

HAREFIELD WILD WATER RACE

| FURY AT THE WEIR! #2

Date: Saturday 15th November 2025 | **Location:** Rickmansworth Sailing Club, WD3 9YB |
Distance: Approx. 500m (Estimated 5 – 8 minutes racing time) | **Format:** Sprint – Fastest Time Wins | **Entry Fee:** £7 (Juniors & Seniors) | www.thesharks.org.uk



Harefield is Back! After making waves in Thamesmead, Wild Water Racing charges across London for the *next chapter*: **Fury at the Weir!**

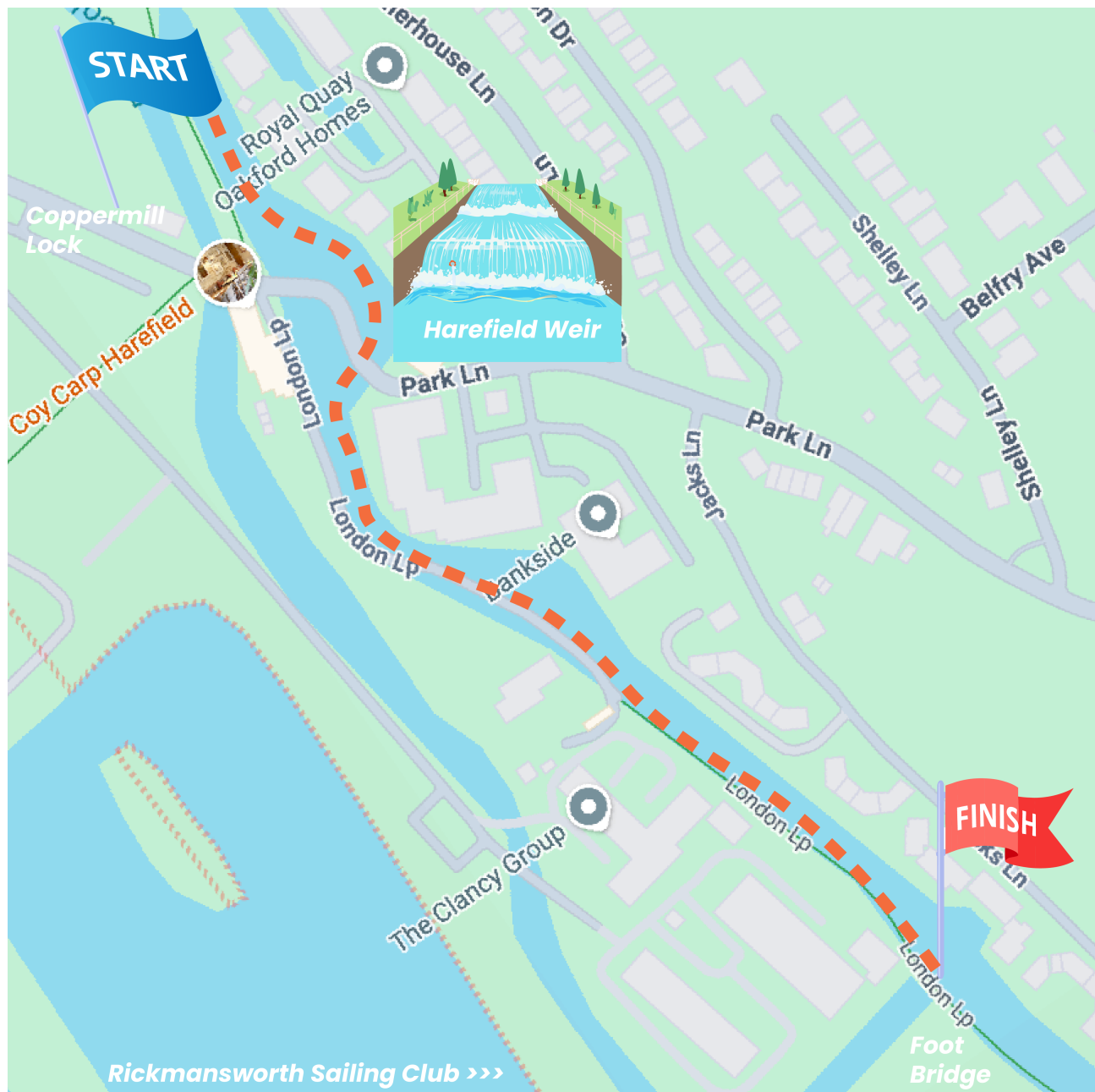
This isn't just another race. It's part of the journey to the **2026 London Championship** — every stroke, every sprint, every surge of white water builds the momentum of something bigger. Whether you're new to the sport, chasing your first medal, or sharpening your speed against the clock, this race is about you. At Harefield, you're not only racing — you're building a legacy that transcends traditional sport:

- Sprint the legendary 500m course from Coppermill Lock to the white footbridge.
- Power through fast-flowing water, tackle waves by the weir, and smash the bridge run.
- Race solo, go doubles, or team up and unleash the wildest trio challenge yet.
- Join a buzzing paddlesport community that's growing with every event.

