

# HASLER FINAL 2017

Sunday September 24th: Ham Riverside, Richmond-upon-Thames

## RACE PROGRAMME



Hosted by Richmond Canoe Club  
on behalf of the British Canoeing  
Marathon Racing Committee



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# General Information

A copy of this programme and further updates will be posted to the event web site <http://richmondcanoeclub.com/hf2017>.

**Date** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Venue** Ham Riverside, Ham Street, Richmond upon Thames, TW10 7RS

<b>Courses</b>	Div 1,2,3 K1, K2	20.4 km	2 portages
	Div 4,5,6 K1, K2	13.2 km	2 portages
	Div 7,8,9 K1, K2	7.2 km	0 portages
	Lightning U10, U12	3.5 km	0 portages

**Timings** **Saturday**  
18:00-20:00 Check in open for Team Leaders at RCC

**Sunday**  
08:00 Check in opens for Team Leaders at Race Desk  
09:30 Briefing for Lightning and Div 4-6 races  
10:30 Lightning and Division 4-6 starts at approx. 2-minute intervals  
12:00 Briefing for Division 1-3 and 7-9 races  
13:00 Division 1-3 and 7-9 starts at approx. 2-minute intervals  
16:00 Prize giving ceremony  
17:00 Close

<b>Fees</b>	Divisional Races	£12 per seat
	Lightning Races	£6 per seat

**Results** Live results will be available in the Main Tent on-site on the day.

Provisional results will be published live to the club website at <http://richmondcanoe.club/hf2017> on the day in a mobile-accessible format. Final results will be published on the club website and the Marathon Canoeing site within 7 days following the race.

**Prizes** For the first three finishing crews in each quorate race plus annual Hasler Trophies (see Appendix D)

# Entries

## ***Club Entries***

Entries must be submitted to your Regional Marathon Adviser (RMA) and Team Leaders must register with Richmond CC by **8<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. Entries must be in electronic format, compatible with HRM version 12.5 (<http://www.dw-two.co.uk/Brian.html>).

All paddlers must hold current comprehensive current BCU/CSA/WCA/CANI membership or youth membership of an affiliated club. Proof of this membership must also be submitted to the RMA along with the entries, where the rankings list does not indicate a current valid membership on the day of the race. RMAs are responsible for checking expired memberships and updating these as required with correct details.

In addition to the entries documentation to be sent to RMAs, Team Leaders must complete an online registration process via the Richmond CC website in order to provide current contact details and to confirm their acceptance of the race and event terms.

For enquiries please contact [marathon@richmondcanoe.club](mailto:marathon@richmondcanoe.club).

## ***Regional Entries***

Regional Marathon Advisers are responsible for checking the entries supplied by clubs and ensuring the correctness of the three completed races for each paddler as per Rule 36 of the marathon rules.

We kindly request that Regional Advisers check that proof of BCU membership has been submitted where required, and that the *BCU Number* and *Expiry* fields in the entries are updated with the new details supplied by the team leader.

Regional Advisers must submit all checked entries to [entries@richmondcanoe.club](mailto:entries@richmondcanoe.club) to arrive by **14<sup>th</sup> September 2017**.

## ***Payment***

Payment must be made by Team Leaders direct to Richmond Canoe Club to be received by **14<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. Any entries not paid for by this date will incur an additional £1 charge per paddler.

Payment can be sent by PayPal or bank transfer using the reference 'HFENTRY' and your club code, e.g. 'HFENTRY RIC'

Account name	Richmond Canoe Club
Account no.	73483398
Sort Code	20-90-56



Alternatively PayPal payments can be sent to [marathon@richmondcanoe.club](mailto:marathon@richmondcanoe.club). Please supply your club name and number of divisional and lightning entries in the payment description.

**A late charge of £1 per seat will be applied to payments not received by the payment deadline, even if the entries themselves have been received. This is not applicable to Lightning entries.**

### ***Late entries***

For Hasler Divisional races, no late entries are possible but modifications after the deadlines above are permitted for scratches and swaps between singles and doubles of previously-entered crew members, e.g. in the event of illness or unavailability of one member of a K2 crew.

Lightning changes and additional entries are possible up to two hours before the races according to the following conditions.

