

Dee Marathon 2017

Highland Series 3

Sunday 29 October 2017

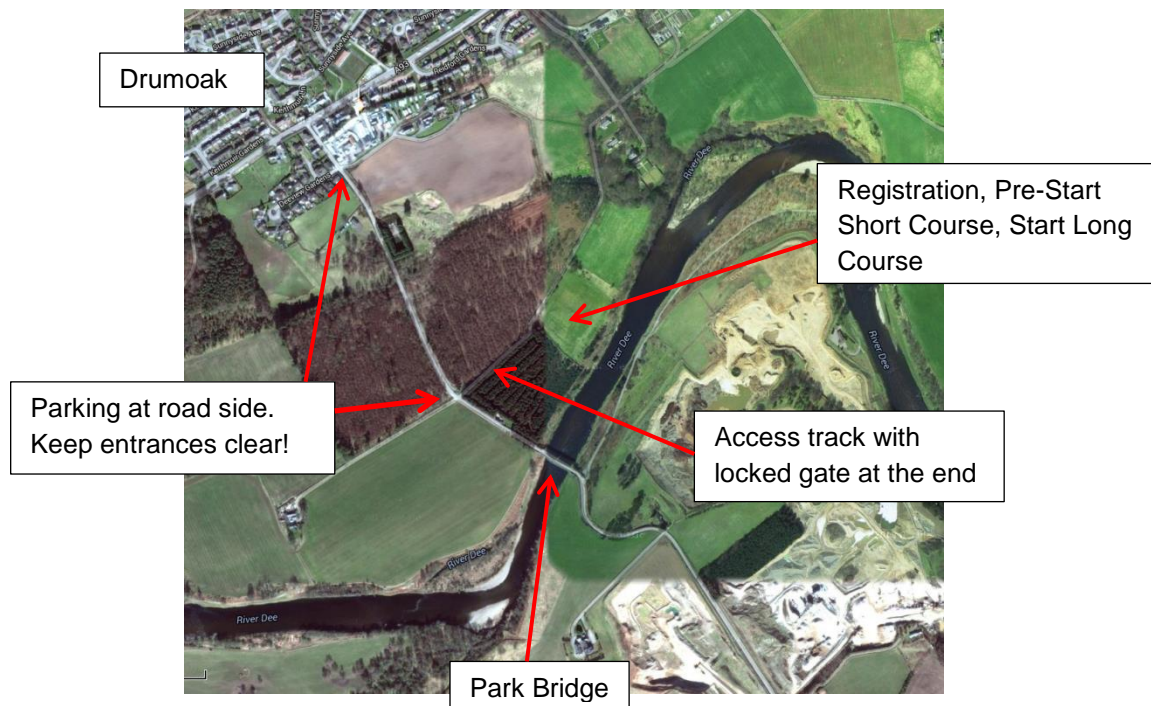
The Highland Series is a club & individual competition that is spread over the 3 Highland Marathon competitions that are held throughout the season. The Dee Marathon is the last in the series and will be held 29 October 2017. The individual paddlers trophy is a half size Claymore (sword) mounted on plinth. The defending champions this year are Nairn CC.

The Dee Marathon is open to all paddlers in any type of canoe or kayak (e.g. K1, K2, Single or double Sea Kayak, Slalom, WWR, General Purpose Plastic, single or double Canadian Canoe or SUP). You can race or you can just enjoy a nice day out on the river.

The Dee marathon is also a BCU Ranking Event. Divisions 1, 2 & 3 do the Long Course, Divisions 4, 5 & 6 do the Short Course and Divisions 7, 8 & 9 do 2 laps of the Mini Course.

Race Information

The registration and start location is the same as last year in Drumoak, see picture below. Directions are at the end of this document. There is limited parking at the side of the road from Drumoak to Park Bridge so please move your car or do the car shuttle as soon as possible. It is a couple of hundred meters from the road to the river. The finish location is the Aberdeen Boat Club.



Long Course – 20 km

All categories except slalom and play boats.

Divisions 1, 2 & 3 for paddlers participating in the BCU Ranking Event.

Start at Drumoak, finish Aberdeen in front Aberdeen Boat Club.

The start is now further upstream and the loop around the bridges in Aberdeen has been removed from the Long Course.

Short Course – 11.5 km

All categories.

Divisions 4, 5 & 6 for paddlers participating in the BCU Ranking Event.

Pre-start at Drumoak, race starts at Maryculter bridge, finish Aberdeen in front Aberdeen Boat Club.

There is no parking for large groups anymore at the Maryculter bridge because construction work for the Aberdeen Peripheral Route has started. There will be a pre-start at Drumoak followed by the start at Maryculter Bridge (Drumoak to Maryculter bridge is 8.5 km). There is the option for a limited number of boats to put in at Maryculter to avoid the long pre-start.

