

## Thames Challenge

\*\*Summer Edition!\*\*

24,25,26 August 2024

## **Event Info**

Welcome to the Thames Challenge 200km a series of paddling events open to all paddle craft – Kayak, SUP, C1/2 etc & comprising 3 'Editions' – Summer, Autumn and Winter

Summer Edition - August Bank Holiday (24,25,26th August)

Stage 1 - Lechlade to Culham Lock - 65km

Stage 2 - Culham Lock to Henley - 69km

Stage 3 - Henley to Teddington 61km

With the focus on the enjoyment of the river, warm temperatures, long daylight hours and taking in the ambience of the sights and sounds of mighty and historical Thames river while testing yourself in this endurance challenge with many flavours and options:

## **Entry Options**

- 1. Solo paddler 3 days/stages
- 2. Solo paddler any single stage
- 3. Double partnership any single stage
- 4. Double partnership 3 days/stages
- 5. Double partnership 3 days/stages
- 6. Team Solo relay team of 3 1 paddler per/day stage
- 7. Team Double relay team of 3 doubles 1 partnership per/day stage
- 8. Team Mix and match single stage solo a mixed team of singles with a single baton, rotate when they want to, any combination of craft types SUP/kayak etc
- 9. Team Mix and match single stage doubles a mixed team of double with a single baton, rotate when they want to, any combination of craft types SUP/kayak etc
- 10. Team Mix and match 3 day/stage solo a mixed team of singles with a single baton, rotate when they want to, any combination of craft types SUP/kayak etc
- 11. Team Mix and match 3 day/single stage doubles a mixed team of double with a single baton, rotate when they want to, any combination of craft types SUP/kayak etc

So there is something to suit all levels of participation, SUPs being slower with no available flow may choose to enter a team of 5 rotating the timing chip against another team of 5 or whatever seems to fit the appetite for fun / endurance ratio

The Start window will open at 5 am to make the most of the daylight hours but participants can start whenever they choose

## Support and Accommodation

The Event will provide a Café2U coffee and hot snacks service at the starts. Paddlers requiring support assistance can book a support package including taking kit to the end of the stage, 2 support points along the way, secure storage of their watercraft overnight and transport back to the start or to their local campsite / /Airbnb / lodging

Event camping is available at both Culham and Henley with early booking being recommended to ensure availability.