Late entries and changes must be requested by Team Leaders only via direct email to [entries@richmondcanoe.club](mailto:entries@richmondcanoe.club) or at the team leaders' check-in, but please note -

The deadline for all late entries and modifications are the Friday before the event for email, or two hours before the races if made at team leaders' check-in on the day before or the day of the race. Payment for late entries in the Lightning class is required at the latest 2 hours before the races.

### ***Checking In***

Checking in must be completed by team leaders only, and can be done either on the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 6-8pm at Richmond Canoe Club or on the day on site at the Racing Desk (see site map) from 7.30am. Check-in for a race will close when the briefing for the same race takes place.

If you are checking in on Saturday, note that parking is limited at Richmond Canoe Club but on-street parking is available on nearby Nightingale Lane (near the Petersham Hotel, but please do not park in the hotel or nearby pub car parks) from 6.30pm.

In order to check in team leaders must have provided the following

1. Personal contact details and acceptance of the race rules and conditions have been confirmed via the online form
2. Full payment received for all paddlers from their club, with appropriate late entry fees if required

When all required items have been provided team leaders will be supplied with a pack of number boards for their crews, which they are then responsible for allocating correctly to their paddlers and for ensuring that numbers are safely afterwards.

A charge may be applied for any missing number boards not returned after the races.



# Visiting

## ***Food and Drink***

A selection of hot food including burgers and bacon rolls, snacks and hot and cold drinks will be available for purchase throughout the day from 8.00am.

Competitors' food will be available from the catering area after the race on production of a valid number board.

## ***Camping***

Camping places have been booked by Richmond Canoe Club for the night of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 at the nearby Thames Young Mariners site and are available to attendees of the Hasler Final 2017 on a first-come first-served basis.

Facilities are available from 4.30pm on Saturday and must be vacated by 9.15am on Sunday.

Thames Young Mariners has a large camping area with toilets, showers, changing room and an outdoor, sheltered washing up area.

Camping is charged on a per person basis

£9 per person if booking received by Friday 25th August

£11 per person if booking received **after** Friday 25th August

All bookings must be made using the online form at <http://richmondcanoe.club/hf2017> and must be received by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**.

## **Payment**

Payment can be sent by PayPal or bank transfer using the reference 'HFCAMPING' and your name

Account name	Richmond Canoe Club
Account no.	73483398
Sort Code	20-90-56

PayPal payments can be sent to [marathon@richmondcanoe.club](mailto:marathon@richmondcanoe.club). Please supply your name and number of places reserved in the payment description.

**No camping is permitted on the race site or the Ham Riverside pitches.**

## ***Getting There***

From the **North**, use M1 to J1 and continue West onto North Circular Road. At Chiswick Roundabout follow signs for South Circular Road then local signs for Richmond.

From the **West** leave M4 at J2 or use M3/A316, following signs for Richmond.

After arriving in Richmond proceed through town centre, following signs for Kingston. After passing through Petersham village, follow brown signs for Ham House to car park or white signs for CANOE RACE.

From the **South**, use A3 to Kingston. Then, proceed through town centre following directions to Richmond. After passing past Ham common, follow brown signs for Ham House to car park or white signs for CANOE RACE.

For Satnav use post code **TW10 7RS**. This will take you to the Ham House stables; carry straight on for the race parking.

### ***Parking***

Ample parking will be available on the Ham Riverside Pitches, adjacent to the Ham Street Car Park.

**The cost of parking will be £2 per vehicle.**

Access is controlled by bollards, which will be locked at 17:00 so all cars must have vacated the area by this time. Please do not park in the main riverside car park, as this is reserved for visitors to Ham House.

### ***Site Facilities***

Event-quality portable toilets including disabled facilities will be available on site but there are no showers. Competitors may use the facilities at the clubhouse, which is a 15 minute walk from the race site.

# Race Rules

This event will be run under the Marathon Racing Rules, as per the 2017 Racing Handbook.

## ***Number Boards***

Official race number boards will be provided to team leaders and must be used. The use of any other number boards may result in your result not being counted.

## ***Boat Buoyancy***

Boats must contain sufficient buoyancy to remain afloat and support the crew in rough water in the event of a capsize.

