

TONBRIDGE MARATHON RACE

Sunday 15th August 2021

VENUE: Tonbridge Canoe Club, New Wharf Road, Tonbridge Kent .

Parking will be at Tonbridge Swimming Pool car park TN9 1HR

This car park is large, but also busy on hot summer weekends. If there are no parking spaces you may need to drop your boats off by the river, and use one of the many other town centre car parks within 500m of the club.

There is no parking available at the canoe club building, but you may drop off boats there if you have to park somewhere away from the river.

COVID: If you have any symptoms of Covid 19, or are required to self isolate, or have had a positive test, then please do not travel to the event.

Our clubhouse and surrounding area are quite small and get very congested with boats and people on race days. To minimize crowding and maintain social distancing there will be NO BRIEFINGS and NO PRIZEGIVING / PRIZES (with a reduced entry fee). There is a large public park area adjacent to the club where you can congregate safely away from the clubhouse, if you wish to.

There will be competitor food and limited light refreshments at the clubhouse as usual, where results will be displayed, but we are not encouraging people to congregate to socialize or spectate at the club. Tonbridge High Street with its many food outlets is only 200yds from our clubhouse, for those wanting more substantial food.

We would suggest you use the public toilets in the park 75yds from the canoe club. There are limited toilet facilities at the canoe club, and access will be available. However, to keep our volunteers safe, please sanitise your hands before entering, and wear a face mask while inside the clubhouse building.

There will not be any changing facilities or showers available at the clubhouse.

COURSES: Please make sure you familiarize yourself with the courses before travelling to the races (see later section for brief details).

Div 1, 2 & 3 singles, Div 2 & 3 doubles	12.5 miles, 9 portages
Divs 4, 5 & 6 singles and doubles	8 miles, 5 portages
Divs 7, 8, & 9 singles and doubles	4 miles, no portages
Geoff Sanders Trophy – A, B & C	2.5 miles, no portages

TIMETABLE: All entries will be done pre-race. There will be no late entries or check in on the day. Club team leaders and others submitting entries will be invited to join a WhatsApp group so that everyone can keep in contact with what is happening during the day, and any changes to the timetable. **Race control for number collection and any last minute changes (for team leaders only) opens 9.30am.**

Divisions 7,8,9 and GST races Starts from 10:30 am

Divisions 1 to 6 races Starts from 12:30 pm

Please note that the starts for these races will be from below Town Lock, so you will need to portage the lock to get to the start line. Allow c.15 minutes to do this, as it will get congested if everyone leaves it until the last minute.

RULES & SAFETY: In accordance with the British Canoeing Marathon Rules all Div 7,8,9,& GST paddlers must wear an approved buoyancy aid, and their use is recommended for all under 16's. Paddlers must also ensure that their boats have sufficient buoyancy to keep the boat floating level when filled with water, as per rule 5 in the Marathon Racing Rules. If there is heavy rain in the days before the race, please phone to check river conditions before travelling.

BRITISH CANOEING MEMBERSHIP:

As per British Canoeing rules, Div 7-9 & GST paddlers may purchase a BC event ticket if they do not have current BC membership, at a cost of £5.

Div 1-6 paddlers who do not have current BC membership are not permitted to race.

PRIZES: As noted above, due to Covid we will not be holding a prizegiving or awarding prizes.

ENTRIES: Paddler numbers capped at 150.
Seniors £8.00 Juniors £7.00 No late entries on the day.
Entries by RACMAN or email to clive.neale@axahealth.co.uk by 11th August please.
Or post to Clive Neale, Hazel Holt, Hadlow Park, Hadlow, Kent TN11 0HX
Please include your mobile phone number on your entry so that we can contact you if necessary, and for the WhatsApp group on the day.

RESULTS: Will be displayed at the clubhouse after the races, and then published on www.tonbridgecanoecub.org.uk and <http://canoeracing.org.uk/marathon/> websites

COURSES: Full details will be sent to all accepted entries prior to the race, and are summarized below. Please note that to discourage people congregating in one place, there will be no briefing or course map, so all competitors will need to familiarize themselves with the course for their race before they arrive. Given the small size of the river in Tonbridge it is likely that some divisions will be split into separate starts, based on odd / even numbers. Please keep an eye on WhatsApp group on the day, and listen to starters instructions.

