



Waterside B Briefing

Newbury to Aldermaston Wharf return

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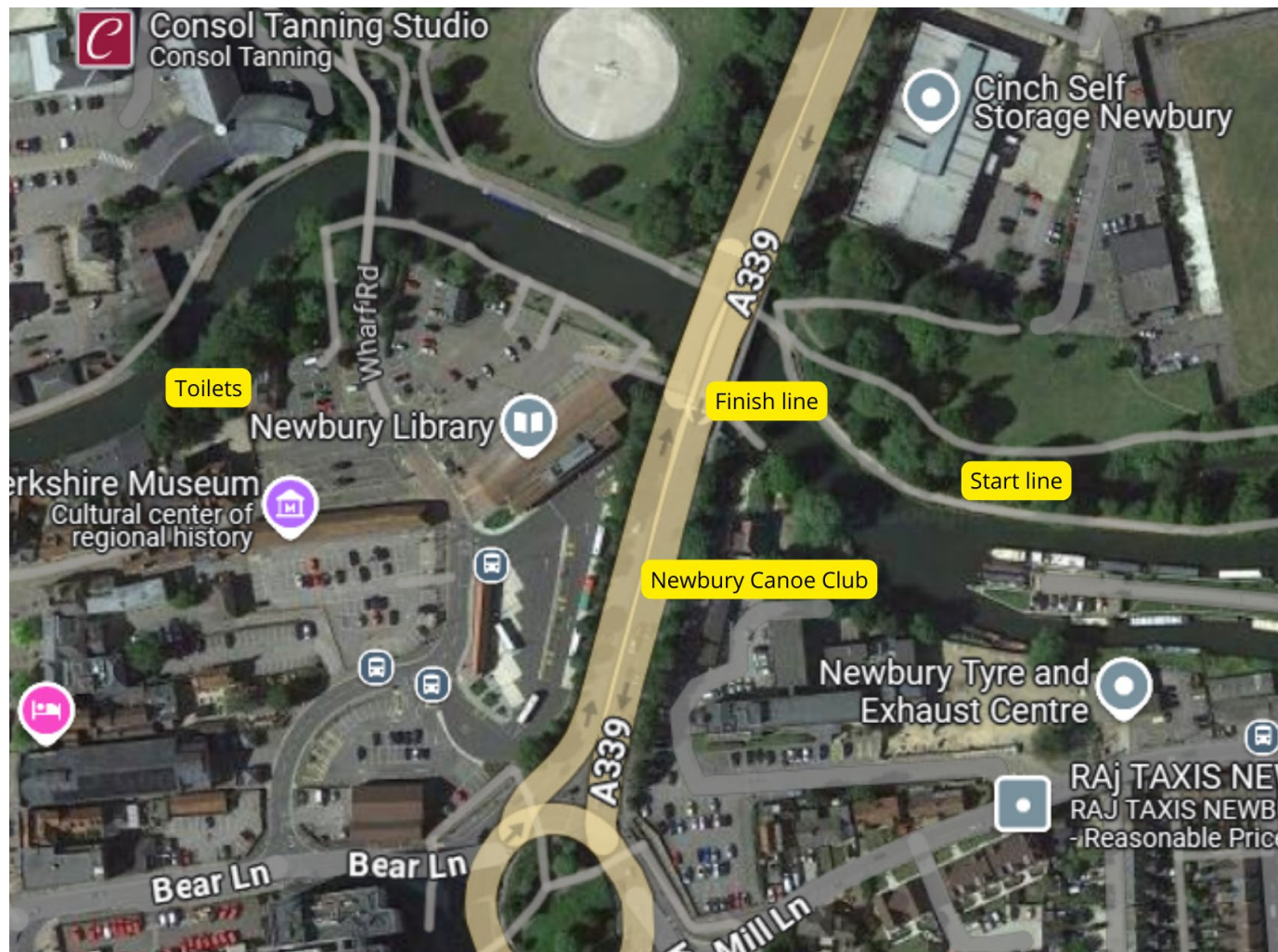
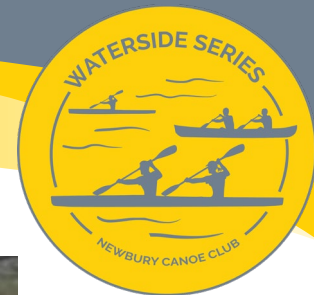
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Changes for 2025