Sandwich construction boats are not presumed to have sufficient inherent buoyancy and must carry additional foam or other non-porous buoyant material. Closed and watertight compartments built in by the original manufacturer may be accepted at the organisers' discretion but all boats must have adequate buoyancy at both ends.

Marshals may inspect boats at any time for adequate buoyancy. The penalty for any non-compliant boat is disqualification of the crew.

## ***Boat Checking and Boat Park***

A Boat Check area will be located at the lower end of the car parking area on the Ham Riverside pitches (see Site Map in Appendix B).

All crews must pass through the Boat Check with their boat and race number board before getting on the water.

Crews should present boats for checking at least an hour before their race starts, however those taking part in the B starts in the afternoon are requested to wait until the A races have started.

At the boat check boats will be inspected for adequate buoyancy, structural integrity and for the correct type of craft, as defined by Rule 5 of the marathon rules. Any boats not meeting the requirements laid down there will not be permitted on the water.

After completing the boat check, crews must pass through with their boat to the Boat Park area on the riverside, where boats must then remain until getting on the water.

Boats may not be laid down on the riverside area anywhere other than in the designated areas within the Boat Park. Marshals will be present to direct crews to place their boats in an appropriate area and crews must obey any instruction given by them.

Marshals may inspect boats at any time before, during or after the race to ensure compliance with these safety rules. The maximum penalty for breaches is disqualification (Rule 6 c(ii)).



## ***Briefing***

Competitor Briefings will take place one hour before the start of the relevant races.

All competitors must attend the briefing on the day, where up to date course information, hazards and obstructions will be made available, in addition to or in place of the information in the race programme.

## ***Getting on the Water***

Floating pontoons will be provided for getting on the water before the races and for getting off afterwards. The pontoons will be directly accessible from the boat park area.

Crews must obey the instructions of marshals at all times when getting on or getting off the water.

## ***Start Order***

Starts will commence approximately every two minutes from the first start in each set of races. The start order will be as per the recommendations in the racing handbook.

<b>'A' Races</b>		<b>'B' Races</b>	
Division 4 K2	10:30	Division 1 K2	13:00
Division 5 K2	10:32	Division 2 K2	13:02
Division 4 K1	10:34	Division 1 K1	13:04
Division 6 K2	10:36	Division 3 K2	13:06
Division 5 K1	10:38	Division 2 K1	13:08
Division 6 K1	10:40	Division 3 K1	13:10
Lightning U12M	10:42	Division 7 K2	13:12
Lightning U12F	10:44	Division 8 K2	13:14
Lightning U10M	10:46	Division 7 K1	13:16
Lightning U10F	10:48	Division 9 K2	13:18
		Division 8 K1	13:20
		Division 9 K1	13:22

## ***Buoyancy aids***

Buoyancy aids are compulsory for all paddlers ranked in Division 7, 8 and 9 irrespective of the class entered. This applies across age categories and in singles and doubles.

All competitors in the Lightning races must wear buoyancy aids.

We recommend that all juniors wear buoyancy aids. It is the responsibility of team leaders to enforce this but they may at their discretion allow suitably able paddlers in Divisions 1-6 to be exempted from this rule. There is no requirement to inform the Race Desk of such exemptions but team leaders must immediately inform us of any of their crews not wearing buoyancy aids who they believe should be.

In the event of significant river flow on the day it may be required that other groups wear buoyancy aids whilst on the water, e.g. all juniors, all Div 4-6 paddlers or all crews.

**It is the responsibility of Team Leaders to determine which of their paddlers should wear buoyancy aids based on these safety rules, on paddlers' abilities and according to conditions on the day, and to ensure that this is carried out.**

**Team leaders must also bring to the race organisers' attention any competitors that are known to suffer with medical conditions that could adversely affect their safety. The race organizer will then decide what if any extra control measures to put in place to ensure the safety of these competitors.**

Team leaders will be assumed to have read and understood this policy by completing the Team Leader registration process.

### ***Retirements***

All competitors who fail to finish must report to a Marshal and inform them of their boat number and the fact that they have retired.

### ***Supporters***

The rollers and lock cut island at Teddington lock are not accessible to supporters – please use the tow path along the cut upstream of the lock.

Please park considerately on nearby roads. Support crews must adhere to all relevant local parking restrictions, notices and requests by police officers, Environment Agency officials and lock keepers and any breach of this rule may lead to disqualification of crews.

