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Hosts: **Elmbridge Canoe Club**

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Date: **4<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Location:

**Elmbridge Canoe Club  
Dorney Gardens  
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Host web site: <http://elmbridgecanoeclub.com/wordpress/>

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Timings:

- Registration opens – 09:00 hrs
- Last sign-on time – 09:30 hrs
- First boat starts – 10:01 hrs

Entry fee:

- Single seat - £6
- Double - £10

Entry form available at:

<http://www.darksidecanoes.com/documents/National Time Trial Series Entry Form V1 0.docx>

Note: All competitors MUST have current BCU membership and be able to prove it at sign-on. This ensures that paddlers and the event are insured and boats are licensed to use the river Thames. A day ticket cannot be issued for this event because it does not cover the river Thames.

Registration: A registration desk will be located in the Elmbridge Canoe Club next to the Hasler race registration.

Please complete an entry form (one per paddler), read the briefing instructions and sign-on. Collect a number board.

### **Parking**

Please follow the signs and instructions from the marshals



## The Course

The course is a ten mile there-and-back route. It starts on the north bank of the Thames just downstream of Shepperton lock. The start is donated by a union flag.

Proceed downstream to the left of the small island just after the start. Keep close to the left bank and follow the curve to the left. Continue downstream around the north side of Desborough island as the river takes a number of sharp turns until it joins the Desborough channel coming in from the right.

Continue downstream towards Sunbury weir. Keeping to the right of the river and the weir on your left, proceed down the lock cut to the lock.

As you approach the lock, there are rollers on the left hand side just before the lock.

Portage the rollers. Exercise caution as sometimes the area is slippery under foot when wet, and there are trip hazards.

Re-embark at the foot of the rollers and continue downstream keeping to the right of the river until the end of Platts Eyot island at the five mile point. (there will be a turn marshal)

Turn left (anti-clockwise) at the turn and proceed upstream through the channel to re-join the main river. Continue upstream, portage the rollers at Sunbury lock and head back towards the start.

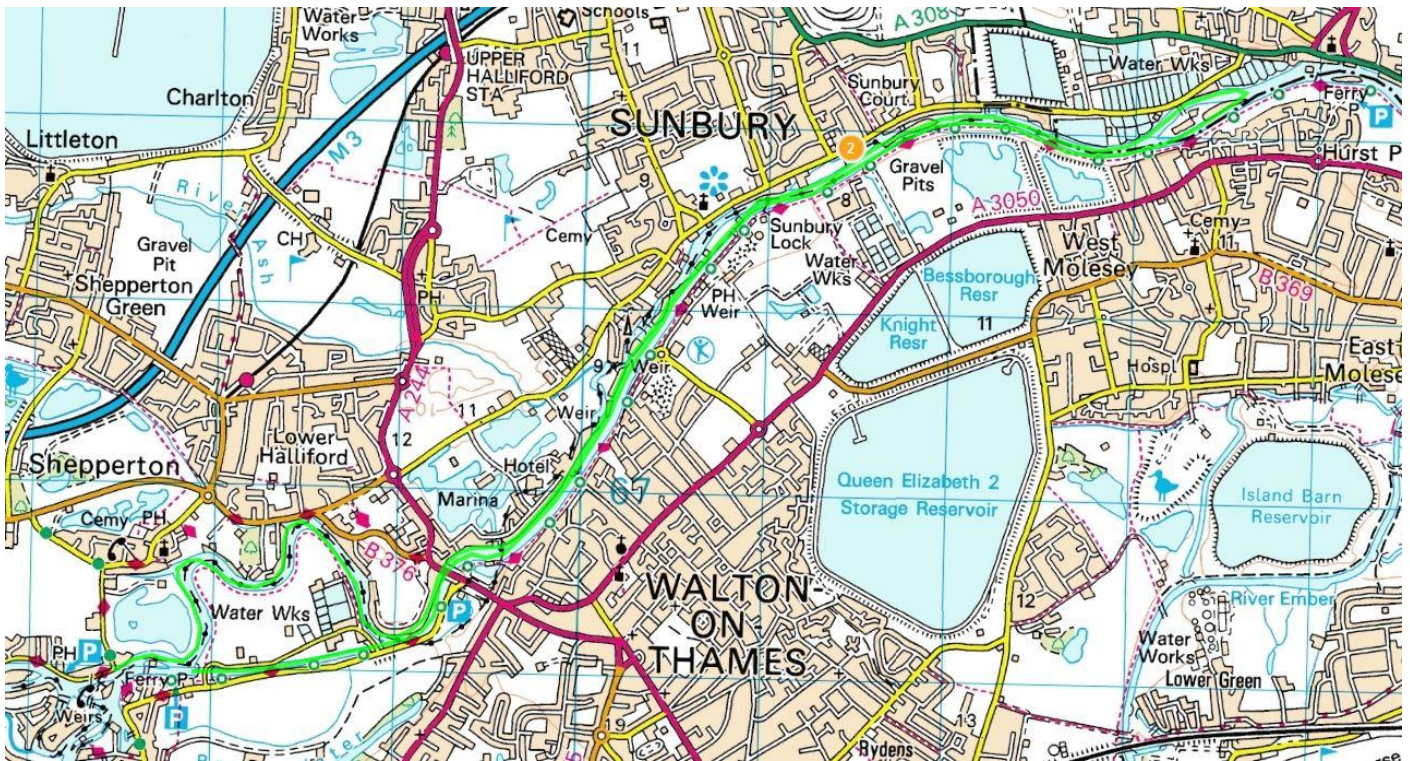
Do not go around the north side of Desborough island, but continue straight ahead up the Desborough channel.