We are not using the Waterside Centre this year

- **Start and Finish**
 - Usual places just past the A339 road bridge
 - Watch out for the weir on the left on the pre-start
- **Newbury Canoe Club – access under A339 road bridge**
 - Paddlers food and drink
 - Changing gazebos
 - Hot drinks and cake for support crews £1
- **Toilets**
 - Public toilets, Wharf car park—free for all paddlers and support crew





Safety 1

Clothing

- All juniors must wear buoyancy aids
- Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn by all competitors

Boat position

- Keep right or centre downstream
- Keep right upstream
 - If you cut the corner coming out of the Aldermaston cut you must keep out of the way of boats coming downstream



Safety 2

LOW BRIDGES

Bulls lock swingbridge – compulsory portage



- Head injuries on low bridges are the biggest cause of traumatic injuries on the series (and DW). If in doubt, portage
- If race officials are concerned you have a concussion injury you may be asked to stop paddling



Safety 3

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Heales lock footbridge (before Woolhampton) – advisory portage

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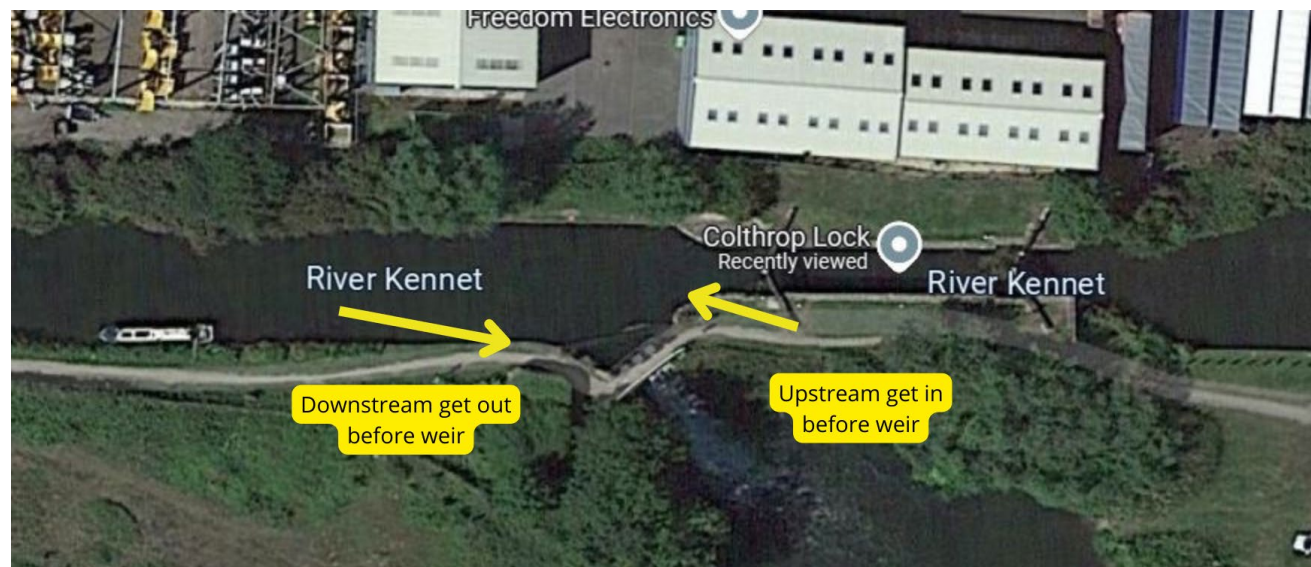




