

York Race Committee Report 2025 Event – 21st. June 2025

The 18th annual York Canoe race started successfully with the usual three courses of varying lengths on offer. Overall the event went really well, with no incidents or accidents reported, and positive feedback from everyone involved.

The tented registration and BBQ area moved back to its usual position just north of the millennium bridge. This year is the first time we have provided porta loos for all competitors and supporters, the loos were well used and promoted positive comments by everyone.

This was the fourth consecutive year supported by British Canoeing in terms of the entry system, insurance and advertising. Robin Hood Watersports and Blu Fin Paddleboards supported the event again in terms of spot prizes and a RO HO gear ten

The British Canoeing team were once again fantastically supportive prior to and during race day, **the 'York Canoe Race' banners really made the event feel more established than ever!**

The 2025 event attracted **81** participants, taking on race distances of 2.5, 5, or 7.5K through the heart of York City center! The weather was more than kind to the 2025 event, with lots of sunshine and temperatures up to 30 degrees, giving the event a real festival feel!

The entry field consisted of all types of canoe and kayak, the number of Stand up Paddleboarders (SUP) continues to increase to **11**.

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,

The barbecue was a great focal point for everyone who loves paddle sport to congregate and reflect on their racing experience! Special mention must go out to the catering team, the BBQ and cakes always forms the focal point for competitors and supporters of the event.

As usual there were lots of prizes, with hand made wooden canoe trophies and medals awarded in all courses, along with the spot prizes from RO HO and Blu Fin.

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 'yorkcanerace.co.uk' – contact us!.

Thanks to our sponsors – Illuminate Training for their continued sponsorship
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Friends of Rowntrees Park for helping with the start location, event parking, toilets etc
(rowntreepark.org.uk)

Paddle UK for lots of logistical stuff, advice and the entry system! (Home of Paddle UK | The NGB for paddling and paddle sport)