

English Canoe Symposium 14-16 November 2008

General Information

Thank you for booking onto this year's symposium. Hopefully, all the information you need pre event is here but if you have any specific queries please contact us at the address below.

Arrivals and registration:

The event is being held at the YMCA National Centre, Lakeside – for directions follow this link to their website - <http://www.lakesideymca.co.uk/images/contact/directions.pdf> Please ensure you come to the entrance marked North Camp and make your way to reception for more information.

- Arrival on Friday from 6.00pm – please do not arrive any earlier as there will be no one from the symposium staff team available to book you in and show you to your accommodation.
- Arrival on Saturday (Day Visitors) 8.45am for 9am meeting.

For delegates arriving on the Friday evening: As normal, there is a well stocked bar to quench thirsty paddlers.

Each delegate will receive a full registration pack on arrival. This will include a full programme of events and a weekend timetable.

Booking sessions:

It will be possible to book onto Saturday's sessions from 9pm on Friday. Day visitors can register and sign up for the Friday evening or when they arrive on the Saturday morning.

Sunday sign up will be available from 6pm on Saturday. More detailed information on the specific sessions can be found at www.canoesymposium.co.uk or www.canoecoaching.co.uk from Monday 6th October.

Kit:

No wetsuits will be provided for the wet sessions. Buoyancy aids, paddles and helmets will be available to hire on the day. There will be a large number of demo boats available to borrow for flat-water sessions and a limited number of boats available for selected river sessions.

Photo competition:

Anyone wishing to enter the competition should hand their prints (any size) to reception on arrival - they'll be judged over the weekend and the winner will be announced on Sunday morning. Please ensure your name and address is clearly marked on the back.

Prime your phones and cameras there will be a prize for the best picture from the weekend, but it must be possible to download it.

Categories:

- UK Scenery (must have canoe or part of showing)
- UK Action (must have canoe or part of showing)
- The Symposium weekend
- Comedy Canoe (this may include up to 20 seconds of video footage)

And when you're not on the water...:

There will be a host of non-water based activities to choose from on both Friday and Saturday evenings. These will include a slide show by Ray Goodwin on the Bloodvein River, a bar, paddle-based pub quiz, and early evening sessions. For anyone wanting to buy some kit there will also be shops and canoe importers on site.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

Tom, Gareth, Jonathon, Leigh and Kath