



Bradford on Avon Canoe Club
Barton Bridge, Pound Lane, Bradford on Avon, Wilts, BA15 1LF.

Two races one weekend!

1. The Classic Bath to Bradford Canoe Race

A real testing course like marathon races used to be!
8 or 12 miles upstream with 5 demanding portages

Saturday 25th June 2016 start 15.00 (3pm)
(and followed on Sunday 26th by the Bradford Circuit Hasler race)

Race 1 Classes: Seniors (over 18) – 12 miles singles and doubles racing craft.
Juniors (under 18 on 1st Jan 2016) - 8 miles singles and doubles racing craft.
Mixed doubles – 8 miles racing craft
Open class – 8 miles singles and doubles any craft.
Open class – 8 miles SUP and Canadian Canoes.
Special safety note - Under 16's and those whose normal racing divisions are, 7, 8 and 9 should wear buoyancy aids. There is no safety cover along the course.

Race 1 Fees: £8.00 per seat, **no** late entry fees payable. U18 £8.00. Camping free at Bradford on Avon.

Race 1 Timings: 14.00 Check in. 14:30 Race Briefing. **15:00 Race Starts**

Race 1 Course: All classes will start from Bathampton Mill., Bathampton Toll bridge, Bath.
Directions: M4 J18, Down A46. Left onto A4 Batheaston. ½ mile on right, Mill Lane, *over toll bridge*.

(Post code of the start = BA2 6TS MR 775669, Finish = BA15 1LF MR 823605)
The race follows the River Avon upstream to Bradford on Avon CC.

At the finish, park in Railway car park or Tithe Barn Car Park at the finish at Bradford – NB these are Pay and Display Car Parks. At the start Bathampton Mill is a bar and restaurant and will be open. Please park in the *rear* public car park – we are able to arrange some transport from finish to the start upon request, please try not to leave cars at Bathampton car park. The course *can* be paddled with an under stern rudder however care will need to be taken at some sections. Please note footwear is strongly recommended due to the nature of the portages involved. Should the river conditions be difficult changes may have to be made – please listen to the phone message on the on 24th June from noon onwards.

2. The Bradford Hasler Circuit Race - Start noon 26th June 2016

Bradford on Avon CC Start and Finish BA15 1LF MR 823605

The Bradford Circuit race will start at 12 noon 26th June 2016 with races over 4, 8 and 12 miles. The courses will be suitable for under stern rudders with some care needed at the portage. The 8 and 12 mile course will include TWO portages (up & back) each circuit starting and finishing at the BOACC boathouse in Bradford on Avon.

The races will be run under Marathon racing rules. Due to nature the portage *will be* wet and slippery - it is recommended that footwear is worn.

Race 2 Sunday

Classes:

Races will be offered on the day subject to the entries received. Please remember this is a qualifying SW Hasler event.

When competing in a crew boat the division will be the average of the individual paddlers (all half's rounded down). Paddlers ranked 1,2 or 3 will always be required to race the 12 mile course. Paddlers competing in crew boats should show their individual ranking on the entry sheet.

Race Distances:

1, 2 and 3 12 miles two portages
4, 5 and 6 8 miles two portages
7, 8 and 9 4 miles no portages

Race 2 Enter Fee:

Seniors £8.00 juniors £8.00 (per seat) Camping free at BOACC lawn over the weekend including toilets and showers.

Race 2 Timings:

10:30am Check In. 11:30am Race Briefing. 12 noon Racing Starts.

BCU Membership:

All entrants must prove Comprehensive BCU membership or that they are a registered member of their clubs youth section. If not, paddlers in divisions 7 to 9 must pay an Event ticket at a charge of £5.00. Paddlers in divisions 1 to 6 will be *unable to race* unless able to prove membership.

Safety applying to *both* races 1 and 2 advertised here; Buoyancy aids must be worn by paddlers ranked 7, 8 and 9 (see special safety note for race 1) Canoeing and Kayaking is an assumed risk – water contact sport, participants take part at their own risk.

Please inform the race organisers of any medical condition that may effect any paddlers performance or put them at extra risk. Competitors must render their craft sufficiently buoyant to remain afloat and support the crews weight in the event of a capsize.

Please use deck mounted white board numbers clearly displaying your race number in black tape.

Directions: Race 2. Post code BA15 1LF. From the M4 Junction 17 Chippenham, follow to Melksham and then Bradford on Avon. From M4 junction 18 Bath, follow signs to A4 Chippenham and then turn left to Bradford on Avon. Parking in Station or Tithe Barn Car Park.

Camping:

FREE Camping is available for the whole weekend on the boathouse lawn. Electricity, toilets and showers available, by prior arrangement- please let us know if you are coming.

River levels are not expected to be high, however if we experience heavy summer rain the courses may have to change. Any changes will be announced on answerphone 01225 862000 from midday Friday 24th June 2016.

For race 1 and race 2 further **DETAILS, ENTRIES and FEES** by 25th June please to Bradford on Avon Canoe Club C/o 44 Frome Road Bradford on Avon BA15 2ED

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