Mini Course – 3 km

Under 14 / Lightnings / Beginners.

Divisions 7, 8 & 9 for paddlers participating in the BCU Ranking Event will do 2 laps of the Mini Course.

Start and Finish at Aberdeen Boat Club.

Start at the Aberdeen Boat Club, downstream round the Torry bridge (bridge before the harbour), upstream past Aberdeen Boat Club, round the railway bridge and downstream back the Aberdeen Boat Club.

Registration

The registration for long and short courses is at the start location of the Long Course in Drumoak.

Registration for the Mini course will be at Aberdeen Boat Club.

Entry fees £10 for the Long and Short Course, £5 for the Mini Course (includes soup, use of shower facilities at Aberdeen Boat Club).

Non-SCA members require a SCA day membership for £5.

Timings

Registration short course 10:00-11:30

Registration long course 10:00-12:30

Race briefing short course 11:30

Pre-start short course 11:45

Race briefing long course 12:30

Note: all car shuttles before the briefing.

Long course start 13:00

Short course start 13:00-ish, after all competitors have arrived from Drumoak

Mini course registration 1330-1400

Mini course start 14:30

Prize giving 15:30

Soup for the competitors at the finish in the Aberdeen Boat Club (included in the entry fee and available at the bar).

You can use the shower and changing room facilities at the Aberdeen Boat Club.

Safety / Equipment

- All competitors must attend the briefing.
- **Buoyancy aids are compulsory for all paddlers** Helmets must be worn by all paddlers in closed cockpit boats.
- All boats must have sufficient buoyancy to support the boat and crew in the event of a capsize. Inherent buoyancy in composite boats is not sufficient to meet this requirement. Additional foam buoyancy or air bags must be fitted. Boats will be inspected before the race.
- Race organisers reserve the right to change the course in adverse weather or river conditions.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the 2016 Dee Marathon please contact Donald Thomson (donald.thomson@uwclub.net).

Directions

Directions to Drumoak for Registration, Start Long Course and pre-start Short Course:

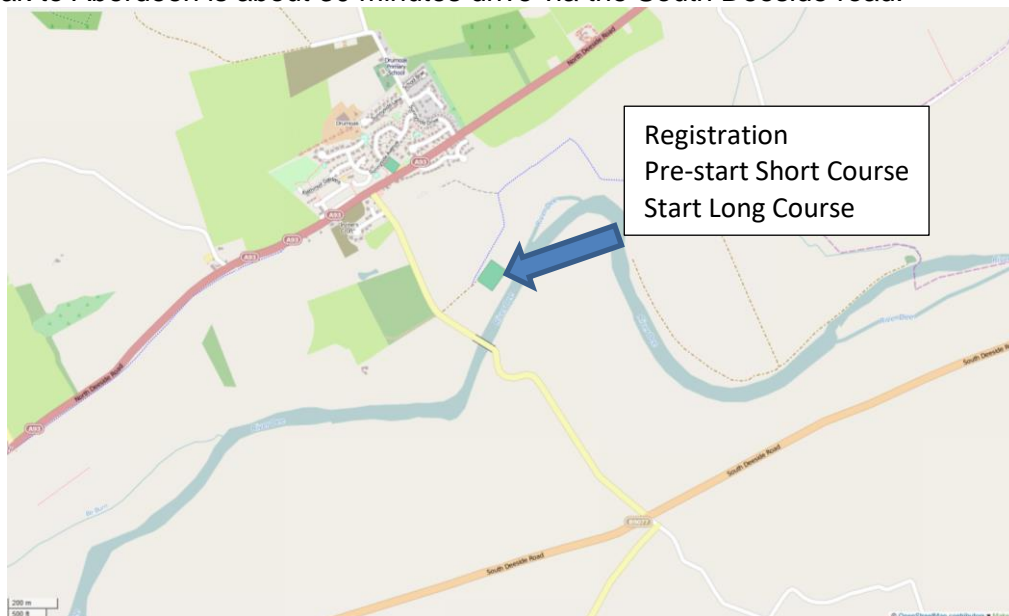
Drumoak, grass field north side of the river.

Coordinates: NO 796 984

From direction Aberdeen, on South Deeside Road B9077, turn right at crossroad after signs for weak bridge / Drumoak, cross bridge, 200m after the bridge there is a single track road - park to unload boats.

From direction Aberdeen, on North Deeside Road A93, enter Drumoak, turn left directly after Irvine Arms bar / sign for Park Bridge, after 600m there is a single track road - park to unload boats.

Drumoak to Aberdeen is about 30 minutes drive via the South Deeside road.



Location Start Short-Course:

Maryculter Bridge



There is a layby north of the bridge that could be used to park to unload, but you need to cross the busy road to access the river.

Location Finish Long and Short Course, Registration, Start/Finish Mini Course:

Aberdeen Boat Club
South Esplanade W
Aberdeen
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