

WEST YORKSHIRE CANOE CLUB

WEST TANFIELD DIV 3 / 4 DOUBLE SLALOM

26/27 SEPTEMBER 2009

LOCATION AND CAMP SITE

The site is on the River Ure at Sleningford Watermill Caravan Park, West Tanfield. This is signposted on the Ripon/West Tanfield Road (A6108) about half a mile south of West Tanfield. Sleningford Mill is a very attractive riverside commercial camping and caravan site, part of which is separately hired for the slalom.

Please note that the main (vehicle) security gate at Sleningford is closed from circa 11pm until circa 7.0 am. Anyone arriving during closing hours may therefore need to leave vehicles in the area outside the main gate.

All slalom Tents and caravans should please use the Island Slalom Campsite and pay for camping/caravanning to the organisers at the gate onto the island. This year the charge to us for use of the site has been trebled – and we do therefore ask that you use the island slalom campsite, which will help us meet the increased cost and keep the slalom viable.

Very importantly, it is an insurance requirement of the Sleningford site that for fire safety reasons separate tent or caravan pitches, including any vehicle etc, must be sited at least three metres apart. Please help us by ensuring you comply with this, as otherwise your tent or caravan will have to be re-sited.

Because the site is also a commercial one, there will also be a number of other campers and caravanners on the site who have no connection with canoeing. A high standard of behavior is therefore expected please from everyone attending the slalom. In particular, absolutely no fires are allowed on the site and there must be no noise please after 11pm.

Drinking water and chemical toilet emptying points are available. Toilet and washing facilities including hot showers are provided for the slalom in the island toilet block. Please treat these with respect.

There are a number of **electric hook ups** on the island campsite mainly intended for caravans or motorhomes – If you particularly need a hook up please ask at the gate when you arrive, and these will be allocated at a charge of £3 per night, on a first come first served basis. Please note each hook up pitch is only to be occupied by one caravan or motorhome. Any associated tents should be on the main campsite to the left of the island roadway.

By popular request, we are again putting on a Hog Roast in a marquee on the Saturday evening. Don't forget to get your tickets at the event and enjoy some super grub - further details below.

There is a canoeing shop, GO H2O, on the site at Sleningford offering a good range of kayaks, canoes and related equipment. In addition to a limited range of grocery, drinks and other items, the site shop also sells a range of excellent hot food and hot drinks, including some particularly fine bacon and other butties.

SLALOM CAMP SITE FEES (PAYABLE AT THE GATE - NOT AT THE SITE SHOP)

£4 per person per night. (Additional £3 charge for electric)
Children under 5 FREE
car parking £3 per day

SLALOM ENTRY FEES

<u>Div 3 Events</u>	SINGLE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	DOUBLE
Seniors (18 or over on 1/1/02)	£10.25	£16.25	£11.25	£18.25
Juniors	£6.75	£10.75	£7.75	£12.75
<u>Div 4 Events</u>				
Seniors	£6.00	£9.50	N/A	N/A
Juniors	£4.25	£6.75	N/A	N/A
Topo Duo Fun event	£5 per boat	£7.50 per boat		

LATE ENTRIES

Div 3 Competitors are asked to please help themselves and the organiser by sending entries to the organiser at least a week prior to the event. Div 4 entries received prior to the event will also be warmly welcomed please. **The additional late entry fee is mandatory for late Div 3 entries.**

PRIZES

The prize giving will take place as soon as possible after each days event is concluded. Prizes will be awarded where events are quorate as follows:

Mens K1 - Div 3 & 4	-	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd
Ladies K1 - Div 3 & 4	-	1 st & 2 nd
Divisional veterans- Div 3 & 4	-	1st
Veterans	-	1st
C1 & C2 - Div 3 & 4	-	1 st & 2 nd
Officials Men	-	1 st Div 1/Prem), 1 st Div 2)
Officials Ladies	-	1 st
Juniors	-	1 st junior in each individual event except officials. 1 st J12, J14 and J18 (not already receiving a prize)
Topo Duo event	-	1 st and 2 nd

Additional prizes may be awarded dependent on entry numbers.

BCU MEMBERSHIP

Paddlers must have full (not basic) BCU membership and be able to produce their current membership card to compete, or in the case of Div 4 Juniors who are club Youth Section members, produce their club Youth Section membership card. You can also join the BCU at the event (instant membership).

Div 4 paddlers who are not BCU members can take out a weekend taster membership at a cost of £5 for the weekend. This provides liability insurance cover with an indemnity limit of £10,000,000 for the duration of the event. For details of the cover, refer to the BCU web site. Where a paddler is under the age of 18 the taster form should be signed by a parent or guardian.

Div 3 competitors should have bibs except where promotion has occurred very recently.

All enquiries will be dealt with at the Enquiry Room (over the island toilet block) please don't disturb Control Staff with membership and other enquiries.

NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER

All paddlers must please keep off the north (far) river bank except in an emergency.

EQUIPMENT/TESTING

There are now no minimum boat dimensions in divs 1 to 4. Paddlers can therefore use any size of Kayak or Canadian. Paddlers must wear an approved safety helmet and buoyancy aid and the Jury will spot check personal safety equipment during the weekend.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday 26th September	<p><u>Informal Practice</u> – subject to river conditions it is expected the Saturday course will be erected and available for informal practice by 12 noon on Friday.</p> <p><u>Formal Practice</u> – From approximately 8.00 am Saturday. (Free practice at other times when the event is not in progress or during course maintenance).</p> <p><u>Judges Meeting</u> - There will be a brief judges meeting shortly before the event commences - further details on the day.</p> <p><u>Individual events and officials</u> commencing with Div 3 K1 men at approx 10.30 am.- dependant on the number of entries, state of the river etc – confirmation on the day !</p>
Sunday 27th September	<p>Individual events and officials commencing with Div 3 K1 men at approx 9.30 am.- again dependant on the number of entries, state of the river etc.</p>

PROGRAMME START TIMES

Please note the approximate individual start times on the start list are for guidance only. On the day it may well be that the event runs ahead or behind schedule. Competitors are therefore asked to closely follow the progress of the event and please ensure you are at the start to follow the previous competitor. Competitors who are not available at the start when called may miss their run.

HOG ROAST

There will again be a Hog Roast on the Saturday evening at circa 7pm – come and join the party and enjoy some socializing – bring your own drinks - tickets will be available at the gate, price £4.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT ETC

West Tanfield is blessed with a good range of local hosteleries which also provide food, including the Black Bull and the Bruce Arms in West Tanfield, and the Stavely Arms pub/carvery at nearby North Stanley.