

Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race
Support Team.
Driving instructions 2002

These notes are offered as a guide to people supporting teams on the Devizes to Westminster, International Canoe Race.

Please note:

Some items are marked IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND UNDERLINED These include instructions and should be followed. (They normally relate to access restrictions).

Calculation of crews position, against time.

If you are not sure of your crew's speed, use graph paper. Plot time vertically with 1 minute per 1 small square and distance across with 1/10 mile per 1 small square. Mark all the points where you intend to see your crew as vertical lines at the right distance and as you see them, mark the time on the relevant vertical line. Once you have two or more points, you can extrapolate to the next vertical line and be accurate to within a minute or two. Crews tend to paddle at a constant speed for many miles even if that speed varies from day to day.

If You Lose your Crew

First, give your crew a little more time to reach the relevant location. Ask other support crews if they have any news of your team. Then, if you are still not sure where they may have got to, move on to the next point where you can guarantee to be ahead of them. If they do not appear with the other boats that they have previously been paddling with and whose numbers you recognise, then call the DW Information Centre on 020-7620-0298.

Please remember, lots of support parties lose their crews.

If you have news of other crews that may be in trouble then please also report this back to the DW Information Centre on 020-7620-0298 don't assume that someone else will do this.

Route Information

Devizes - Newbury
DEVIZES CAR PARK

Toilets in car park. (24 hour)
Toilets, upstairs, in the registration area of the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust Centre.
Exit car Park - turn LEFT onto A316

Toilets in car park on right(24 hour)
Follow main road, over roundabouts and pick up signs to Swindon.

Toilets in park on right. (24 hour)
Leave Devizes by London Road - still following Swindon signs
Cross over canal and past Police HQ, on left hand side.
Continue over roundabout, along A316.
Turn RIGHT at roundabout into Horton Road

Pewsey/Horton/Bishops Cannings
Canal Bridge, past Bridge Inn Pub

HORTON BRIDGE (2.4 miles)

Straight through Horton
Over Canal Bridge (3.9 miles)
Continue on main road - signed to Pewsey
To T-junction (Alton Barnes),
turn RIGHT Woodborough / Hillcott
Follow main road

HONEY STREET BRIDGE (7.9 miles)

Retrace route to Alton Barnes,
straight on at T-junction
Immediately past junction turn RIGHT - Wilcot / Pewsey

WILCOT BRIDGE (10.6 miles)

Follow main road - signed Pewsey into Pewsey,
over railway line - follow main road
To T-junction, turn LEFT - Oare / Marlborough
Under railway bridge

PEWSEY WHARF, (11.80 miles)

Car park on RIGHT
Parking at St Francis School opposite wharf.

Retrace route to Pewsey, A345
Past T-junction, at mini roundabout
take RIGHT fork
At War Memorial turn LEFT- Burbage, B3087
Follow main Burbage Road
Ignore 1st sign to Wootton Rivers/New Mill,
go to Milton Lilbourne
Turn LEFT for Wootton Rivers at cross road
Follow main route,
under railway bridge bear RIGHT signed Wootton Rivers

BRIDGE OVER CANAL (13.7 miles)

To T-junction turn RIGHT to Wootton Rivers
SINGLE track road into Wootton Rivers
T-junction at Royal Oak Pub turn RIGHT-
Towards Eastern Royal

WOOTTON RIVERS (14.7 miles)

Parking before or after bridge

Over railway bridge bear LEFT -Eastern Royal
Follow main road - VERY NARROW
T-junction turn RIGHT - Eastern Royal
T-junction turn LEFT on to B3087- Burbage
Follow main road to Burbage, A346
At roundabout, straight over- East Grafton/Hungerford A338
To East Grafton, At cross-roads
turn LEFT - Crofton
SINGLE track road

CENTRE OF CROFTON FLIGHT (18.7 miles)

T-junction, turn RIGHT over bridge -
Follow railway line then over railway bridge
CROFTON - follow main road
Sharp left-hand bend, turn RIGHT.

