



Bradford on Avon Canoe Club Barton Bridge, Pound Lane, Bradford on Avon, Wilts, BA15 1LF. WWW.boarc.org.uk

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 30th June 2018 start 15.00 (3pm)

(and followed on Sunday 1st July 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 2018) - 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 for Race 1. 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 can arrange some transport from finish to the start upon request, please try not to leave cars at Bathampton car park or park in the pub part of the 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. We will announce any changes on social media from noon on Friday the 29th June.

2. The Bradford Hasler Circuit Race - Start noon 1 July 2018 Bradford on Avon CC, Start and Finish BA15 1LF MR 823605

The **Bradford Circuit race will start at 12 noon 1st July 2018** 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.

A '**Lighting**' race will be organized if there are sufficient entries.

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 Fees: Seniors £10.00 juniors £10.00 (per seat) Camping *free* at BOACC lawn over the weekend including toilets and showers. Entry by **8pm Wednesday 27th June** please.

Late entry fee for Race 2 will be an additional £2.00 per seat.

Race 2 Timings: 10:30am Check In. 11:30am Race Briefing. 12 noon Racing Starts. (Lightening racing will start at 11:15am)

BC Membership: All entrants must prove Comprehensive BC 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 organizers of any medical condition that may affect any paddler's 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 capsized.

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 at this time of year, however if we experience heavy summer rain the courses may have to change. Any changes will be announced on social media from midday Friday 29th June 2018.

For race 1 and race 2 further DETAILS, ENTRIES and FEES by 27th June please to Bradford on Avon Canoe Club C/o 44 Frome Road Bradford on Avon BA15 2ED

Entry: E mail: sjmboa@gmail.com Telephone: 01225 862000 or 07850803825

If entering by email please detail as individual – name, club, BC number, DIVISION.

Entry preferred on HRM System file from clubs. Cheques payable to 'BOARC' or on day in cash.