



## Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club

1st BCCCC Canal Challenge  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**C**ome paddle the length of the Basingstoke canal from the village of Odiham through the picturesque upper part of the canal where relics of world war II defences can still be seen.

**F**rom the peace and quiet of the countryside paddle along the back of the runway at Farnborough airport and through the 14 locks of the Deepcut flight.

**M**arvel at the national collection of stinging nettles as you find your way through long abandoned overgrown tow paths reduced to mud slides.

**P**ortage for miles as you vainly seek water in decayed lock pounds.

**W**onder at the magnificence of the municipal car parks of Woking before cruising through the leafy suburbs of Surrey stockbroker land where discarded bankers bonuses line the canal to finish at the river Wey.

**A**lone and without a support crew!

**R**acing will be over two distances:

- Colt Hill Wharf to River Wey (28.3 miles: 29 Locks) (Restricted entry).
- Colt Hill Wharf to Mytchett (15.7 miles: 1 Lock) (Open entry - Juniors may race as a relay in two legs of 10.5 and 5.2 miles).

### 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 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

### Entries:

Cheques payable to "Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club"

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### Details:

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

## 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 minimize congestion at the starts.

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

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

Support crews may park at Colt Hill, Claycart Bridge (10.5 miles), Mytchett (15.7 miles) and at New Haw lock (28.3 mile race only).

Support crews are not permitted to feed/assist their paddlers other than to resupply or change drinks systems at Claycart or Mytchett.

### Safety

Because there is no vehicle support crews should be prepared to wait for an hour or more if they need to retire.

All crews will therefore be required to carry: a mobile phone, and per person a foil blanket, a warm hat, a drink (200ml) and an energy/chocolate bar. This kit will be inspected prior to the start and no crew will be permitted to start without it. This will also be checked at the finish with disqualification for any crew with missing kit.

All boats are required to have adequate buoyancy before they will be permitted to start.

Crews should be prepared to show the safety equipment at any marshalling point and at the finish. Failure to show the safety equipment on request will result in disqualification.

All competitors must wear footwear suitable for portaging long distances over rough ground.

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

**Buoyancy aids** must be worn by paddlers ranked in marathon divisions 7, 8, 9 and lightning classes and are recommended for all paddlers.

A drinking system is recommended for all paddlers.

Canal barges will be operating out of Mytchett for the duration of the race. Extreme care must be taken by crews/supporters when passing through the canal centre.

- Cancellation** This event may be cancelled at little or no notice at the organizers discretion if conditions are deemed unsafe. Likewise the organizers reserve the right to alter courses to suit prevailing conditions.
- 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 organizers reserve the right to limit entries should entry numbers become unmanageable. 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.
- BCU** For insurance purposes 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 07985 072275.
- Marshalls** All competitors are required to follow marshals instructions at all times. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- Marshalls may apply time penalties/credits at their discretion.
- Decisions** The decision of the Race organizers 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 each 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.

### **28 Mile Course Rules**

- Entries** This course is restricted to K2 and C2 only.
- This event is restricted to paddlers who have previously demonstrated proficiency over this distance (for example, ranked in Marathon divisions 1 to 6 or previously raced in Waterside C, D, Thameside 2 or the DW). Supporting evidence is required with the entry (e.g a link to a web page containing the results of a similar length race). All entries to this class are at the discretion of the race organizers. Paddlers should be prepared to portage for long distances. As of 6/11/09 only 5 of the 13 pounds on the Deepcut Flight (2 miles) are "wet" and there is a ½ mile portage round the Brookwood flight.

**Support** All support crews are required to be present at Mytchett as their crews pass through otherwise the crew will be disqualified. Competitor's food can be collected at this time. Please supply a flask if you wish to collect hot drinks.

**Brookwood** The portage at Brookwood is over a busy A road. Racing is suspended for this portage and marshals instructions must be obeyed. Time credit may be granted if there is a significant delay.

A minimum 10 minute time penalty will be applied to any crew not using the designated crossing. Crews thought to endanger other paddlers or road users will be disqualified.

**Mytchett** All crews must have passed through Mytchett by 1pm. Crews later than 1pm will be retired from the 28 mile race.

Any crew retiring at Mytchett will be transferred to the 16 mile race.

**Finish** The race time will be taken at the junction with the River Wey. Turn left and it is a short paddle to the nearest parking at New Haw Lock.

### **16 Mile Course Rules**

**Entries** This course is open to paddlers of all ages.

Racing may be in K1, K2, C1 or C2. Other or non ICF craft should seek permission from the race organizers.

**Relay** **Junior** crews may choose to do the race as a relay with a changeover at Claycart bridge.

Boat & kit inspections for the crews performing the second part of the relay will be performed 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.

**Support** **Juniors** may be supported from the towpath, by running or cycling alongside. Note that the emergency kit must be carried in the boat and not by support. 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)**

8:00 – 9:00am	Booking in for 28 mile race only.
9:00 – 10:00am	Booking in for 16 miles races.

**Starts**

**(Colt Hill)**

8:30 – 9am	28 Mile TC2
9am – 10am	28 Mile K2
10am – 11am	All 16 Mile races

Crews will be started at 1 minute intervals once booking in and boat/kit inspections have been completed. There will be no formal briefing.

## **Finishes**

### **(Mytchett & Wey junction)**

28 Mile Race	1:30pm to 4pm at the Junction of the Wey Navigation
16 Mile Races	11am to 3pm at Mytchett.

Crews should time their starts to hit the finish window.

## **Locations**

Note: Post codes are approximate due to the rural location. Detailed maps are recommended for both crews and support. Landranger 186 covers Start to Woking including all of 16 mile race. Sheet 176 covers Woking to finish.

### **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.

### **New Haw**

KT15 3JQ TQ055630

There are no toilet facilities here. Limited Parking with height restriction

## Entry Form – One entry per form

<b>Race Entry</b> 28 Miles <input type="checkbox"/> See note 1 below. 16 miles <input type="checkbox"/> Junior relay <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Craft</b> K1/C1 <input type="checkbox"/> K2 C2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Fees:</b> £5 Junior per seat £7 Senior/vet per seat			
<b>Crew Details</b>							
Surname	First Name	BCU Number	Singles Ranking/	Club	M/F S/J/V	Mobile#	Fee
<b>Support Crew</b>							
Surname	First name	Mobile Number		Vehicle Description & Registration			
<b>Disclaimer</b>  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.					

**Note 1.** Competitors for the 28 mile race must provide evidence of competence with their entry.

**Your entry MUST be RECEIVED by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009.  
 Entry fees can be paid on the day.**

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