BOTTOM OF CROFTON FLIGHT (19.2 miles)
Park here, footpath over railway line. Turn right.

Continue along main road to Gt Bedwyn
At T-junction bear LEFT into Gt Bedwyn
Into village, past Church to T-junction
Turn RIGHT - Shalborne & Oxenwood
over railway to canal

GREAT BEDWYN (20.8 miles) -
limited parking at wharf

Turn LEFT out of car park
to centre of Gt Bedwyn
At '3 Tuns' Pub, turn RIGHT - Little Bedwyn
Follow signs for Little Bedwyn
DO NOT PARK ON BRIDGE OR IN THE VILLAGE, NEAR THE CANAL.
Turn RIGHT over railway and canal - signed to Bagshot
Continue on main road, through Bedwyn, signed Hungerford
Turn LEFT at next junction
Continue along road - canal on left

FROXFIELD FLIGHT (23.0 miles - lock 68)
Parking & access to all 3 locks

Bearing round to LEFT over canal
On over railway bridge to A4,
turn RIGHT - Hungerford, A4
(Toilets on right as you enter the town; closed at night).
To mini roundabout, turn RIGHT - signed Town Centre/ Salisbury
Over canal into High St. Parking in High St.

HUNGERFORD LOCK (25.5 miles)
Access is along towpath, from canal bridge.

From Bridge, continue up High St,
pass under railway bridge
From High St, turn LEFT into Park St, Signed Station
On to Hungerford Common - canal on left - Stay on main rd
Next LEFT - Lower Denford,
Over railway to canal at Dunmill

(Note: If using the Autoroute file, available from the DW web site. It does not show the route passing over Hungerford common. This appears to be a problem with the program and the route is marked returning via the A4)

DUNNMILL LOCK (26.5 miles)
Limited parking

Continue along road, out of Portdown Common to A4 turn RIGHT
Along A4 to right turn at crossroads for Kintbury,
Continue along road to level crossing,
park in Station area:
NO PARKING IN DUNDAS ARMS HOTEL CARPARKS EITHER SIDE OF CANAL

KINTBURY LOCK (28.8 miles)
Public Toilets for supporters and CREW.

Retrace route from Kintbury to A4
Turn RIGHT onto A4 towards Newbury
Turn RIGHT at crossroads, signed to Marsh Benham/Hampstead Marshall
Over next cross roads,
Over level crossing:

HAMPSTEAD LOCK (31.2 miles)
upstream of bridge - limited parking

Retrace route from Hampstead Marshall to A4
Turn RIGHT onto A4 and continue to Newbury
1st Roundabout continue on A4 to Newbury, passing over A34
2nd Roundabout continue on A4 to Newbury

INSTRUCTIONS TO NEWBURY CAMPSITE (FOR STAGED RACE ONLY)
SENIORS K2's SEE BELOW

Just after Starting Gate Pub on left, opposite Robert Sandilands School on left
Turn RIGHT into old Bath Road.
At mini-roundabout. turn RIGHT in to Strawberry Hill - Signed 'North Croft
Recreation Centre'
Follow road around to right, in front of Lion Public House
At T-Junction turn RIGHT into North Croft Lane. Signed 'North Croft Recreation
Centre'
Park in car park at Recreation Centre

NEWBURY CAMPSITE (End of first day, for staged race).

Retrace route from Recreation Centre back to A4
At T-Junction turn Right in front of Robert Sandilands School

SENIOR K2's CONTINUE HERE

Straight over next roundabout stay on A4
Get in RIGHT hand lane signed A339
Follow signs A339 Basingstoke/Winchester.
At traffic lights follow A34 Winchester, cross over canal
At roundabout take 3rd exit, into Bear Lane. Signed 'Town Centre'
At mini roundabout - Turn RIGHT - into Wharf Road and Car parks.

NEWBURY WHARF (34.5 miles)
Toilets for Supporters and Crew.