The finish will be on the right hand side of the river (opposite the canoe club) after the bridge. (Do not stop at the Halser finish)

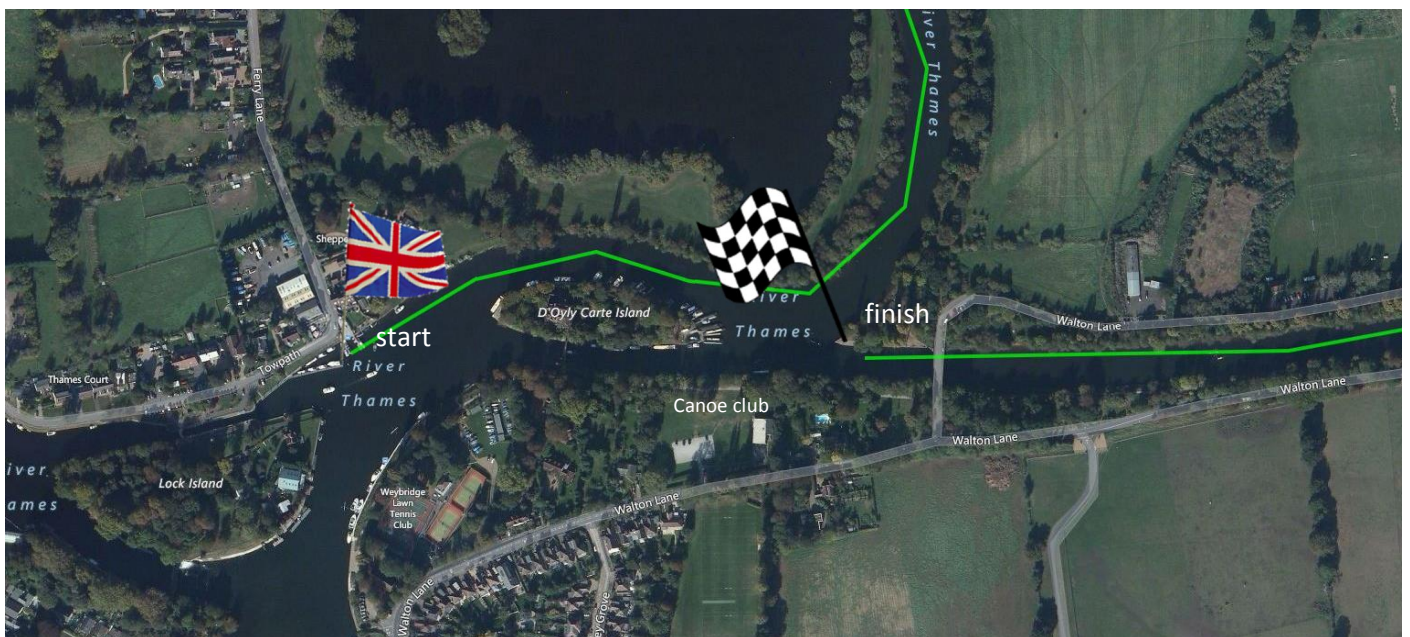
The finish is donated by a chequered flag. A whistle will sound when you cross the finish line.

