York Race Committee Report

The 15th annual York Canoe race started successfully with the usual three courses of varying lengths on offer

This was our first year following a 24 month break curtesy of the COVID pandemic, and it was great to see usual numbers of participants, and a lot of familiar faces!

The 2022 event was also special because it is our first year delivering the event in collaboration with British Canoeing, the British Canoeing team were fantastically supportive prior to and during race day!

The 2022 event attracted 71 participants, taking on race distances of 2.5, 5, or 7.5K through the heart of York City center!

The entry field consisted of all types of canoe and kayak (two Stand up Paddleboarders completed the long course!).

Groups from the scouts, special needs centers, recreational paddlers, and experienced tourer/racers were all represented at this truly diverse event!

Everyone finished the event, and the barbeque once again was a great focal point for everyone who loves paddle sport to congregate and reflect on their racing experience!

As usual there were lots of prizes, with hand made wooden canoe trophies and medals awarded in all courses.

York Canoe Race continues to be all about participation in paddlesport, and a celebration of our paddling community, less so about ability (although the courses are always hotly contested at the sharp end!)

We want our event to continue for another 15 years, and to be progressive in terms of entry and format, to do this we need feedback from you! Please provide via our website ‘yorkcanoerace.co.uk’ – contact us!.

Thanks to our sponsors – Illuminate Training for their continued sponsorship ([**WWW.illumin8training.co.uk**](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.illumin8training.co.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7CIan.PUCKRIN%40networkrail.co.uk%7C3b92573810f74cc9e2f308da47b8c63b%7Cc22cc3e15d7f4f4dbe03d5a158cc9409%7C0%7C0%7C637901156175899390%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ScpQ51EqMU1Jh2TpBfLaI3rHjJFV1jjlUqYkOECrA3Y%3D&reserved=0)**)**

Friends of Rowntrees Park for helping with the start location, event parking, toilets etc (rowntreepark.org.uk)

British Canoeing for lots of logistical stuff, advice and the entry system! (www.britishcanoeing.org.uk)