Newbury to Marlow

NEWBURY WHARF CAR PARK (34.5 miles)

Leave car parks,
turn LEFT at mini-roundabout
1st roundabout -
Turn LEFT-'London/ Reading onto A4'
2nd roundabout -Take 2nd -'Reading A4 & Industrial areas'
Follow road round to right and back under A34
At traffic lights turn LEFT - Signed 'Reading/Thatcham'
Follow A4 out of 'Newbury',
Continue on A4 thru 'Thatcham'
Straight over at 1st Roundabout
Take 2nd exit off next roundabout - signed 'Station'

To next roundabout 1st exit- 'Thatcham Station'

OLD MONKEY MARSH LOCK 90 (37.8 miles)
Park on LEFT in Station Car Park.
Access to lock by foot is across level crossing,
turn right along canal side.

Return to roundabout
Turn RIGHT signed 'Reading/ A4'
Next RIGHT on to A4
Turn RIGHT signed 'Colthorpe'
cross level crossing, immediately turn LEFT.
Turn RIGHT across bridge over canal

COLTHROPE LOCK (38.7 miles)

Retrace route back to A4
Note: No right turn, at this point.
Turn left towards Newbury and
Use the next roundabout to turn back towards Reading A4
Turn RIGHT at Coach and Horses - signed 'Brimton'

MIDGHAM LOCK, (39.5 miles)
(Limited parking)

Follow A4 to Woolhampton
In Woolhampton, turn RIGHT at The Angel Public House, into Station Road
Continue over level crossing and canal to Rowbarge Inn

OLD WOOLHAMPTON LOCK (40.8 miles)

Retrace route to A4, turn RIGHT
Follow A4
At next roundabout Turn RIGHT - signed 'Kennet and Avon Visitors Centre'
Turn LEFT signed 'Kennet and Avon Visitors Centre'

ALDERMASTON LOCK (42.9 miles)
parking and toilets at Kennet and Avon Visitors Centre.

Retrace path back to A4
Turn RIGHT on to A4
turn RIGHT at end of dual carriageway at Winning Hand Public House
cross over level crossing

UFTON NERVET LOCK (44.6 miles)
(Poor parking)

Retrace back to A4
Turn RIGHT on to A4
Turn RIGHT at Mulligan's Restaurant signed 'Police Training College'
Over railway bridge

TYLE MILL LOCK (45.2 miles)
Over river to Canal at Tyle Mill - good parking

Retrace route back to A4
Turn RIGHT for A4
Follow A4 to next roundabout,
Take 2nd exit - Theale
Straight into Theale past Church

to mini roundabout, turn RIGHT (3rd Exit)
Straight over next 2 small roundabouts,
follow road over railway (straight ahead)
Past Station (on left),
over canal swing bridge

SHEFFIELD LOCK Theale (46.9 miles)
Parking and access to lock 50 yards on.

Turn LEFT into ARC entry,
bear LEFT and follow track to canal
Retrace route to roundabouts near station
Straight over both back into Theale.
At High St roundabout, turn RIGHT
At next roundabout, take 2nd exit (RIGHT)
At next roundabout, take 1st exit on to A4
Straight over M4 (Junction 12) roundabout
Follow A4 towards Reading
Continue on A4 -
straight over the next 3 roundabouts
Over next set of traffic lights
to mini-roundabout- straight over
At next set of lights turn RIGHT to Burghfield
Follow road over river and railway bridges

BURGHFIELD LOCK (48.6 miles)
Over canal bridge, park on the left.
Lock is upstream of bridge 450 metres

Retrace steps from Burghfield
to A4, turn RIGHT
Straight across next 5 mini roundabouts-
sign posted A4 /Town Centre
Straight over next set of traffic lights
Down to main roundabout, turn RIGHT- signed 'All Other Routes'
Down onto the Inner Distribution Road

NO ACCESS TO COUNTY LOCK

Straight over next set of lights
Queens St Car Park has public Toilets.
Follow signs All other routes/A4 Maidenhead
Leave Reading on Kings Road, A4, towards Maidenhead

NO ACCESS TO BLAKES LOCK

1st roundabout take 1st exit (A329M)
To next roundabout - 1st exit 25m on left,
turn left into car park or on road.