Safety 4

WEIRS / PORTAGES

Colthrop lock (west of Thatcham Station) – compulsory one-way



Downstream get out before weir; upstream get in before weir

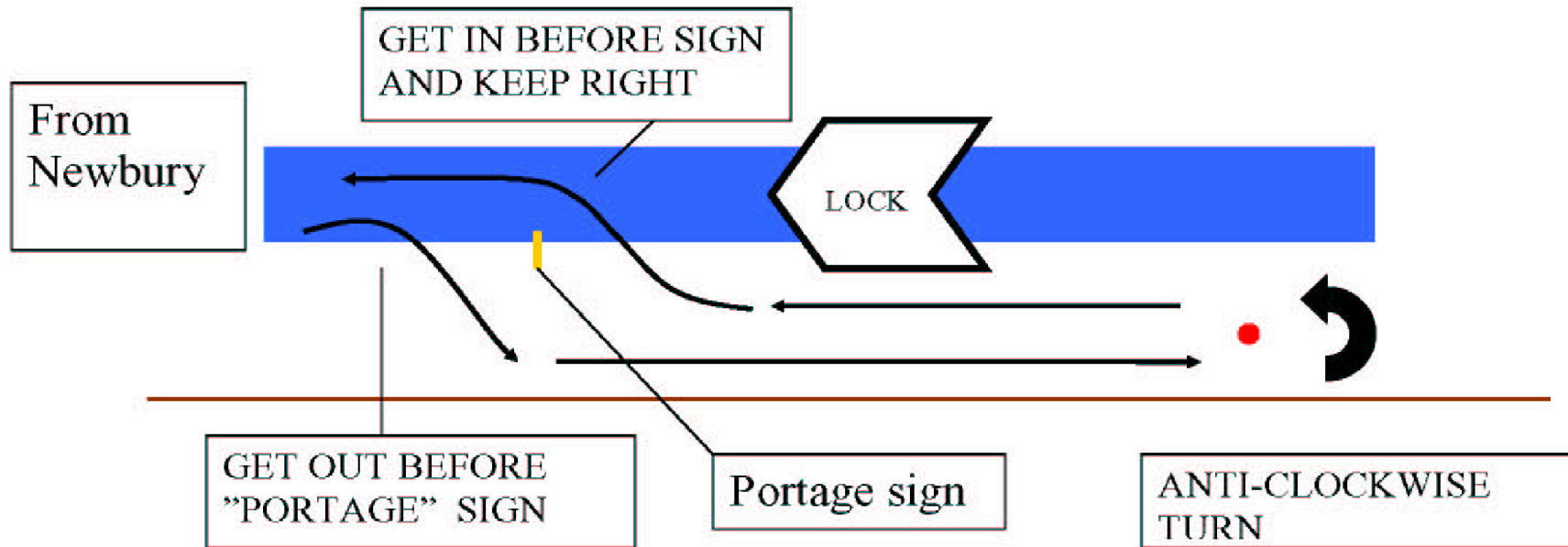
On-way traffic on weir bridge

Listen to marshalls



Safety 5

ALDERMASTON TURN





Safety 6

FINISH

In front of Newbury Canoe Club from 13.00

- The finish is in front of Newbury Canoe Club, before the A339 road bridge
- The finish opens at 13.00. Anybody finishing before this will receive a 13.00 finish time
- There is a weir on the right side across from from the club, so paddle past and do not stop in front of the weir
- Get out is on the far side of the A339 road bridge on the right or left side



Etiquette

PADDLERS

- Do not block portages. Go to the side to eat and drink. This is especially important on the turn.
- It is the duty of overtaking paddlers to keep clear of those being overtaken. This applies on the water, at portages and on the towpath. You are the more capable paddler.
- The public have right of way on the course. Please be considerate to all other users of the course.



Support crews

- Please park legally and considerately
 - Support crew parking is our most significant organisational issue. It is a major risk to us being allowed to run the races
- Do not park where we have placed yellow NO WAITING cones or red/white cones or signs
- Do not block rail level crossings
- Never cross a closed level crossing
- No parking:
 - at the Rowbarge Pub – (Woolhampton) - Patrons only
 - at The Butt Inn – (Aldermaston)
- Crews can be penalised because of support crew behaviour



Thank you

Have a good race!

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