starts
- 10:30 Starts for divisions 7-9 and Geoff Sanders K2 races
- 12:00 Briefing for 12:30/13:45 starts
- 12:30 Starts for divisions 1-6
- 13:45 Starts for Geoff Sanders K1 races
- 15:00 Prize-giving

Entry Fees

- Seniors: £12 per seat per race (late entry £17)
- Juniors: £10 per seat per race (late entry £15)
- Geoff Sanders races: £5 (late entry £10)

All entries and payment via the Race Entries system. **Deadline 8pm Thursday 20th June.** Late entry deadline midday Saturday 22nd June. Entrants must be members of Paddle UK. PUK day tickets may be purchased for divisions 7-9 only (£5). **There are no entries on the day.** Any problems / changes to entries, please email jobatesfalcon@gmail.com.

Food

Entry fees include light refreshments for competitors directly after their race. Other food and refreshments are for sale to all others during the whole event. 50p off hot drinks if you bring a re-usable cup!



Notes to Competitors

1. Buoyancy aids are compulsory for all Geoff Sanders competitors, as well as division 7, 8 and 9 paddlers whether they are racing in those divisions or higher divisions.
2. Team leaders should decide if paddlers under 16 years of age in higher divisions should wear a buoyancy aid.
3. The race organiser has the final say on who must wear a buoyancy aid.
4. Team Leaders are responsible for ensuring paddlers are properly equipped having taken into account the paddler's health, fitness, capability, the course, the prevailing conditions and other risks associated with this race.
5. The race will be run in accordance with British Canoeing's Marathon Racing Committee rules.
6. Vertical number boards will be provided.
7. It is likely that paddlers will encounter other craft on the river. Rules of the river must be observed when racing – keep right.
8. Competitors must render their boats sufficiently buoyant to remain afloat and to support the crew in rough water in the event of capsize. No boat will be deemed to be sufficiently buoyant purely as a result of its construction (e.g. vac bagged/ sandwich or other construction). To fulfil this requirement, additional buoyancy will be required in the form of foam, air bags and/or sealed bulkheads.
9. During the course of a competition any Items discarded by a competitor, anywhere other than in a proper bin, must be recovered by the athlete, their support crew or coach immediately. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure this has happened. An event official witnessing non-compliance with this rule shall report the infringement to the race organiser, and the offending competitor will be disqualified from the competition.
10. Falcon Boat Club and its nominated officials cannot be held responsible for any loss of life, injury or damage to equipment, however caused.
11. You agree that we may publish your Personal Information as part of the results of the event and may pass such information to the governing body or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of insurance, licences or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Results may include (but not be limited to) name, any club affiliation, race times, occupation and age category.
12. Falcon Boat Club considers the ISIS Flag system and the Environment Agency Thames conditions; if the level of the river is judged to be too high or flow too strong, the race will be cancelled. See <http://www.ourcs.org.uk/safety/rcond> and <http://riverconditions.environment-agency.gov.uk/> for more details. In the case that the race has to be cancelled (due to weather conditions, etc.) this information will be published on the Falcon website at the earliest opportunity.
13. Any disputes over race results must be made by the team leader within 1 hour of the results being published.