



# Waterside A Briefing

## Great Bedwyn to Newbury

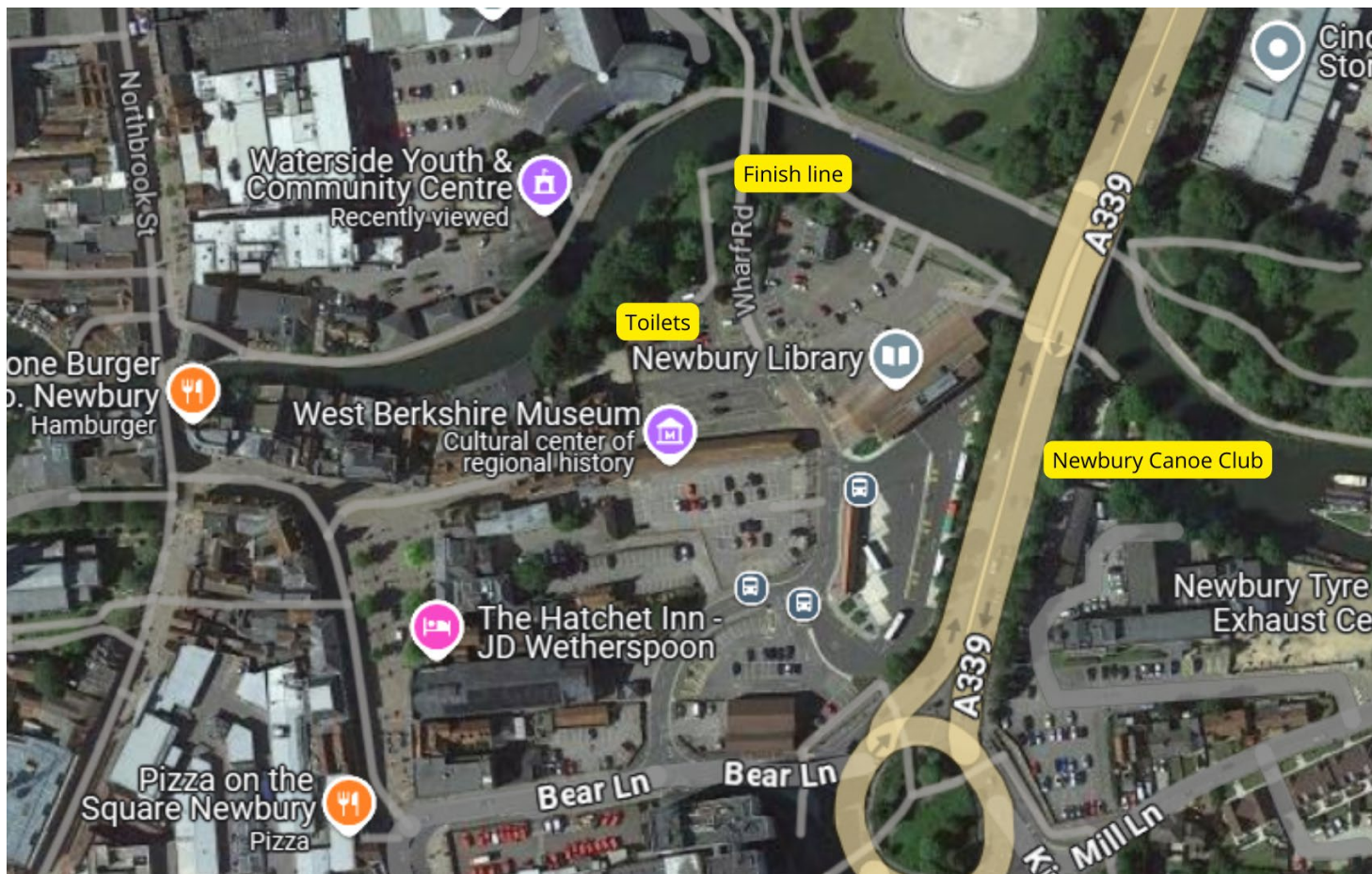
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# Changes for 2025

- We are not using the Waterside Centre this year
- **Finish**
  - The finish is under the right arch of the bridge just after last year's finish line
  - The finish team will be on the right bank
  - Exit your boat on the right bank, or past the weir on the left
- **Newbury Canoe Club – access under A339 road bridge**
  - Paddlers food and drink
  - Changing gazebos
  - Hot drinks and cake for support crews £1
- Toilets
  - Please use the public toilets in the 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

## LOW BRIDGES

- Hungerford Church – advisory portage
- West Mills Newbury – 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 2

## WIERS AND FLOW

- Lock after Kintbury road crossing
  - Keep away from the weir prior to the landing stage
- Cross flow and weir 500m after Hampstead (Marsh Benham) road crossing
  - Keep centre and enter flow with rudder slightly right. Proceed into flow and then maintain centre or right of centre as you pass the weir on left
  - Keep paddling
- Newbury (last lock)
  - Keep centre. Flow will push you from side to side – keep paddling
- After finish
  - Keep away from the weir on the left



# Etiquette

## **PADDLERS**

- 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.
- Do not block portages. Go to the side to eat and drink.
- 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
- Crews can be penalised because of support crew behaviour



# Support crews

## LOCATIONS

- No support access at Little Bedwyn
- Froxfield—maintain passing places
- No access to Dunmill via the A4
  - Go through Hungerford town centre and across the common
- Parking at Kintbury is limited to rail car parks
- Support crews for juniors only at Marsh Benham





**Thank you**

**Have a good race!**

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