

8th York Canoe-O, Ferry Lane slipway, Bishopthorpe, YO23 2SB
Saturday 12th September 2026, start between 11.00am & 1.00pm

Take part in our annual fun event on the river for paddlers of all ages & abilities.

An opportunity for paddlers of all abilities to take part in a treasure hunt along the beautiful River Ouse in any canoe or paddle board. Organized by Humbledon Outdoor Activities Association & assisted by Eborienteers, York Canoe Club & Bishopthorpe Parish Council.

Your paddling challenge: *how many coloured flags will you find in 60 minutes?*

All paddlers will get a map of the river showing locations of over 20 coloured flags.

Skills involved: *paddling, map reading, observation, distance judgement, recording.*

Great fun for children and families in singles, doubles, canadians and all paddle boards.

Canoe-O scoring and start times:

Start any time between 11am and 1pm by dibbing the timing box on the water.

Time allowed: 60 mins

Time penalty: 5 points deducted for each minute late (over 60mins)

Hire our dibbers at £1 or bring your own. Everyone to finish by 2.00pm.

There will be a different 1st control for each boat then collect all the others in any order
10 points scored for each flag recorded.

Record flag numbers by punching or writing on your tally.

Download your time back on land.

Car parking & reception: Unload at our reception, the river end of Ferry Lane.

After unloading drive 200 metres & turn right into *Canoe-O* car park (beyond caravan site).

Plenty of room here to park all cars, minibuses and trailers.

Important Safety Regulations:

- All participants must wear buoyancy aids.
- All boats must clearly display the event bib and return it with their tally after downloading.
- Most paddlers cross the river many times. Always look & listen for passing motorboats
- If cancelled due to river conditions held the next suitable weekend. (*Not yet happened*)
- A thorough risk assessment is always carried out but canoeing is an adventure sport and everybody takes part at their own risk.

Entry fees: £10.00 any canoe or paddle board: singles, doubles, crews. Juniors only £5.

All entry fees will be used to support outdoor activities for people with disabilities organized each year by a team of local volunteers.

Closing date: 6th September. **Late entries:** accepted up to and on the day + **£2.00 added.**

Info & results: posted on three websites: *HOAA, Eborienteers, York Canoe Race,*

Annual trophies: 1st & 2nd boats, 1st team (4 counters). Presentations at 2.15pm:

Facilities on site: event carpark, riverside café & toilets

Further information & entries: *Phil Puckrin Email: philippuckrin@gmail.com*