**THIS IS LONDON PADDLESPORT AT ITS BOLDEST.
BE TENACIOUS. BE DEFIANT. BE LEGENDARY.**

The Race Format:

Starting from Coppermill Lock, unleash Fury at the Weir! Sprint 500 meters through fast water, dive under the road bridge, and charge for the white footbridge finish. Flat-out speed with waves by the weir — perfect for both first-timers and experienced racers.



Sprint Format – multiple runs welcome!

Fastest run counts towards your final time

Your **two fastest runs** will be submitted to the Wild Water Racing Committee

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C2 Wild Water Racers welcome – and encouraged – and if you haven't raced one before, this is your chance to try! It's fast, it's exciting, and it's a brilliant experience. Grab your teammates, rally your club, and get ready for some Wild Water **ACTION!**

Control Opens: 10:00AM | Safety Briefing: 10:30AM | First Runs: 11:00AM

All Craft Welcome!

You don't need to be an expert or own a top-tear boat. We've got you covered:

- **Wild Water Racers / Perception Wavehoppers**
- **Slalom Boats**
- **General Purpose Canoes & Kayaks**
- **SUPs**

All equipment can be borrowed on the day – just turn up and paddle!

Team Runs – Assemble Your Dream Team!

Three paddlers. One mission. Stay together. **Beat the clock.**

Grab two mates, **OR** three C2s, and go head-to-head in the **Team Sprint Challenge!**
It's fast. It's wild. It's seriously good fun.

- To qualify, all three paddlers/craft must finish within 15 seconds of each other.
- Time based on the last team member across the line.
- **Not in a team?** Don't worry. Speak to one of our coaches on the day – we'll help you join or create a team, matching paddlers with different levels of experience. One beginner, one developing paddler, one experienced racer. Everyone gets a chance to learn and shine.

 Win the **Team Trophy** – or just enjoy the ride and soak in the cheers.

Who Can Enter?

Everyone. From complete beginners to confident competitors. This is an open, inclusive event designed to **welcome, challenge, and support** paddlers at every level.

Race Categories:

- **Kayak (K1):** Men / Women / None-binary
- **Canoe (C1):** Men / Women / None-binary
- **C2 (Doubles):** Men / Women / Mixed / None-binary
- **Perception Wavehoppers & None-Composite Crafts.**
- **SUPs (Stand Up Paddle Boards)**
- **Team Runs**

Age Categories

Junior 8 | J10 | J12 | J16 | J18 | Under 23s
Seniors | Masters 35 | M40 | M45 | M50 | M55 | M60
Vets 70 | V80 | V90 | V100+

This is based on your age, from **1st of January** each year.

Prizes & Awards

 **Medals** will be awarded to the fastest paddlers in each **age category and craft**.

 **Trophies** for the overall fastest Men's, Women's, and Non-Binary paddlers in:
Kayak (K1) | Canoe (C1) | Canoe Doubles (C2) | SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard) | Team Event

 **Certificates** for all finishers, including your fastest recorded race time.

 Special shoutout for the **coolest team name** – get creative!

Facilities & Refreshments

- **Parking:** Troy Lake, Rickmansworth Sailing Club, WD3 9YB. From here, paddle down the Troy Cut to the Grand Union Canal, turn left, and follow the water up to the start line at Coppermill Lock.
 - **Boat Drop-Off:** Coy Carp Pub, Copper Mill Lane, Harefield, UB9 6HZ. (Parking at the pub is for customers only and ANPR monitored.)
 - Need a warm drink or a post-race bite? The **Coy Carp Pub**, right next door, serves excellent teas, coffees, cakes, and food — all overlooking the canal and the river as the action unfolds.
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Entry & Payment

- **Entry Fee:** £7 per paddler (includes all classes – race as much as you like!)
- **Payment:** Cash or Card on the day
- Pre-registration & Questions: wwr@thesharks.org.uk

Bank Details

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Account Number: 67417911

Sort Code: 08-92-99

Organiser Details

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Build the Legacy

The **Harefield Wild Water Race 2025** is more than Round 2. It's a bold step toward the future of London paddlesport. Together, we're re-developing the Harefield Slalom site — creating new spaces, building a fresh hut, and shaping a venue that can inspire paddlers for generations.

This isn't just about racing; it's about investing in a long-term paddling hub where clubs, families, and athletes thrive side by side. By taking part, you're not only racing down 500 meters of white water — you're helping rebuild, renew, and reimagine Harefield as a cornerstone of our sport..

Whether you're sprinting for the finish, testing yourself against the weir, or cheering from the riverbank — this is your moment.

Be bold.
Shape the story.
Become the legacy.

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