It is wholly the responsibility of the paddler to know the course. Any deviation from the course will result in no time being given. There will be maps, course diagrams, Marshalls, signs and flags to show the course





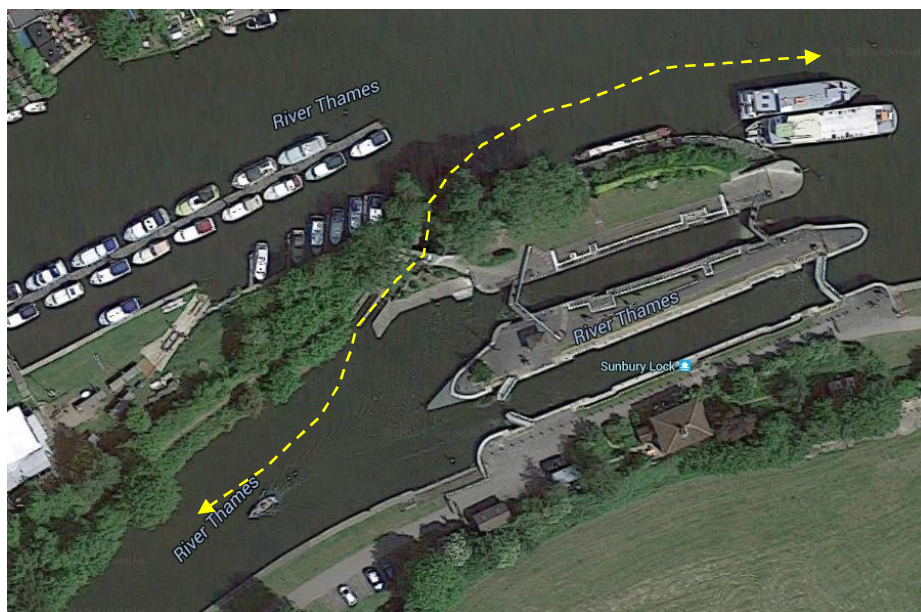
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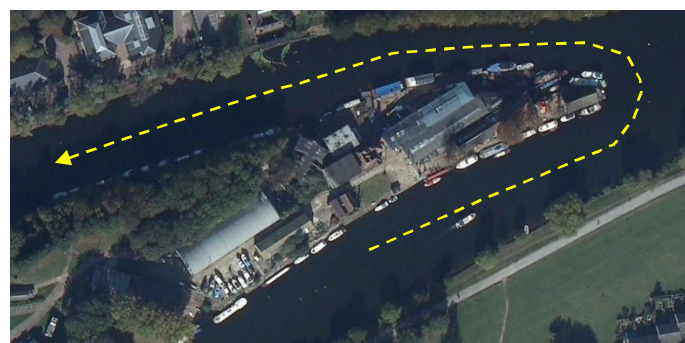
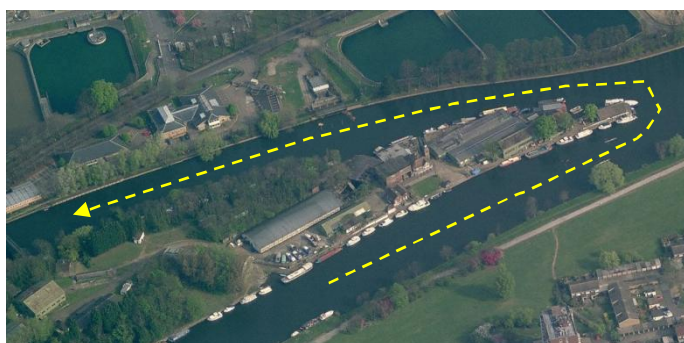
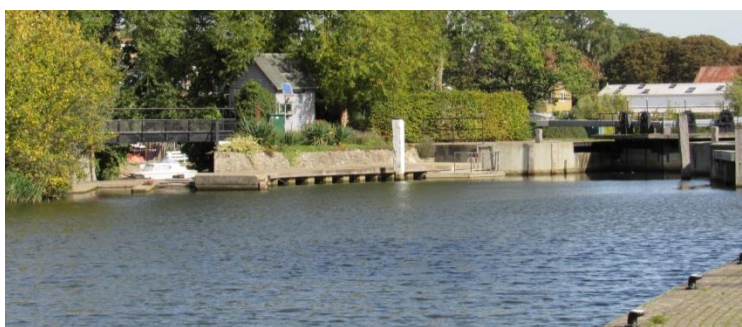
Start and finish







Sunbury lock portage



The turn





## Results

The results will be available at the canoe club when the last boat has finished. They will also be published on the web site.

## Environmental responsibility

The Environment Agency has asked us to be aware of the risks of spreading invasive aquatic species throughout the British waterways, and would like to draw your attention to the message below.



# STOP THE SPREAD

Are you unknowingly spreading invasive species on your water sports equipment and clothing?

Invasive species can affect fish and other wildlife, restrict navigation, clog up propellers and be costly to manage. You can help protect the water sports you love by following three simple steps when you leave the water.

**CHECK**

**Check** your equipment and clothing for live organisms - particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

**CLEAN**

**Clean** and wash all equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly.  
If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

**DRY**

**Dry** all equipment and clothing - some species can live for many days in moist conditions.  
Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

For more information go to [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) and search for **Check Clean Dry**

**STOP THE SPREAD**

**INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES**

**CHECK-CLEAN-DRY**

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