



56th BEDFORD MARATHON

B.C.U. EASTERN REGION 2008

HASLER QUALIFIER EVENT

Sunday 27th April 2008

VENUE Viking Kayak Club, Poynters Boathouse, Batts Ford, Commercial Road, Bedford MK40 1QS OS Map 153 (Explorer 208), Grid Ref. 048495

CAR PARK Public car park adjacent to Poynters Boathouse. Access via St. Paul's Square and Horne Lane (mini roundabout) on one-way system. Upstream side of Bedford Town Bridge on the north bank of the river.

CLASSES	Assessment Senior Men K2	25.5 km	6 Portages
	Assessment Senior Women K2	25.5 km	6 Portages
	Assessment Senior Men C2	25.5 km	6 Portages
	Assessment Junior Men K2	19.5 km	4 Portages
	Assessment Junior Women K2	19.5 km	4 Portages
	Assessment Junior Men C2	19.5 km	4 Portages
	Division 1/2/3 Doubles	19.5 km	4 Portages
	Division 4, 5 & 6 Singles and 4/5/6 Doubles	12.5 km	2 Portages
	Division 7, 8 & 9 Singles and 7, 8, & 9 Doubles	6.5 km	0 Portages
	Lightning Races & Fun Race (singles only)	2.5 km	0 Portages

TIMETABLE

Race Class	Check-In	Briefing	START
Assessment SMK2, SWK2, SMC2, JMK2, JWK2, JMC2 Div 1/2/3 ^D , 4/5/6 ^D , 4 ^S , 5 ^S , 6 ^S	09:00 - 11:15hrs	11:55 hrs	12:15 hrs
Div 7 ^D , 8 ^D , 9 ^D , 7 ^S , 8 ^S , 9 ^S , Fun, Lightning BU12, GU12, BU10, GU10	09:00 - 10:15hrs	10:40 hrs	11:00 hrs

REFRESHMENTS Light refreshments will be available to competitors.

SAFETY All division 7, 8, 9, Lightning and Fun Race paddlers **must wear** B.C.U. approved buoyancy aids and all paddlers under 16 years of age in higher divisions are strongly advised to do so. Changing and shower facilities will be available at VKC.

PARTICIPATION **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.**

PRIZES 1st, 2nd & 3rd Paddler/Crew in each singles and doubles division will receive prizes provided there is quorate entry in division.

RESULTS Results will be sent by post to paddlers/clubs providing self-addressed stamped envelopes or by email if an email address is provided on entry form.

V.I.K. Viking Kayak Club reserve the right without prior notice to alter any of these arrangements should the weather or circumstances warrant it.

WEB SITE www.vikingkayak.co.uk

NUMBERS Vertical numbers for marathon racing are compulsory for div 1 - 8.

FEES Senior: £5.50 per seat, Junior: £4.50 per seat, Lightning Race: £3.00 per seat
Late entries (accepted up to 10:15 hrs) £2.00 extra per seat.
An additional fee of £2.50 per paddler will be charged for an event ticket if a current BCU membership card is not produced.

ENTRIES All entries including BCU numbers and individual ranking together with the correct fees payable to **Viking Kayak Club** must be received by **Thursday 24th April 2008** fees by post, entries by post or email (preferred).

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Courses

25.5km Course 6 portages, 6 turns	(Start/Finish – Down Portage – Turn A – Up Portage – Turn D – Start/Finish = 8.5km lap) x 3 laps
19.5km Course 4 portages, 6 turns	(Start/Finish – Down Portage – Turn A – Up Portage – Turn D – Start/Finish = 8.5km lap) x 2 laps + (Start/Finish – Turn B – Turn C - Start/Finish = 2.5km lap) x 1 lap
12.5km Course 2 portages, 4 turns	(Start/Finish – Down Portage – Turn A – Up Portage – Turn D – Start/Finish = 8.5km lap) x 1 laps + (Start/Finish – Turn B – Turn D - Start/Finish = 4km lap) x 1 lap
6.5km Course 6 portages, 6 turns	(Start/Finish – Turn B – Turn D - Start/Finish = 4km lap) x 1 lap + (Start/Finish – Turn B – Turn C - Start/Finish = 2.5km lap) x 1 lap
2.5km Course 0 portages, 2 turns	Start – Turn B – Turn C - Finish