### ***Littering***

Disposable drinks bags or any other items of personal kit must not be discarded anywhere on the course or the race site. The penalty for non-compliance with this rule whether by the competitor or their support crew is immediate disqualification.

### ***Kit Requirements***

Competitors must wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions on the day. In the event of cold weather, paddlers considered by the race organisers to be too lightly dressed will not be permitted to take part.

In order to protect against injury it is strongly recommended that all competitors wear shoes with a suitable rubber sole when getting on and off the water and when racing.

### ***Club Colours***

Only crews wearing correct club colours will score points towards the club trophies.

# Provisional Courses

Provisional Courses are identical to the Richmond Hasler 2017. However we reserve the right to make changes before or on the day should conditions require us to do so.

## ***Spectators***

The race starts are visible from the Prizegiving/Briefing area shown on the Site Map in Appendix B and is located a short walk downstream from the race site (towards Richmond) opposite Marble Hill House (white villa) on the opposite bank.

If wish to follow the races by bicycle you will find that the towpath follows the races all the way up, but note that you must cross the river at Kingston Bridge to continue on the Hampton Court side.

Good views are available from the towpath between the race site and Richmond town centre, where all divisional crews will come down to turn, before proceeding back up-stream to finish.

Finishes will be across the river from the race site and can be viewed from the riverside area just adjacent to the Boat Park.

The portage at Teddington can be viewed from above the lock on the towpath and is a 20-minute walk upstream from the race site.

## ***Course Descriptions***

See Appendix C for full course maps.

### **Divisions 1-3            20.4 km, 2 portages**

1. START opposite Marble Hill House, facing upstream
2. Proceed upstream 2.8 km to Teddington Lock and portage over rollers
3. Proceed 2.5 km to Kingston and turn anti-clockwise around buoy before railway bridge
4. Return back downstream and portage back over Teddington Lock rollers
5. Continue downstream past the start to just above Richmond Bridge
6. Proceed back to the PLA boundary marker just below Teddington Lock, and turn around buoy anti-clockwise
7. Continue downstream past the start to just above Richmond Bridge
8. Turn anti-clockwise around buoy, continue back upstream
9. FINISH on right hand side of the river at Sailing Club just above the main Car Park

### **Division 4-6            13.2 km, 2 portages**

1. START, opposite Marble Hill House, facing upstream
2. Proceed 2.4 km to Teddington Lock and portage over rollers



3. Proceed 2.5 km to Kingston and turn anti-clockwise around buoy before railway bridge
4. Return back downstream and portage back over Teddington Lock rollers
5. Continue downstream past the start to just above Richmond Bridge
6. Turn anti-clockwise around buoy, continue back upstream
7. FINISH on right hand side of the river at Sailing Club just above the main Car Park

**Division 7-9                    7.2 km, no portages**

1. START opposite Marble Hill House, facing upstream
2. Proceed 1.8 km to the PLA boundary marker just below Teddington Lock, and turn around buoy anti-clockwise
3. Continue downstream past the start to just above Richmond Bridge
4. Turn anti-clockwise around buoy, continue back upstream
5. FINISH on right hand side of the river at Sailing Club just above the main Car Park

**Lightning                    3.5 km, no portages**

1. START opposite Marble Hill House, facing upstream
2. Proceed 800m upstream past Eel Pie Island using the right hand channel and turn anticlockwise around the top of Eel Pie Island
3. Proceed downstream, past the start line and turn anticlockwise around a buoy at River Lane (before Glover's Island)
4. FINISH on right hand side of the river at Sailing Club just above the main Car Park

# Thanks

We are grateful to the following organisations for their support for the event

Port of London Authority  
Environment Agency  
London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames  
Petersham Scouts  
Twickenham Yacht Club  
Aston Colour Print

# **Appendix A – Important Safety Notes**

The race organizers reserve the right to **CANCEL** the event up to and including on the day in the case of incident, emergency or conditions. We will do our best to notify team leaders but please check the website for the latest information.

Should circumstances require the **ABANDONMENT** of the race whilst in progress, the following procedure will apply and will be strictly adhered to:

Crews on hearing continuous short blasts on air horns and/or seeing marshals waving red flags will immediately **STOP**. They will wait to be instructed on how and where to proceed by a marshal. Crews must be aware that other crews may not have heard or seen the warnings, and must pass on instructions received to any such crew who they see still racing.