DREADNOUGHT REACH (54.0 miles)
Note: Compulsory portage, at this point.

Leave car park turn left along dual carriageway.
To the next roundabout take the 3rd exit.
This will return you the way you came
(Do not drive over central reservation, opposite car park. This area is covered
by CCTV.).
Back to roundabout at end of A329M
Take 1st exit.
Take slip road back on to roundabout on A4

Take 1st exit - A4
Next roundabout - 3rd exit A4
Next roundabout - 1st exit A4
Over railway bridge to crossroads -
turn LEFT - B4446 Sonning
Follow road thru' village to mini-roundabout,
turn LEFT B478 'Thames St'
Follow Road over Thames

NO ACCESS TO SONNING LOCK (55.4 miles)

To next roundabout- straight over
To next roundabout-
3rd exit (RIGHT) to Henley A4155
Continue on A4155 to outskirts of Henley
Straight over small roundabout, Tesco on right
Immediately after Jet Garage on right.
Turn RIGHT Mill Lane Over railway bridge Signed Henley Town FC

MARSH LOCK (61.1 miles)

1st opening on LEFT to car park.

Exit car park, turn RIGHT
Retrace route from Marsh Lock to A4155,
turn RIGHT.
Straight through Henley Town Centre
follow signs for Marlow A4155.
To a pair of mini-roundabouts,
turn RIGHT at second, A4155/ Marlow
Continue on A4155 to Hambledon.
In village MILLEND
turn LEFT, signposted car park 500yds on left
Continue down road - car park on LEFT
hand side. Max height 6'8.
Toilets at car park

HAMBLEDON LOCK (64.3 miles)

Access by walking back to A4155,
turn RIGHT and cross road.
Follow footpath signs and
cross gantry over weir to Lock

Retrace route from car park to A4155,
turn LEFT- signed 'Marlow'
Straight into Marlow to War Memorial,
Turn RIGHT- signed 'Bisham'
At end of High St, mini-roundabout
turn LEFT, Station Road
Take 3rd RIGHT(Fish & Chip shop on Corner) Down to end- parking LIMITED

MARLOW LOCK (70.2 miles)

Access via foot path at end of Gardens

On return, continue past entrance to lock,
take first LEFT- 'Lock Rd'
To cross roads,
turn LEFT (Marlow Donkey Pub on corner)
Return to Marlow High St -
mini roundabout turn LEFT
Over Marlow Bridge,
1st LEFT to Cookham Dean / Longridge Scout Camp

Entrance to Longridge (70.7 miles)
on LEFT after Bridge

Marlow to Teddington

LONGRIDGE SCOUT CAMP (70.7 miles) CAMPSITE (End of second day, for staged race).

Exit Longridge, turn LEFT
Follow signs to 'Cookham'
Straight through Cookham,
over level crossing B4447
Straight over to mini-roundabouts
Across village green to T-junction,

RIVERSIDE Access (74.3 miles)
turn LEFT for support at Cookham Bridge-
(A4094) Very Limited Parking.

Back to T-junction and straight on to Maidenhead
Past car park with toilets on RIGHT
Continue towards Maidenhead.
At point where river runs parallel to road-
car park on RIGHT

BOULTERS WEIR (76.8 miles)
Access is by foot, leave car park turn RIGHT.
110 yards to bridge over lock, past Hotel and into Park.
Go to far end of Park- Portage by weir.
Toilets, open 24 hours.

Important: before leaving this car park you must decide whether time permits
support at BRAY - only suitable for slower crews or with 2 support vehicles
Amereden Caravan Park opposite Old Marsh Lane accept booking over Easter and
have good showers and toilets.

