

55th National Hasler Final Canoe Marathon Racing Championships

2nd October 2011



*on behalf of the BCU Marathon Racing
Committee*





HASLER FINAL – BEDFORD Sunday 2nd October 2011



INFORMATION



DATE	Sunday 2 nd October 2011
CO-HOSTS & ORGANISERS	Viking Kayak Club (Bedford) and Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club
WEB SITE	www.lbcc.org.uk and www.vikingkayak.co.uk
EMAIL	racesecretary@lbcc.org.uk
QUERIES	Geoff Tilford : Viking Kayak Club
CONTACT	Julian Brown : Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club
VENUE	Mill Meadows (access, parking and camping via Everards Meadow), Longholme Way, Bedford. MK40 3QF OS Map 153 (Explorer 208), Grid Ref. TL058493
DIRECTIONS	Access to Everards Meadow from roundabout at junction of A5140 Longholme Way and A603 Cardington Road . From the North or South on M1 , exit at junction 13, east on A421. Take Cardington Cross exit slip road at junction with A603 and take first exit onto A603 toward Bedford. From the A1: Travelling from the North , exit at junction with A421 (Black Cat roundabout), proceed West on A421. Take Cardington Cross exit slip road at junction with A603 and take third exit onto A603 toward Bedford. Travelling from the South , exit at junction with A603 (Sandy roundabout), proceed West on A603 toward Bedford.
SAFETY	All division 7, 8, 9 and Lightning paddlers must wear Canoe England approved buoyancy aids and all paddlers under 16 years of age in higher divisions are strongly advised to do so. St. John Ambulance will be in attendance at the event.
PARTICIPATION	Canoeing and Kayaking are “Assumed risk”-“Water contact sports” that may carry attendant risks. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks, and be responsible for their own action and involvement.
VIKING K.C. and LEIGHTON BUZZARD C.C.	Viking Kayak Club and Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club reserve the right without prior notice to alter any of these arrangements should the weather or circumstances warrant it.
PRIZES	Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in all quorate races plus perpetual awards.

FEES	£8.00 per seat for Adults. £6.00 per seat for Juniors (18 yrs & under on 01.10.2011). £3.50 per seat for Lightning Single (Under 12 yrs & Under 10 yrs on 01.10.2011).
ENTRIES	Entries must be made using the Hasler Race Management (HRM) system . <u>All entries should be forwarded to your Regional Organiser by TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2011</u> using the HRM file system with the qualifying events form attached.
	Regional Organisers: please email the HRM data file for your region's clubs along with the completed Qualifying Events Form to racesecretary@lbcc.org.uk no later than the event closing date of Tuesday 13th September 2011 .
TO	Please post club entry fees to: Race Secretary: Julian Brown 79, Hockliffe Road, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Beds. LU7 3FL Email: racesecretary@lbcc.org.uk Telephone: 01525 635 025 or 07765 241 332
	Please make cheques payable to Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club . All paddlers must prove current comprehensive BCU/SCA/WCA/CANI with membership or youth membership of an affiliated club to their regional organizer with their entry.
	All competitors must be valid members on race day, proof needs to be confirmed by their Regional Organiser.

REGIONAL ORGANISERS	Region	Name	Address	Contact Details
	Eastern	Ian Wyatt	The Coach House, Bradwell Road, Saint Lawrence, Essex CM0 7LW	iwyatt22@yahoo.co.uk
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	North West	Dave Moore	41 West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 7ER	sgurfiona@aol.com
	Scotland	Brian Chapman	193 Binniehill Rd, Balloch, Cumbernauld, G68 9JH	brian.chapman@kpmg.co.uk Tel: 01236 457081

REGIONAL ORGANISERS (cont.d/)	Southern	Andy Rawson	9 Bramley Green Rd, Bramley, Hants RG26 5UE	andy.rawson@integralis.com
	South West	John May	24 Trelawney Ave, Treskerby, Redruth, Cornwall TR15 1RH	g.j.may24@btinternet.com Tel: 01209 216943
	West & East Midlands	Nick Nadal	8 Melton Grove, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7NX	nottinghamkayakclub@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 0115 914 1824
	Yorkshire	David Jefferies	37 Talbot Avenue, Huddersfield, HD3 3BQ	david@b14daj.fsnet.co.uk Tel: 01484 435862

