

Attendee Briefing Note

Harefield Div 4 & Open Slalom, Sunday 9th October 2022

The Sharks CC takes pride in running a relaxed, informal event with focus on fun and participation.

All attendees should read this Attendee Briefing note in full.

If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend the event. By attending, you are acknowledging that the activities could require COVID-19 mitigations to be put in place and your willingness to comply with such measures is a condition of attendance.

The site is open to racers, supporters and the public. Everyone is encouraged to adopt good hygiene practices (hand washing, avoid unnecessary crowding, respect others' personal space), to be aware that others may be vulnerable, and to be aware the situations when wearing a mask could protect others.

Schedule

Saturday 8th October, Practice and Free Coaching

Morning – free practice once final course adjustments set

Afternoon - free coaching, full run practice, unlimited runs, plus coaching on key moves

Sunday 9th October, Racing

Morning – kayaks full runs practice, slalom race runs 1 & 2

Afternoon – canoes full runs practice, slalom race runs 1 & 2

Start List See canoeslalomentries.co.uk for provisional listing, subject to update on the day.

Prizes will be awarded by class and category. In addition a perpetual Trophy will be awarded for the greatest effort shown in completing the Canoe-Kayak Combined Challenge:

Canoe-Kayak Combined: your best K1 score, plus your best C1 score, plus your best C2 score. Enter each class as normal (div 4 or Open as appropriate); all paddlers entered in K1, C1 and C2 will be automatically included for the Canoe-Kayak Combined challenge.

Unlimited C2 pairings, partner provided if needed (scratch entries on the day), your best C2 score used for your Combined total.

Location

On Google maps, search for 'Harefield Canoe Slalom Course' or 'The Coy Carp'. The site is 15 minutes from the junction of the M40 and M25; take the A412 through Denham Green and turn right at the small roundabout at West Hyde, then right and immediate left into Coppermill Lane heading towards Harefield.

Parking

Free parking is available on the field inside the entrance to the Clancy Group depot (beware there is a ditch between the driveway and the field until just before the second gate); the depot entrance is West of the river Colne, and just to the West of the entrance to the car park of the Coy Carp Inn.

Note: parking in the pub car park is subject to restrictions, payment by non-customers and penalty for non-payment.

Access

The Harefield Canoe Slalom Course is 50m from the parking area at Clancy Group, via a short public footpath adjacent to the Coy Carp Inn. Take care crossing the road, especially when carrying boats.

Toilets

A portaloos will be available at the parking in Clancy Group's field. Please wipe taps/flush/handles/surfaces touched prior to exit, using spray/wipes provided.

Refreshments

We hope to provide a range of snacks and drinks (non-perishable, packaged) for sale. You may wish to bring your own lunch and hot drinks as we will not provide a full kitchen service.

Meals and drinks will be available for purchase at the Coy Carp Inn at normal retail prices; booking recommended.

Camping

Free camping will be permitted in the Clancy Group field. If you wish to camp, please contact the organiser.

Control

The control will be at a gazebo between the parking and the course. We will accept late entries until 10:30am subject to the late fee. Contactless card payment will be available for any outstanding fees. Please avoid crowding while waiting. Results cards will be displayed at control and we ask people to avoid crowding and to be patient when waiting to look at cards.

First Aid

If necessary, access a trained first aider via Control.

Changing

There are no changing rooms, so plan to change discretely at your car. It's recommended you arrive in base layer kit ready for your practice session.

Shelter

All attendees are advised to pack an umbrella to provide their own shelter should there be rain. Be aware of others and keep the towpath passable by cyclists and runners when sheltering/spectating from beneath the road bridge.

Getting on the water

When launching allow any canal narrow boats to pass before you enter the water as the current often pushes the narrow boats against the bank.

Spectating

Please ensure the towpath remains passable by the public.

Officials

Jobs will be allocated amongst volunteers prior to the event; please get in touch if you can help. slalom@thesharks.org.uk

Reporting

To raise any issues and concerns arising during the event, attendees are encouraged to notify the organiser and to use the **British Canoeing Incident Report Form** <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/go-canoeing/access-and-environment/access-to-water/incident-reporting>