Geoff Sanders Trophy: All classes will start just downstream of TCC clubhouse, and then do 2 anticlockwise laps of the island, finishing at the same place as the start. 2.5 miles, 0 portages. The river is quite narrow and twisty in some places, so you will need to look out for other river users – keep right whenever passing other river traffic.

4 mile course: Will be the same as previous years for Hastings & Tonbridge races i.e. start just downstream from the TCC clubhouse, then one long lap up to the flood barrier turn, then one short lap around the island, finish back at the same place as the start. 4 miles, no portages. The river is quite narrow and twisty in some places, so you will need to look out for other river users, and racers coming in the opposite direction – keep right whenever passing other river traffic.

8 mile course: Will not be the same as usual. The start will be downstream of Town Lock at the Old Boathouse. The race will then paddle downstream over Eldridges & Porters Locks, then turning anticlockwise just in front of East Lock. Paddlers then return upstream over Porters, Eldridges and Town Locks, do an anticlockwise lap of the island, and finish near TCC clubhouse as usual. 8 miles, 5 portages. Portages are all on easy low purpose built canoe landing stages, although you can portage into the locks if they are open. Landing stages & steps can be slippery when wet. Mostly the river is wide and open on the downstream section, with few other river users. However you are likely to encounter traffic at the portages, and on the final lap of the island. Competitors must portage the landing stages, and not use the canoe shoots at each lock.

12 mile course: Will not be the same as usual. The start will be downstream of Town Lock at the Old Boathouse. The race will then paddle downstream over Eldridges, Porters, East & Oak Locks, then turning anticlockwise just before Sluice Weir Lock. Paddlers then return upstream over the same locks, and then also portage over Town Lock, and do an anticlockwise lap of the island, finishing near TCC clubhouse as usual. 12.5 miles, 9 portages. Portages are all on easy low purpose built canoe landing stages, although you can portage into the locks if they are open. Landing stages and steps can be slippery when wet. Mostly the river is wide and open on the downstream section, with few other river users. However you are likely to encounter traffic at the portages, and on the final lap of the island. Competitors must portage the landing stages, and not use the canoe shoots at each lock.

DATA:

Tonbridge Canoe Club takes your privacy seriously. We will use your personal data to administer your event entry. Some of this data may also appear on websites or in publications. The details of this are outlined below.

How your information will be used: We will use your personal data for administering your event entry. This includes, but is not limited to, sending you start lists, receipts, running orders, and directions. Event relevant information may also be published on a website or other media.

By entering Tonbridge Hasler 2021 you agree that we may also publish your personal information as part of the results and rankings of the event, and may pass such information to British Canoeing, the relevant discipline committee, or event organiser.

This could be for the purpose of insurance, licences or for publishing results or rankings. This may be for the event you are entering or be combined with, or compared to, other events.

Results and rankings data includes, among other details name, any club affiliation, points, & age category.

The details of your entry may also be passed to a team leader, club representative etc who may enter the event on your behalf using the information provided.

If you have any questions about the continuing privacy of your personal data please contact the race organizer (details above).

Photographs: During the event we may be taking photos and video. These may be used on our website, social media, British Canoeing website etc. They may also be used to promote future events. If you do not wish for images of you or your child to be published in this way, please let us know us before the race.

For more information on how we process your information please read our full data policy at www.tonbridgecanoeclub.org.uk

TONBRIDGE MARATHON - ENTRY FORM

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All paddlers must declare their singles ranking when paddling in K2 divisions.

<u>Class</u>	<u>S,L,J,V</u> <u>M,F</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>K1</u> <u>Rank</u>	<u>BC No.</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u> <u>£8 Seniors</u> <u>£7 Juniors</u> <u>per seat</u>
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TOTAL **£** _____ .

I/we certify that the above competitors is/are amateurs as defined by British Canoeing and is/are able to swim 50 meters in light clothing and accept full responsibility for themselves, boats and equipment before, during and after the race. I have ensured that all my paddlers are aware of the information contained in the section entitled "Covid" in these race details.

Name

Club

Contact phone number(For WhatsApp group on the day)

Contact email address..... (For results)

Please send entries to Clive Neale, Hazel Holt, Hadlow Park, Hadlow, Kent. TN11 0HX
or email to clive.neale@axahealth.co.uk by Wednesday 11th August. Tel: 01732 851945 or mobile on the day 07803462114.

Cheques to be made payable to Tonbridge Canoe Club please, or by bank transfer to Sort Code 60-21-28
Acc No 08352542.