



Brigg Marathon March 30th 2025

Race Organiser

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Venue

The start is in front of GSCC's boathouse behind the Ancholme Leisure Centre, Scawby Rd, Brigg, North Lincolnshire, DN20 9JH (Whatthreewords dares.blinks.chopper). There is ample parking at the Leisure Centre, but the area immediately adjacent to the boathouse is prioritised for trailers and disabled spectator parking. If possible please drop off boats then park in the main car park adjacent to the road bridge.

The Event

The event will consist of a divisional Hasler marathon and Geoff Sanders Trophy.

The races will be run in accordance with the PaddleUK Marathon Committee rules.

Distances

Division 1-3 singles and 2 & 3 doubles – 19.5 km. One portage

Division 4-6 singles and doubles – 13 km. One portage

Division 7-9 singles and doubles – 6.5 km.

Geoff Sanders Trophy A, B & C (Age under 14 at 1st January 2025) – 3.6 km

Note To encourage junior participation, the club has a small fleet of Lightning boats available to borrow for the Geoff Sanders races at the request of team leaders.

All paddlers in Divisions 9 and above should wear their club colour to qualify for Hasler points. A plain coloured T-shirt in club colours is also acceptable.

Entry Fees

£8.00 – 18 years and over per seat

£6.00 – Under 18's in Hasler divisions

£3.00 – Geoff Sanders Trophy

All entrants must have full PaddleUK membership for Div 1-6 or, at least, PaddleUK Associate Club membership for Div 7 to 9 and Geoff Sanders. Otherwise a PaddleUK Event fee of £5 will be payable as per rule 12b.

Please enter via PaddleUK Race Entry System. <https://entries.canoemarathon.org.uk/entries>
(Deadline 10pm on Friday 28th March)

Direct payment is not available online so please check-out without paying. Team leaders please pay on the day (Cash or cheque to Glanford and Scunthorpe Canoe Club).

Please enter in advance if possible but entries will also be accepted on the day.

Check-in time 10.30am – 11.30am. Race briefing at 11.45am

Refreshments

These will be provided for all competitors after the event and will be available to purchase throughout the day. We will also be running our usual charity cake stall.

Race Start Time

Order: - 12 mile, 8 mile & 4 mile followed by Geoff Sanders Trophy.

The start time for the first division will be at 12 noon and the start order will be explained at the race briefing. Bear in mind that there may not be any paddlers in the higher divisions, therefore please be prepared to start your race from midday.

Numbers on Boats

All paddlers should display their number clearly on their boat. These should be black letters on white upright boards as specified in PaddleUK Marathon Committee rules. Laminated numbers will be supplied by the organiser. These **must be returned** after the race.

Access to the water

Via the club jetty - Paddlers should assemble on the water downstream of the start (that is north of the start line, towards the road bridge), and will be called forward to the starting line, by division.

Course and Turns

Divisions 6 and above will have one portage. Paddle-through is allowed for appropriate competitors.

Divisions 1 to 3 will paddle upstream past the railway bridge to the junction between the old and new rivers. Turn left and go through the town then go right onto the main river, under the pipe bridge and motorway bridge. Turn at the next footbridge before returning to portage at the jetty in front of the club premises. After portaging, do two more laps without portage and finish in line with the club jetty.

Divisions 4 to 6 complete one lap of the above course and portage at the jetty in front of the club premises. After portaging do a second lap without a portage and finish in line with the club jetty.

Divisions 7 to 9 do one lap of the course without a portage and finish in line with the club jetty.

Geoff Sanders Trophy paddle upstream past the railway bridge to the white house and turn anticlockwise. Return past the start then turn anticlockwise at the road bridge before returning to finish in line with the club jetty

All turns are anticlockwise.

The organisers reserve the right to modify the course if conditions require.

A map will be available at Check-in Most of the course is accessible to spectators.

Finishing

Paddlers should cross the finish line in their kayak/canoe.

Note Priority at the jetty must be given to those portaging. Spectators are not allowed on the jetty except to assist junior paddlers or those with reduced mobility to launch and exit.

Rules of the River

Other craft may be using the waterway. Paddlers will need to be able to cope with the wash and bow waves from these boats. Please paddle on the **right side of the river (River right rule)**, and be courteous to other water users, fishermen etc. Any specific alterations to these rules will be explained during the briefing. The course has minimal hazards.

Results

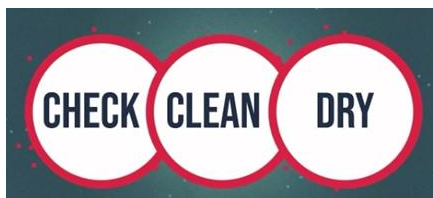
Interim results will be posted at the boathouse after the race has finished. Full results will be available on the Marathon Results site.

Prizes

Prize-giving will take place as soon as possible after all paddlers have finished. Prizes will be awarded to 1st 2nd & 3rd in each division where there are sufficient competitors. All Geoff Sanders competitors will receive a certificate.

Safety

“Canoeing and kayaking are ‘Assumed risk’ – ‘Water contact sports’ that may carry attendant risks. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks, and be responsible for their own action and involvement”. PaddleUK Statement.



Please help to keep invasive species out of our rivers by cleaning boats before and after the event. Hose and sponges will be available.

See video <https://youtu.be/PEaxZpc1GPs>

Paddlers of all ages and abilities are welcome to take part in this event, however, individual clubs should ensure that their paddlers are appropriately equipped, and suitably experienced to participate. If it is deemed necessary that an individual requires a support paddler, this should be provided by the individual's club wherever possible. It is the responsibility of Team Leaders and competitors to consider and check whether they are properly equipped for the race: taking into account fitness, ability, the course and the prevailing conditions. **If a competitor sees a fellow paddler in difficulty or who has capsized, please stop to offer help, and provide assistance if requested. Ensure they can cope with the situation well enough to get out of the water before moving on.**

Buoyancy aids must be worn by all paddlers ranked in Divisions 7 – 9 inclusive and Geoff Sanders Trophy. For juniors racing in higher divisions, the use of buoyancy aids will be at their team managers' and parents' discretion.

The Race Organiser reserves the right to insist that all competitors wear buoyancy aids in the case of adverse water or weather conditions.

Any medical condition(s) that may affect a competitor's ability to race safely must be declared to the race organisers at check-in. First Aid facilities including defibrillator are available on site.

Organisers, participants and spectators will be required comply with any health-related regulations or guidance applicable on the day of the event.

Toilet and changing facilities

Toilets and shower are available in the Leisure Centre. There are changing facilities only in the boathouse.

Litter

Please take all litter home with you.

Enjoy your racing