



Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club

2nd Basingstoke Canal Challenge

Sunday 11th December 2011

Racing: there will be two classes:

**Colt Hill Wharf, Odiham to Canal Centre, Mytchett
15.8 miles (all classes: Veterans, Seniors & Juniors)**

**A junior relay from Colt Hill Wharf to Claycart Bridge (10.6 miles)
Plus Claycart Bridge to Canal Centre, Mytchett (5.2 miles)
(For less experienced junior crews).**

Portages:

One – Ash Lock (12.7 miles)

Start Venue:

Colt Hill Wharf, Odiham RG29 1DH (OS ref: SU 747517)

Finish Venue:

**Basingstoke Canal Visitors Centre
Mytchett Place Road, Mytchett. GU16 6DD
(OS ref: SU 893552)**

Check in¹:

09:00 – 10:00

Starts:

09:45 – 10:00 non racing craft: Canadians:

10:00 – 10:20 divs 7, 8, 9 K1/K2

10:20 – 10:40 divs 4, 5, 6 K1/K2

10:40 – 11:00 divs 1, 2, 3 K1/K2

Entry Fees:

Adult	£7 per seat
Juniors	£5 per seat

All entries **must** be pre-booked. There will be **no** entry on the day.
Entries must be received by Wednesday 8th December.

Entries to:

Howard Smith, 137 Ash Hill Road, Ash, Aldershot, Hants, GU12 5DW

email:

howard@bridesmaid.org

phone: 01252 341654

Cheques payable to "Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club"

Details:

More details on the BCCC website. <http://www.b3c.org.uk>

¹ All times are subject to variation if necessary to reduce congestion depending on entry size. Please check website before travelling.

General Rules for all races

Support

Due to the sensitive nature of the environment and lack of parking there is no vehicle based support for any crews except as noted below and as required to rescue a retired crew.

Any support crew breaching this rule will cause immediate disqualification for their paddlers.

All support crew vehicle registration numbers are required on the entry form.

All support crews must leave the start once their paddlers have left. This is to minimise congestion at the starts.

Complaints about support crew parking/behavior may result in disqualification of their paddlers.

Crews must provide mobile phone contact details for their support crews with their entry.

Support crews may park at Colt Hill, Claycart Bridge (10.5 miles) and Mytchett (15.7 miles).

Safety

The Canal, the towpath and the grounds at the finish are all open to and used by the general public. **Please be considerate towards other users and take great care when portaging with your boat. Keep right when passing other craft.**

There is only one road crossing – at Ash Wharf. **Competitors MUST OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MARSHALS AT THIS ROAD CROSSING.** There is an underpass which can be used with caution.

Because there is limited vehicle support crews should be prepared for a delay of an hour or more if they retire.

Each paddler is strongly advised to carry: a mobile phone, a warm hat, a drink (200ml) and an energy/chocolate bar and to consider having a foil blanket with them.

Competitors must ensure their boat has adequate buoyancy before starting.

All competitors are advised to wear footwear suitable for portaging over rough ground.

All competitors must offer to assist any other competitor that appears to require help.

Buoyancy aids are recommended for all paddlers and **must be worn** by all paddlers other than those ranked in marathon racing divisions 1 to 6.

A drinking system is recommended for all paddlers.

Canal barges will be operating at the finish out of Mytchett during the race and the Canal Centre will be open to other users.

Extreme care must be taken by crews/supporters at the Canal Centre both on the water and on land. Support crews must park where directed. Inappropriate or discourteous behavior will lead to disqualification.

- Cancellation** This event may be cancelled at little or no notice at the organiser's discretion if conditions are deemed unsafe.
- Entries** This event is pre-entry only. There are no entries on the day. Every crew must have completed an official entry form, and paid the appropriate entry fee, before they will be allowed to start.
- The organisers reserve the right to limit the number of entries. Entries will be processed in the order received. Entry fees will be returned if an entry cannot be accepted.
- Electronic entry with payment on the day is permitted.
- Racing may be in K1, K2, C1 or C2. Paddlers in non-racing craft should seek permission from the race organisers.
- BCU** All entrants must prove BCU membership or that they are a registered member of their club's Youth Section. Otherwise you will be required to purchase an event ticket at £2.50.
- Retiring** Any crew retiring from the race must inform race control on 07973 521138 or 07972 484 603.
- Marshals** All competitors are required to follow marshals instructions at all times. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- Marshals may apply time penalties/credits at their discretion.
- Decisions** The decision of the Race Organiser on all matters is final.
- Ages** Age categories are as follows:
- juniors must be aged under 18 on 1st January preceding the race.
- veterans must be aged over 35 on 1st January preceding the race.
- Numbers** All competitors are required to provide their own number board and must obtain their race number from Race Control at the start of the race. The race number must be mounted vertically on the boat throughout the race. Any boat which is not displaying a number when it crosses the finishing line will not be timed. Race numbers must be returned to Race Control at the finish of each race.
- Prizes** All competitors completing the course will be awarded a medal. There is no separate prize giving. Results will be posted on the BCCC website after the event.
- Relay** **Junior** crews may choose to do the race as a relay with a changeover at Claycart Bridge.
- The second crews will start at Claycart bridge – there is no requirement for these crews to be present at Colt Hill.

The number board will act as the “baton” for the purposes of the relay.

Relays may be any mixture of craft.

Relay Support **Juniors** may be supported from the towpath by running or cycling alongside. To reduce towpath congestion only one person can accompany their crew.

The towpath is not a designated cycle way. Cyclists must obey all signage and give way to other towpath users.

Timetable

Booking in

(Colt Hill)

9:00 – 10:00am	Booking in for 16 miles races.
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Starts

(Colt Hill)

9:45am – 10am	Slower 16 mile racers (Canoes and beginners by request)
10am – 11am	All 16 Mile racers in 20 min slots according to speed

Crews will be started at intervals once booking in has been completed. There will be no formal briefing.

Timing may be varied to reduce congestion depending on the size of the entry. Please check the website for any changes prior to travelling.

Finishes

Mytchett - finish window 12:30 to 14:30

Locations

Note: Post codes are approximate due to the rural location. Detailed maps are recommended for both crews and support. Landranger 186 covers the whole course.

Colt Hill

RG29 1DH SU758518

There is a height restriction at this car park that will be lifted for the start only.

There are very limited toilet facilities here.

Claycart

GU11 2HF SU853526

There are no toilet facilities here.

Mytchett

GU16 6DD SU893552

Toilets, Café, Showers. Race control will be based here after the starts.

Entry Form – One entry per form

Race Entry K1/C1 <input type="checkbox"/> K2 C2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Junior relay <input type="checkbox"/>		Race number		Fees: £5 Junior per seat £7 Senior/vet per seat			
Crew Details							
Surname	First Name	BCU Number	Singles Ranking/	Club	M/F S/J/V	Mobile#	Fee
Support Crew							
Surname	First name	Mobile Number	Vehicle Description & Registration				
Disclaimer							
I/We have read and understood the rules and agree that I/we and our support crew/s will abide by them. I/we also agree to indemnify and hold harmless BCCC and its race organizers/officers from any loss or injury resulting from participation in this race.							
Signed (competitors)		Signatures of parent/guardian is required for Junior competitors.					

**Your entry MUST be RECEIVED by Wednesday 8th December 2011.
Entry fees can be paid on the day.**

Make cheques payable to: "Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club"
Send to : H. Smith, 137 Ash Hill Road, Ash, Aldershot, HANTS, GU12 5DW

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BCU Card Checked	
Paid	
Signature(s)	
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