Depending on crews' locations, whether or not the Race has started and the number of crews still being marshalled, they may be asked to either paddle to a specified get-out point, or turn towards one of the banks and await further instructions.

Competitors should be aware that the River Thames can be busy with pleasure cruisers, rowers and other craft. Competitors must be mindful of these and other hazards. Competitors must follow all instructions given by Port of London Authority crew, Thames Lock Keepers, Environment Agency Officials and Race Marshals.

Below Teddington Lock the river is semi-tidal and experiences two tides a day. As a consequence this may make portages and banks slippery. Care should be taken while getting in and out and when carrying boats. High water is expected at 06:07/18:10 on the day of the race.

Competitors must provide support to any other paddler in distress and should attempt to raise the attention of the safety boats or Marshals along the course.

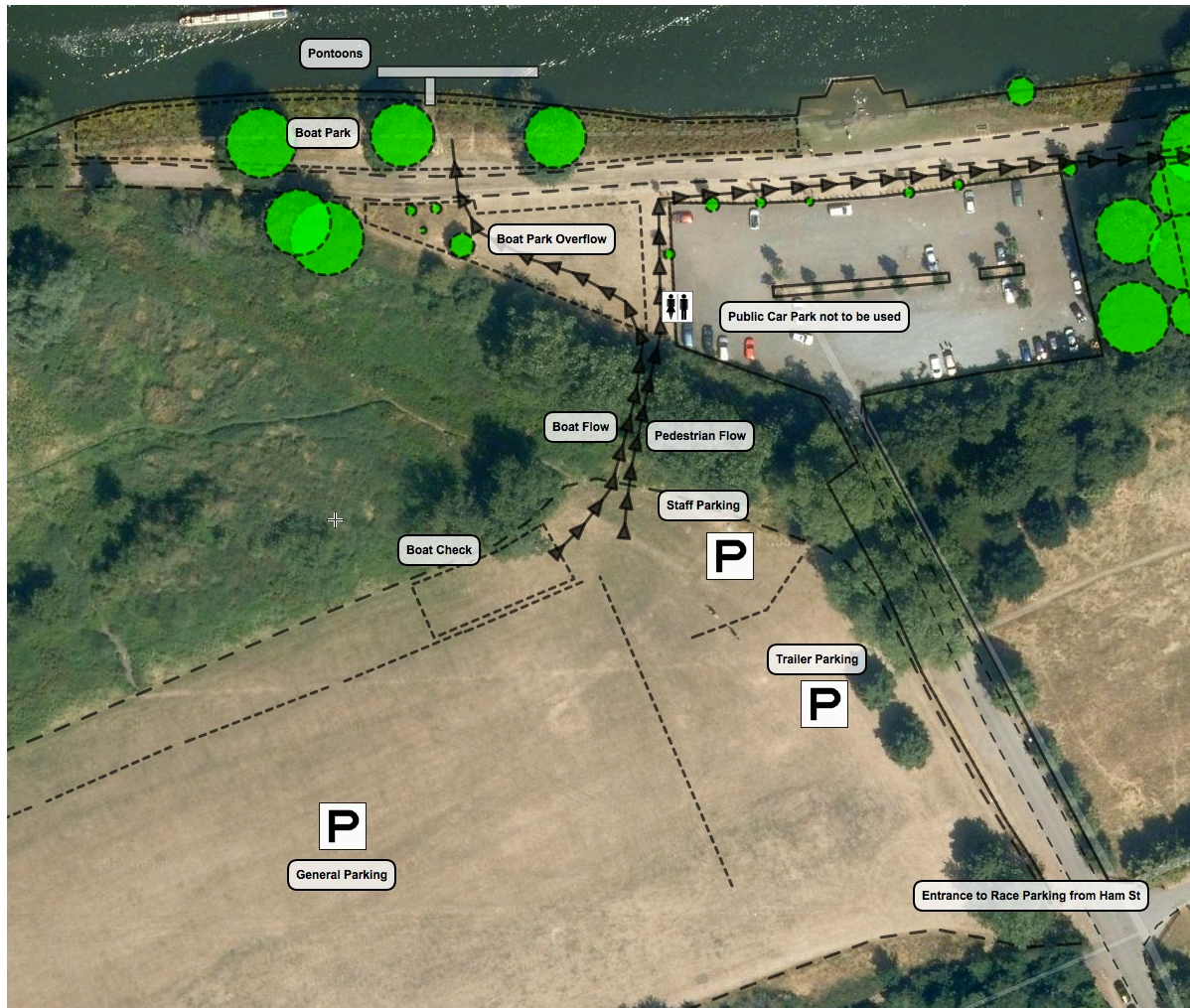
The Tidal Thames can experience sudden increases in pollution, especially after heavy rainfall. Any paddler who feels ill after the race should draw this to the attention of their medical practitioner.