Exit car park turn RIGHT
To T-junction/ roundabout, turn LEFT A4
Follow signs to 'Slough'
Over River. Take 1st RIGHT after railway bridge, at traffic lights - signed
'Dorney reach'
(For BRAY lock turn RIGHT into 'Old Marsh Lane', signed Camp site 350yds.)
Take next RIGHT into very narrow lane past houses, immediately after sharp RIGHT
hand bend take LEFT turn into private car park.

BRAY LOCK (78.7 miles)
Access from rear of car park. This access may be restricted or closed.

Back to end of 'Old Marsh Lane')
Turn RIGHT over M4 motorway
through Dorney Reach to T-junction
Turn RIGHT onto B3026 to 'Windsor'

NO ACCESS TO BOVENEY LOCK (82.2 miles)

Access is available at St Mary Magdalen Chapel, near Boveney Lock.

Continue to Eton, past School
to Traffic Lights,
turn LEFT B3022 -Windsor & Slough
Follows signs for Windsor, B3022
Go to roundabout,

take first exit- 'Windsor & Bagshot'
A332 over Thames
Take slip road to LEFT (signed A308)
down to roundabout
Take first exit signed 'Town Centre'
Straight over 3 sets of Traffic Lights
to roundabout
Take first exit - Datchet (B470)
Under old railway bridge to river front bear RIGHT
(In high water conditions, COMPULSORY PORTAGE for competitors around bridge into
lock cut. Follow instructions)
Over next set of lights, turn LEFT at mini-roundabout after Rail station into
car park behind playing fields.

ROMNEY LOCK (84.6 miles)

Access over footbridge at the left corner of the Pay and Display Car Park.
turn RIGHT to end of road, through gate on LEFT,
crossing lock, by upstream gate at far end
turn LEFT and follow path along to portage, near weir.

Retrace route from ROMNEY Lock
to main road,
turn LEFT Over Thames B3021 into Datchet.
Follow signs for 'Staines & Old Windsor'
Cross Thames once more
following signs - 'Staines & Egham' A308
Turn LEFT after Wheatsheaf Pub-
Church Road for OLD WINDSOR Lock
Follow Church Road to St George's Farm
(Ornamental Railings)
Turn LEFT into Ham Lane.
Go to End of Ham Lane
Parking before footbridge on RIGHT only.

NO VEHICLES ON TOW PATH

OLD WINDSOR LOCK, (87.8 miles)
walk RIGHT along River 300 metres.

Retrace route from Lock to main road
Turn LEFT to mini roundabout
1st exit- 'Staines & Egham' A308 (A30)

RIVERSIDE ACCESS (89.4 miles)

(By day after 1/2 mile turn LEFT into car park meet crew on bankside.
Toilets at Rear of National Trust Tea Rooms)
(At night, Car Park is shut)

NO ACCESS BELL HOTEL AND THE USE OF ITS CAR PARK

Back onto Road through Park,
or carry on through Park if not stopping
To roundabout, take 2nd exit (straight over)
Straight over Small roundabout (Sainsbury's on Right)
To next roundabout-
1st exit- Staines Town centre / Wraysbury B376
Cross Over Thames
Bear RIGHT into 1-way system , keep right-
signed 'Shepperton' B376
Follow signs for Shepperton'B376
Continue on B376 towards Laleham,

250 yards past Anglers Retreat Pub on left.
turn RIGHT into 'Riverway'
Proceed to end where Riverway meets Ryde Rd.
NOTE:- Access to the river is via Public footpath on LEFT of new builds
(Thamesway).
There is no vehicle access to river at this point.

PENTON HOOK LOCK-(93.1 miles)
Access via footpath, through entry to river front, turn RIGHT

Retrace route from PENTON HOOK
to main road, turn RIGHT
On to next roundabout,
turn RIGHT- 'Shepperton' B375
Take 3rd turning on RIGHT at 'Three Horseshoes'- Ferry Lane
Along river bank past Laleham Caravan Park
Toilets in Council Car Park
continue under M3

CHERTSEY LOCK (95.0 miles)
park along roadside

Continue to T-junction,
turn LEFT to roundabout Take 2nd exit - Shepperton B376
after 3-400 yards turn RIGHT
into concealed road 'Dockett Eddy Lane'
(just after Lee Motors)
Long straight road to river

SHEPPERTON LOCK (97.0 miles)
Follow LEFT bend along one way road
Parking on roadside as available
Toilets for supporters or crew - (Coin access).

