**Pangbourne Hasler 2022 - Race Briefin****g**

**SITE INFORMATION**

We are here on Pangbourne Meadow with kind permission of Pangbourne Parish Council. Please remember that the meadow is open to all and the riverside path forms part of the Thames Path.Please keep dogs on a lead at all times and respect all other users, especially at the portage.

**RACE INFORMATION**

* This race is run under British Canoeing Marathon Racing Rules.
* Competitors ranked divisions 7/8/9 and U14s must wear a buoyancy aid and if you are racing in Div7 K2 we ask that you wear a BA , even if ranked higher – this is to avoid confusion for our marshals.
* Your boat must be fitted with its full complement of buoyancy. Marshals will be carrying out random checks and boats that are not compliant will be refused entry onto the water.
* Your race number must be displayed on your boat before entering the boat holding area.
* You should be wearing club colours to race in.- to gain your race points for your club.
* Be aware of motorised craft/other users on River Thames – **stay river right** and keep a look out for boats leaving and entering the locks at both ends of the course.
* Please follow all instructions given by Marshals on the course. They are wearing High-Vis jackets, both on the water and on the bank.
* If you see someone in need of help please assist/inform a marshal as appropriate. There will be time allowances if you do stop to help .
* No littering anywhere on site or the course – this will lead to time penalties.
* If you retire from your race you must inform the marshals at the finish line.
* Please exchange your race number for competitors food or give to your club team leader to be returned to us.. £5 fine for your club if numbers re not returned.

**ENTRY TO RIVER**

* The GET IN/OUT AREA is the landing stage
* It makes sense to get onto the river in start order… so please try your best! .
* Warm up in the area above the bridge, keeping well clear of Whitchurch weir.
* Do not go into the lock-cut or the Mill Pond - they are strictly OUT OF BOUNDS

**START PROCEDURES**

* Group in start order above the bridge facing downstream. Listen for instructions from Marshals in boats and on the bank.
* You will be called to Pre-Start, at ‘walking pace’.
* You will then be called forward at ‘walking pace’ to the Start line - use the whole width of the river.
* **It will be a stationary start.** If you attempt to start before any instruction is given to do so, this will be a false start. If you cross the line before the starter’s start signal, this will be a false start.
* In the event of a false/unfair start, you will hear a hooter and a flag will be waved on this bank. You should return to the start line and regroup as instructed by the Starter.
* Any competitor who attempts a false or unfair start will be warned a maximum of two times. A third offence will result in a two-minute penalty. A further offence by the same competitor will result in disqualification from the event and must leave the water immediately.

**THE COURSE**

**Rules of the River apply - stay river right.**

**All turns are anticlockwise.**

**Marshals will be along the course. You will be penalised if you take the wrong course or are seen littering.**

**GS A/B/C and Mini K2s**

* Start going downstream, staying right of the buoys.
* Continue downstream to the buoy at the Boathouse and turn anticlockwise. There will be a Marshal at the turn.
* Come back upstream, staying right of the buoys.
* Once you pass the striped buoy, cross to the left side of the river to the marked finish channel between the large duck and finish flag.

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**Div 7/8/9**

* Start downstream, passing either side of the striped buoy **C** positioned down the meadow.
* Pass right of the white SEPARATION BUOY, approx. 0.5km downstream.
* Continue downstream to TURN A, a striped buoy above Mapledurham weir/lock. Be aware that there may be boats coming in/out of the lock cut.
* Return upstream, staying right of the island, right of the white SEPARATION BUOY and right of striped buoy **C**.
* Once you pass the striped buoy **C,**  cross to the left side of the river to the marked finish channel between the large duck and finish flag.

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**Div 4/5/6**

* Start downstream, passing either side of the striped buoy **C** positioned down the meadow.
* Stay right of the white SEPARATION BUOY, approx. 0.5km downstream.
* Continue downstream to PORTAGE on the right bank. \*\*PLEASE NOTE PORTAGE AREA HAS MOVED\*\* The GET OUT is a bank step up. The GET IN is a beach.
* Continue downstream to TURN A, a striped buoy above Mapledurham weir/lock. Be aware that there may be boats coming in/out of the lock cut.
* Return upstream, staying RIGHT of the island and RIGHT of all buoys.
* Continue upstream through the centre arch of the bridge to TURN B.
* Return downstream for a second time, staying right of ALL buoys to PORTAGE and to TURN A, and return upstream staying right.
* Once you pass the striped buoy **C,**  cross to the left side of the river to the marked Finish channel between the large duck and finish flag.

**Div 1/2/3**

* Start downstream, passing either side of the striped buoy **C** positioned down the meadow.
* Stay right of the white SEPARATION BUOY, approx. 0.5km downstream.
* Continue downstream to PORTAGE on the right bank. \*\*PLEASE NOTE PORTAGE AREA HAS MOVED\*\* The GET OUT is bank step up. The GET IN is a beach.
* Continue downstream to TURN A, a striped buoy above Mapledurham weir/lock. Be aware that there may be boats coming in/out of the lock cut.
* Return upstream, staying RIGHT of the island and RIGHT of all buoys.
* Continue upstream through the centre arch of the bridge to TURN B.
* Return downstream for a second time, staying right of ALL buoys to PORTAGE and to TURN A.
* Return upstream and turn at striped buoy **C.**
* Continue downstream for a third time, staying right of ALL buoys to PORTAGE and to TURN A, and return upstream staying right.
* Once you pass the striped buoy **C,**  cross to the left side of the river to the finish channel between the large duck and finish flag.

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**AND FINALLY…**

We -Pangbourne Canoe Club/Adventure Dolphin - would like to draw your attention to taking necessary precautions should you have any medical conditions or concerns. Medication must be easily accessible.

We ask that you discuss any arrangements with your Club team Leader who should have informed us.

And so to …

**START ORDERS**

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| **9:30 STARTS**  GS A K1  GS B K1  GS C K1 | **10:30 STARTS**  Div 7 K2  Div 8 K2  Div 7 K1  Div 9 K2  Div 8 K1  Div 9 K1 | **11:45 STARTS**  GS Open K2  GS Mini K2 | **13:00 STARTS**  Div 2 K2  Div 1 K1  Div 3 K2  Div 2 K1  Div 3 K1  Div 4 K2  Div 5 K2  Div 4 K1  Div 6 K2  Div 5 K1  Div 6 K1 |

**THANK YOU, GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GOOD RACE!**