Canoeing and Kayaking in all its forms is an 'Assumed Risk – Water Contact' sport. The organisers have done their very best to provide a safe racing environment, but competitors are reminded of their duty of care to themselves and all other competitors. Safety is a shared responsibility.

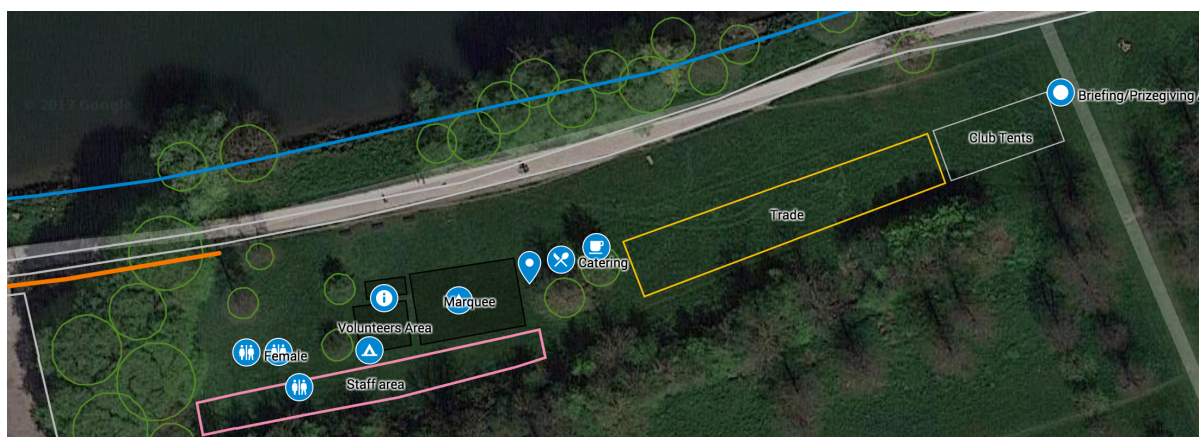
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## Appendix B – Site Plans