BOOKING IN	For TEAM LEADERS ONLY at Race Control, Mill Meadows: Saturday 1st October between 17:00 - 19:00 hrs Sunday 2nd October between 07:30 – 09:00 hrs Early booking in is preferred, please.
CLASSES	Every effort will be made to run all classes as separate races. However, in the event of a non-quorate class, the paddlers will be transferred to the most appropriate class.
BOAT NUMBERS	Team leaders will be given a pack of pre-numbered vertical race numbers for each of their paddlers. Please do not number your own boat. Number plates must be returned.
CAMPING	Available on Everards Meadow, £5 small tents and £10 large tents/caravans/motor homes. The site will be open from 12:00 hrs on Saturday 1st October.
TOILETS, SHOWERS & CHANGING ROOMS	Toilets will be available onsite at both the campsite (Everards Meadow) and Mill Meadows. There will also be a limited provision of changing rooms available onsite.
HOTELS AND B&B	For an independently accredited guide to Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed and Breakfast and Self Catering Accommodation in Bedford and surrounding areas for 2011. A PDF guide is available at: http://www.bedford.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/tourism_and_travel/accommodation_guide.aspx
CAR PARK	Free Car Parking is available on site at Everards Meadows. Please follow the marshals' directions. Lock your vehicle and place valuables out of sight. The organisers accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to vehicles or contents.
REFRESHMENTS	There will be competitor refreshments available after racing. In addition, food and drink will be available to purchase. Please remember to take your litter home or use the bins.

<p>SPECTATOR ACCESS</p>  	<p>All parts of the course are accessible on foot or cycle via a network of pedestrian/cycle paths and bridges. National Cycle Route 51 runs adjacent to Everards Meadow. There is wheel chair access to Mill Meadows from the Everards Meadow car park via the Engineers Footbridge and most of the paths and bridges referred to above are suitable for wheel chair access (the Victorian Suspension Footbridge being an exception).</p>
<p>RULES</p>	
<p>GENERAL</p>	<p>Please refer to the 2011 BCU Sprint and Marathon Racing Handbook Rules 36-42 (applicable to the Hasler Final). They are available www.marathon-canoeing.org.uk</p>
	<p>The Hasler Final is a Group A Divisional race therefore rules 1-18 and 20-28 shall apply except rule 26 (crew boats) which is replaced by rule 40: "At the Hasler Final where crew members in doubles races are ranked in separate divisions they must race in the classification of the higher ranked paddler".</p>
<p>CLUB COLOURS</p>	<p>All competitors must wear club colours or points will not be awarded.</p>
<p>BOAT CHECKING</p>	<p>All boats must have adequate buoyancy and display your race number. Once boats have been checked they must all remain in the pre-race holding/launching area. If you are taking part in the 'B' races, do not present your boat for checking before the 'A' races have started, and likewise, if you are taking part in the 'C' races, do not present your boat for checking before the 'B' races have started.</p>
<p>PRE-RACE BOAT PARK</p>	<p>Please use the pre-race boat park for boats awaiting boat checking. Take care when carrying boats along foot paths or when crossing them and please do not obstruct foot paths with boats.</p>
<p>POST-RACE BOAT PARK</p>	<p>Please use the post-race boat park for boats that have finished racing. The timetable allows for the multiple use of boats in 'A', 'B' and then 'C' start races. Boats that are required to be re-used should, after completing one race, be immediately 'recycled' to the pre-race boat park ready to start the next boat checking cycle.</p>
<p>BUOYANCY AIDS (see rule 5)</p>	<p>Buoyancy aids are compulsory for Lightning single paddlers and for all competitors ranked in divisions 7, 8 and 9 irrespective of the division they are paddling in. This applies to singles and doubles races. The wearing of buoyancy aids by other paddlers is at the discretion of team leaders bearing in mind the prevailing conditions on the day.</p>



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TIMETABLE

Saturday 1st OCTOBER

17.00 hrs – 19.00 hrs Booking in (Team leaders only) at Race Control MILL MEADOWS

Sunday 2nd OCTOBER

07.30 hrs - 09.00 hrs Booking in (Team leaders only) at Race Control MILL MEADOWS

09.15 hrs - 09.30 hrs Briefing for "A" Races at Race Control, Mill Meadows

09.30 hrs – 10.10 hrs Boat Check-in and launch: Group "A" Races

10.15 hrs "A" starts

10.15 hrs	Division 7 Doubles	6.9 km course, 0 portages
10.17 hrs	Division 8 Doubles	6.9 km course, 0 portages
10.19 hrs	Division 7 Singles	6.9 km course, 0 portages
10.21 hrs	Division 9 Doubles	6.9 km course, 0 portages
10.23 hrs	Division 8 Singles	6.9 km course, 0 portages
10.25 hrs	Division 9 Singles	6.9 km course, 0 portages
10.26 hrs	U12M Lightning Singles	2.6 km course, 0 portages
10.27 hrs	U12F Lightning Singles	2.6 km course, 0 portages

