



CHELMER MARATHON

Sunday 19th October 2025
A 2026 Hasler Qualifier

INFORMATION PACK





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VENUE: Chelmsford Canoe Club

RIVER: Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation

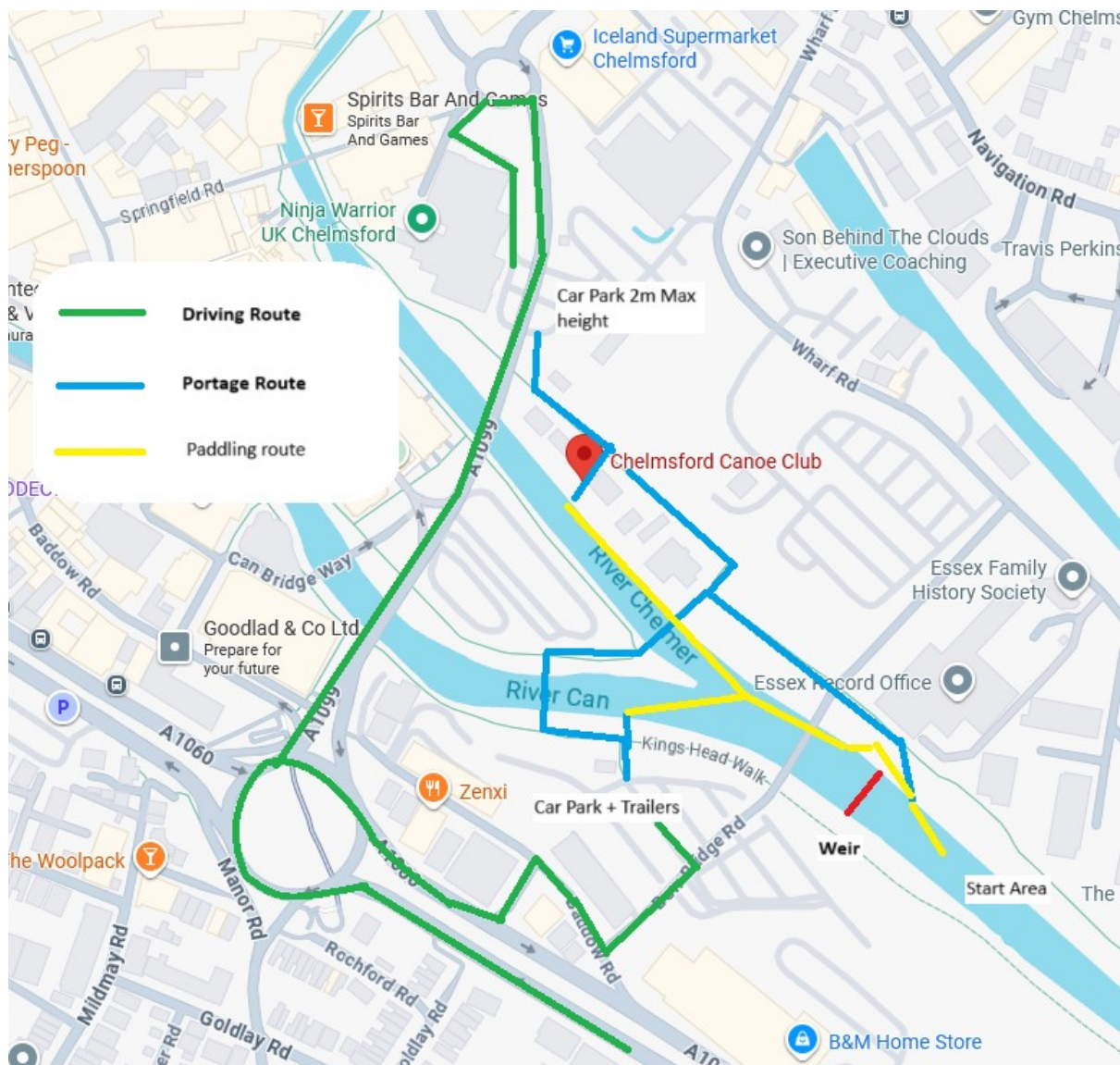
PARKING: Parking is available in two locations depending on vehicle height, both car parks are Pay and Display.

Vehicles over 2m Tall - Baddow Road Long Stay Surface carpark, CM2 7PJ (WARNING New layout and entrance!)

Vehicles under 2m Tall (Please remember roof rack and boats!) - Meadows Retail (Surface Car park)

We also have limited space for Accessible Parking on site, please contact us if you have a specific requirement.

Access Route:





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Event Timings:	Check In:	9:30 – 11:00
	Briefing:	11:30
	A & B Course Access:	11:45
	A & B Starts:	12:00
	C & D Course Access:	12:15
	C & D Starts:	12:30
	Protest Window Finish:	14:15
	Prize Giving:	14:45

Starts will be approximately 1-2 min apart

Site and Course Details

Races:

A - 12 Miles, 10 Portages

Singles Divisions 1, 2 & 3, and Doubles Divisions 2 & 3



B - 8 Miles, 8 Portages

Singles Divisions 4, 5 & 6, and Doubles Divisions 4, 5 & 6



C - 3 Miles, 2 Portages Buoyancy Aids Compulsory for all Competitors on this Course.