Proceed straight on (downstream direction),
turning sharp LEFT and
follow road up Ferry Lane
to B376 turn RIGHT
Car Park with toilets on the right.
To roundabout,
take 3rd exit- Sunbury B375
To roundabout,
take 3rd exit-'Walton' A244
Over Thames, LEFT-hand lane,
Turn LEFT at lights-
signed 'Hampton Court' A3050
Straight over next set of lights
Toilets on left
Carry on to next roundabout
take 1st exit (LEFT)-
signed to Leisure Centre
Down straight road to mini roundabout
Take 2nd exit (RIGHT)
down rough lane to pub 'The Weir'.
Park car opposite pub

SUNBURY LOCK (100.0 miles)
Access by walking RIGHT
along river bank crossing Footbridge and
continue 100 metres to Rollers

Retrace route from SUNBURY Lock,
turning LEFT back onto A3050
Water Works on both sides of road

MOLESLEY LOCK (103.1 miles)
on LEFT.
EXTREMELY restricted Parking
Access to Lock back along river bank.

Continue to Hampton Court Bridge
Turn LEFT over river
To roundabout, 2nd exit (Straight over).
2nd exit over Kingston Bridge for Ham
Follow Kingston One-Way
Turn LEFT onto A307 (Richmond Road)
After 1 mile turn LEFT at traffic lights
by Texaco garage into Dukes Avenue
(becomes Riverside Drive)

Senior Doubles:

TEDDINGTON LOCK (108.0 miles)
Continue to end of housing on the left
Park in roadway.
5 minutes walk
along cycleway signposted Teddington
walk over foot bridge to Lock Island.
Tideway Begins

Juniors, Singles, Veteran/Junior:

THAMES YOUNG MARINERS (End of third day, for staged race).
(108.4 miles)
Signed on LEFT

Teddington (Ham) to Westminster
For Tideway, use a London A-Z or other London map. There are plenty of bridges
to see your crew. Remember your crew will move quickly on this stage. Boat
speeds are MUCH greater (Assume about 3mph greater on average). Don't loose
them.

Westminster. (St Thomas's Hospital / County Hall / London Eye).

Parking for vehicles is at St Thomas's Hospital car park. Follow signposts.
Note: A height restriction of 9" 6' exists. Access to trailers may be restricted
or excluded.

Crews and boats will be removed at the steps in front of County Hall. All K2's
and C2's must be taken out at the up stream set of steps.

Follow the instructions of DW officials at the County Hall steps. (Although it
may appear otherwise, the steps and walkway, in front of County Hall, are
private property).

Reception for crews is in the grounds of St Thomas's Hospital.

CREWS ARE NOT PERMITTED INTO THE HOSPITAL BUILDINGS, WEARING RACING CLOTHES.

Remember, we are the guests of St Thomas's Hospital.

TREAT THIS AREA WITH THE GREATEST RESPECT.

Additional notes and information.

Follow the instructions of officials at all times during the event. Failure to do so may render your team time penalties or disqualification.

The emergency contact number during the event is 020-7620-0298 Only use this in an emergency.

Information will be posted on the DW web site, giving the position of teams as they proceed (<http://www.dwrace.org.uk/results/> or <http://web.onetel.net.uk/~wiktoriadaniels/dw/results>) if you, or your support, have access to the internet, during the event, then you will be able to gain, up to date, information about your team's (or competition's) progress as the race progresses.

Please make sure that checkpoints have correctly noted your crew's number when passing.

Light sticks are to be worn by crews at night. These will be provided to your crew. Additional light sticks are available at checkpoints, should your crew lose them.