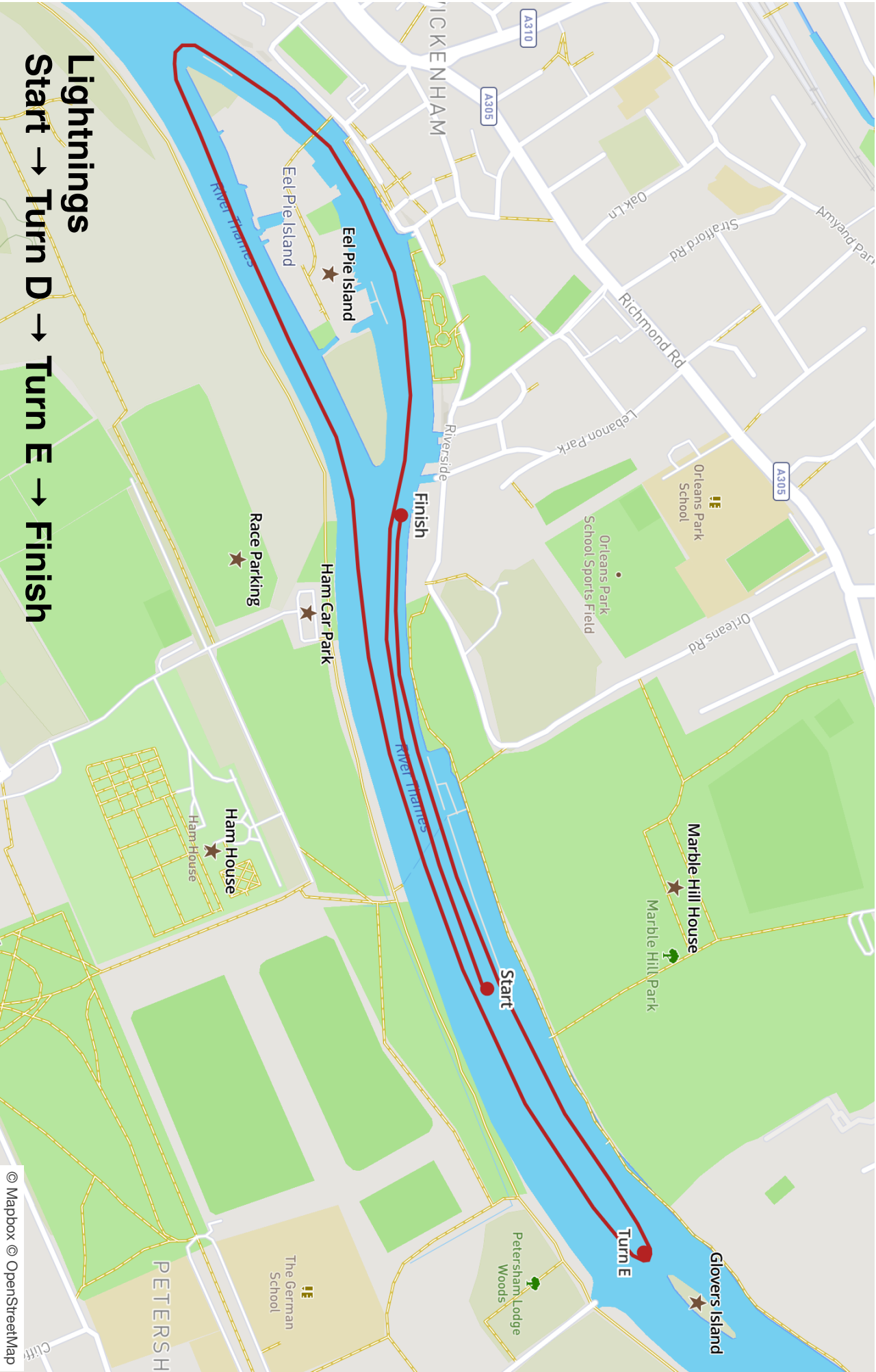
Parking and Boat Park



Riverside Main Site

# **Appendix C – Course Maps**

Course maps for the Divisional and Lightning races are provided on the following page