Singles Divisions 7, 8, 9 & 10 and Doubles Divisions 7, 8 & 9



D - 2km, 0 Portages Buoyancy Aids Compulsory for all Competitors on this Course.

Geoff Sanders A, B & C K1



Course Diagrams Key

All courses are out and return

Portages in Blue and Turns in Yellow, details of the portages are on the next page.

All distances are approximate



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The Course

The course is on the canalised river Chelmer, the lead engineer on the canal also worked on the Kennet & Avon, making the style of locks very similar to those seen on the Devizes to Westminster Portaging side is on the way out and should be reversed for the return.

		Turn for:	Portage For:
	Start		
	Barnes Lock Portage left and right	Geoff Sanders	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
	Sandford Lock Portage Left only, Caution: Road Crossing at this lock	7,8,9	1,2,3,4,5,6
	Cuton Lock Portage left only		1,2,3,4,5,6
	Stonhams Lock Portage Left & Right Caution: Animal Burrows around get in points.		1,2,3,4,5,6
	Little Baddow Lock Portage Left & Right	4,5,6	1,2,3
	Paper Mill Lock	1,2,3	



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The Club Site:

- 1) Check In Desks
- 2) Race Control (Team Leaders & Officials Only)
- 3) Results (outside)
- 4) Female Changing & Toilets
- 5) Male Changing & Toilets
- 6) Food & Drink (First Aid Point)
- 7) Barbecue



Fire Safety:

If the fire alarm sounds, please exit the club house via the nearest exit and club grounds and head to the muster point in front of Under the high bridge. No fire alarm tests or drills are planned.

Toilets:

We have 4 toilets on site, 2 Men's on the left hand side of the Kitchen Area and 2 Ladies on the right hand side of the Kitchen.

Disabled Facilities:

We have separate disabled changing and toilet facilities, please contact the race organiser if you require access to this area.



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FEES:	Senior:	£12.00 per seat
	Junior:	£10.00 per seat
	Geoff Sanders	£5.00 per seat
	Late Entries	£5.00 per seat extra

The above fees include the Paddle UK race levies

ENTRIES: To be done using the PUK online system with payment made online, if this is an issue for your club please contact the race organiser.

<https://entries.canoemarathon.org.uk/entries/chelmer-hasler-2025-D7eQ1UyQ>

Late entries will be accept on the day until 10:30am

RULES: PUK Marathon Rules apply as per the racing year book, plus amendments arising from the Marathon Racing ACM. Canoe Marathon is a non-contact sport, any reports will be investigated and penalties including time penalties and disqualification.

Serious incidents will be reported to PUK in line with incident reporting protocols.

Approved life jackets or buoyancy aids must be worn by all paddlers ranked or racing in Divisions 7, 8, 9 and all Geoff Sanders paddlers and for paddlers in Divisions 6 and above where directed to do so by their team leaders.

In certain circumstances buoyancy aids may be made compulsory for all competitors if conditions dictate. Paddlers ranked D7 & below and those identified by their team leader as requiring their use will be checked for buoyancy at boat inspection prior to being allowed access to the water. All boats must carry sufficient buoyancy to remain afloat and support their crew in the event of capsize. In all cases there should be visible additional Buoyancy on Inspection.

All boats will be subject to a boat check prior to access to the water being granted, any boats not being or meeting additional buoyancy standards will not be allowed access to the water.

Acceptable buoyancy can include; Air bags, Bulkheads or appropriate foam buoyancy.



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Assistance:

Paddlers requiring assistance at portages must declare this in advance with their entries, paddlers not declaring this may receive a time penalty or disqualification.

This only relates to assistance in completing the portage and not assistance given to those in difficulty or distress.

COMMS:

Organiser (Owen Shephard-Wyatt) by email (chelmsfordraceentries@gmail.com) Chelmsford Canoe Club website, Chelmsford Canoe Club Facebook group & PUK Marathon Racing Committee medias.

Communication during event will be via the event team Team Leaders will have submitted contact details ahead of the event, and this will be used for emergency contact during the event by the Race Organiser.

SAFETY:

The banks and the tow paths around the river may be slippery, uneven or unstable – and much of the river is in a rural and isolated setting, please exercise caution around these areas if spectating.

**TRAILER
PARKING:**

If you intend to bring a trailer, please contact the Race Organiser for details.

DATA:

As part of the entry process we will be collecting name, club, PUK Number, Age Group (Senior, Masters, Junior and Geoff Sanders)

Proof of PUK Membership may be required on request.

Results information will be shared with PUK via the Regional Hasler Advisor. Results (excluding PUK numbers) will be retained for Historic Records.

All Data not required for records will be deleted once the race administration is complete and finalised.