



The Province of East Kent Freemasons

In Support of The East Kent 2025 Festival

Presents:



The Great East Kent Boat Race!

Information Pack & Rules

The Race

The boat race will commence at 12 noon sharp on Sunday 26th June 2022

Competitors will release their boats into the sea at their chosen launch point:
Sea Front—Herne Bay, Hythe or Minster Leas Beach—Sheerness.

Competitors must report to the Registration desk prior to 12 noon allocating sufficient time for all entrants to register. We suggest that you allow at least 30 minutes prior to the launch time. The registration desk will be situated on or near the beach front. It will be easily recognisable by a flag that will be flying over the desk.

Each boat must have the name that was designated to them clearly printed on the deck of the boat. You can either paint the name on the boat using acrylic or enamel paint or use a waterproof permanent marker. The Registration officers will photograph your boat and send the image to our GPS website. This will record the starting point of your boat and we will be able to log the progress of your vessel during its journey via our camera drones that will be flying over the shorelines each day of the race.

The race will end on Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 12 noon. Our spotters will locate boats around the shoreline of Kent and those boats found will be photographed again to record their finishing point., in addition you will be required to check your mobile device that was paired with your boat GPS tracker and send a screenshot to the website which will determine the distance your boat has travelled since the start.

If we are able to recover your boat we will take it to the harbour master's office and we will inform you by phone or email that it has been recovered. If you wish to collect your boat and keep it for posterity we will store all recovered boats at our harbour masters office until Thursday 30th June 2022.

The Harbour Masters office will be situated in the Provincial mobile display unit that will be sited at the Cornwallis Centre car park in Tovil. Off Courtenay Road Maidstone ME 15 6LF. The office will be open between 9am and 5pm.



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The Race (continued)

Boats can be retrieved from the Harbour Master's office using a 'Click and Collect' process. You should not attempt to arrive without booking your 'Click and Collect' slot first. You can do this by telephoning the Harbour Master Ron Carter on: 07528 306151. He will allocate you a time slot to collect your boat please do not arrive earlier than ten minutes before your time slot.

The announcement of the winners will be posted on the Provincial website on Friday 1st July 2022 and the winners will also be notified by email on the same day.

First Prize: £100. second prize: £75, third prize: £50.

In the event of a tie in each of the winning categories the prizes will be shared.

The decisions of the 2025 Festival committee is final.



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The Boat

Your boat will be supplied in kit form. It is a wooden construction and very simple to assemble. The only thing that you will need is some Acrylic or Enamel paint.

You should not make any modifications to the boat's design, the addition of electric motors/propellers is not permitted. You can decorate the boat in any design that you wish.

You may however, add weights to the hull for extra buoyancy. We will be filming the race from the air to enable us to identify each craft as it makes its journey so make your boat as colourful as possible. Don't forget to paint or write the boat name that you were designated clearly on the deck.

Another tip to remember is that you should paint the whole boat, this will improve its waterproofing and avoid the possibility that your boat sinks due to saturation.

Once you have filled in the entry form and paid your admission fee, we will send you a package containing your boat kit and a set of instructions within seven working days of your completed entry so please make sure that the address that you give is the place where you wish the package to be delivered and that the address details are correct.

Don't worry if your boat does not head out to sea, it is unlikely that your boat will find its way to France. Remember that we are measuring the distance achieved from the launch this could mean that your boat finds its way around the coastline rather than out to sea. We will locate it wherever it ends up unless it is swallowed by a passing whale!

To launch your boat from the beach successfully, you will need to either take a long pole with you and get the boat past the first few waves to ensure that it is not immediately washed to shore or take some wellingtons and wade out to sea for a few metres. Either option will give your boat a good start.

If you need help with anything please call us on 01371 870215.