10.45 hrs – 11.00 hrs Briefing for "B" Races at Race Control, Mill Meadows

11.00 hrs – 11.40 hrs Boat Check-in and launch: Group "B" Races

11.45 hrs " B" starts

11.45 hrs	Division 4 Doubles	12.9 km course, 2 portages
11.47 hrs	Division 5 Doubles	12.9 km course, 2 portages
11.49 hrs	Division 4 Singles	12.9 km course, 2 portages
11.51 hrs	Division 6 Doubles	12.9 km course, 2 portages
11.53 hrs	Division 5 Singles	12.9 km course, 2 portages
11.55 hrs	Division 6 Singles	12.9 km course, 2 portages

12.45 hrs – 13.00 hrs Briefing for "C" Races at Race Control, Mill Meadows

13.00 hrs – 13.40 Boat Check-in and launch: Group "C" Races

13.45 hrs "C" starts

13.45 hrs	Division 1 Doubles	19.8 km course, 3 portages
13.47 hrs	Division 2 Doubles	19.8 km course, 3 portages
13.49 hrs	Division 1 Singles	19.8 km course, 3 portages
13.51 hrs	Division 3 Doubles	19.8 km course, 3 portages
13.53 hrs	Division 2 Singles	19.8 km course, 3 portages
13.55 hrs	Division 3 Singles	19.8 km course, 3 portages
13.56 hrs	U10M Lightning Singles	2.6 km course, 0 portages
13.57 hrs	U10F Lightning Singles	2.6 km course, 0 portages

15.45 hrs All Medallists to report to race control

16.00 hrs Prize giving



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Courses



19.8 km Course
5 portages, 10 turns

(Start – Turn **A** – Portage – Turn **B** – Start = 4.3 km lap) x 4 laps
+ (Start – Turn **C** – Portage – Turn **B** – Finish = 2.6 km lap) x 1 lap

'C' Starts

12.9 km Course
3 portages, 6 turns

(Start – Turn **A** – Portage – Turn **B** – Start = 4.3 km lap) x 2 laps
+ (Start – Turn **A** – Portage – Turn **B** – Finish = 4.3 km lap) x 1 laps

'B' Starts

6.9 km Course
0 portages, 4 turns

(Start – Turn **A** – Turn **B** – Start = 4.3 km lap) x 1 lap
+ (Start – Turn **C** – Turn **B** – Finish = 2.6 km lap) x 1 lap

'A' Starts

2.6 km Course
0 portages, 2 turns

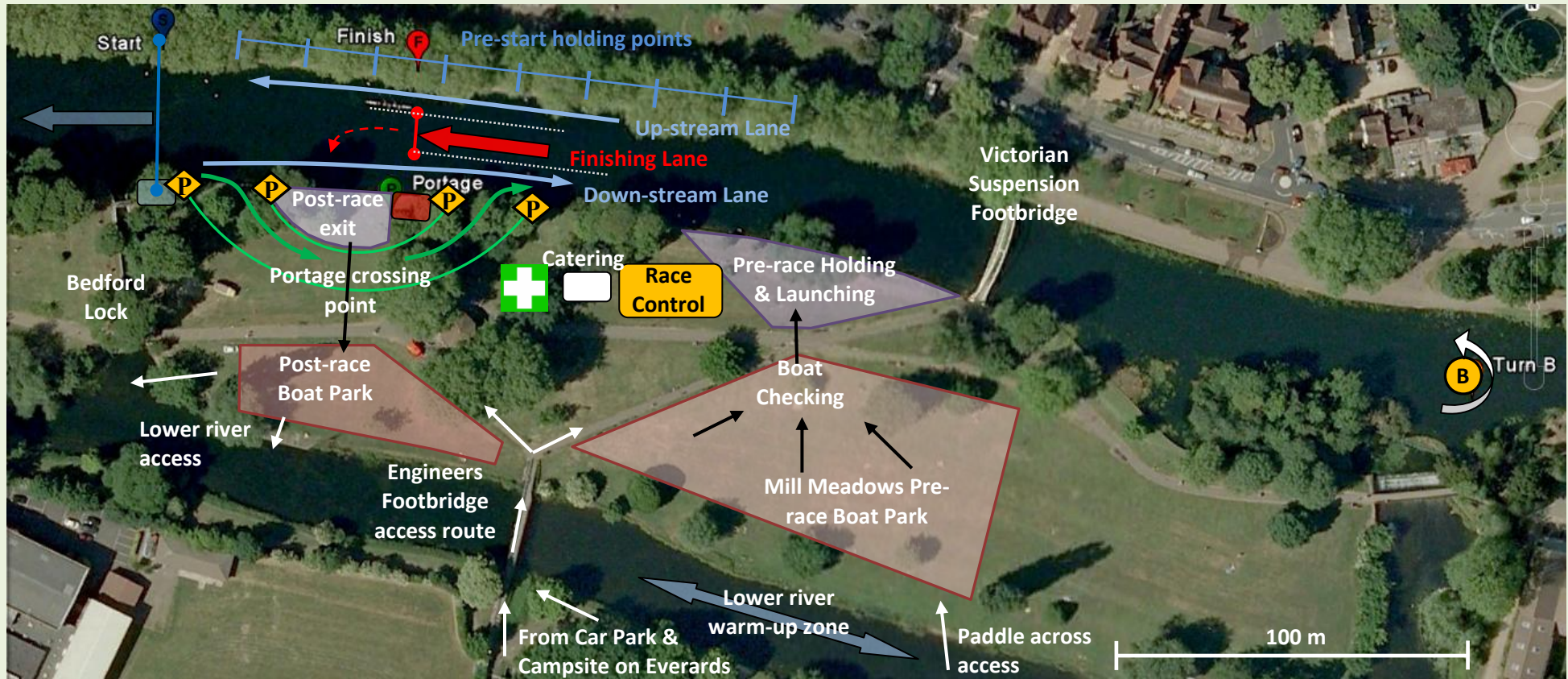
Start – Turn **C** – Turn **B** – Finish