# Lightnings

Start → Turn D → Turn E → Finish



# Divisions 7-9

## Start → Turn A → Turn C → Finish

Turn A

Finish

Start

Turn C

Richmond

Glovers Island

Marble Hill House

Marble Hill Park

Petersham Lodge Woods

The German School

PETERSHAM

Thames Young  
Mariners

Ham Lands

St. Richard's with  
St. Andrew's Church of  
England Primary &  
Nursery School

Meadlands  
Primary School

Grey Court School

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Cassel Hospital



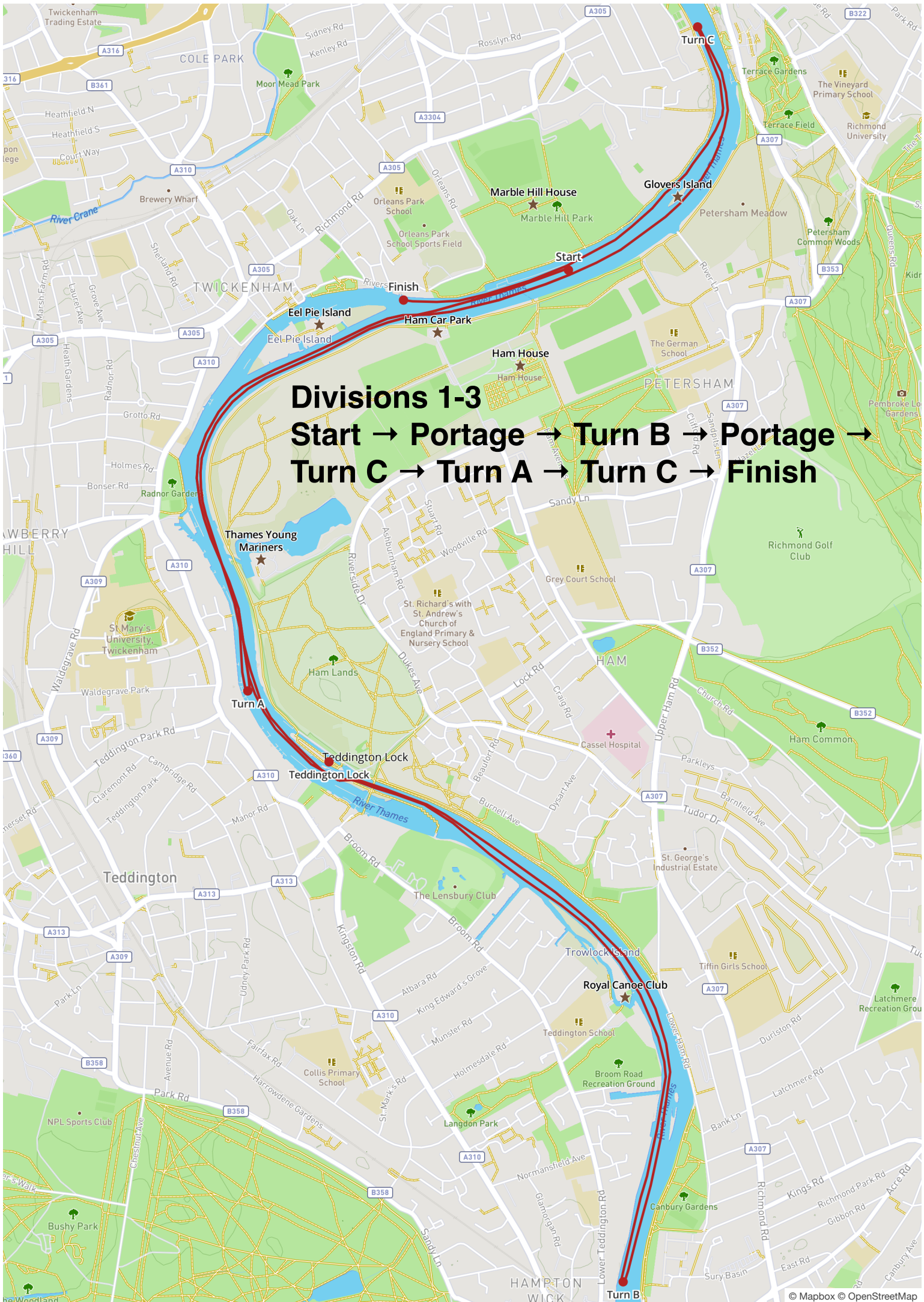


**Divisions 4-6**  
**Start → Portage → Turn B → Portage →**  
**Turn C → Finish**



## Divisions 1-3

**Start → Portage → Turn B → Portage →  
Turn C → Turn A → Turn C → Finish**



# Appendix D – Hasler Trophies

The following trophies will be awarded at the end of the races.

<b>Rhodes White Trophy</b>	Fastest SMK1 over 12 mile course
<b>Adam Thomasson Trophy</b>	Winner of Division 2
<b>Barber Trophy</b>	Fastest Junior K1 (boy or girl) over 12 mile course
<b>David Shankland Trophy</b>	Fastest WK1 (senior or junior) over 12 mile course
<b>The Committee Cup</b>	Highest placed JWK1 in the highest division
<b>Ken Periera Cup</b>	Highest placed JC1 in the highest division
<b>Bill Sparks Trophy</b>	Highest placed Veteran K2 in highest division
<b>Ross Warland Memorial Trophy</b>	Highest placed junior (boy or girl) in Division 4
<b>Geoff Sanders Trophy</b>	Club with best Lightning results across the season
<b>The Regional Trophy</b>	Region with highest score from 3 best clubs
<b>3rd Place Salver in Hasler Trophy</b>	
<b>2nd Place Salver in Hasler Trophy</b>	
<b>Hasler Trophy &amp; Salver</b>	Club scoring most points at the final from 6 best single crews and 3 best doubles