'A' Starts and 'C' Starts





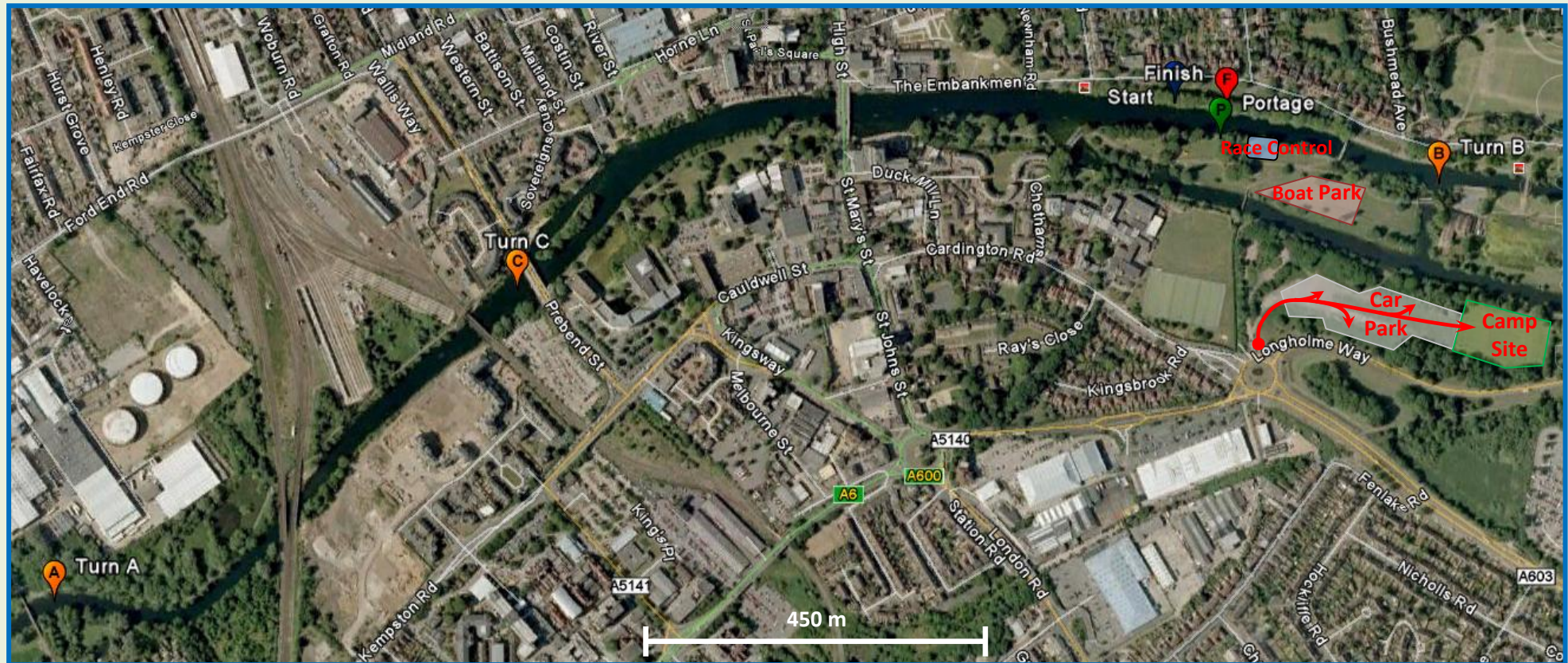
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Mill Meadows – Layout Plan



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Hasler Final - Location Plan