

Nithraid 2021 Course Notes and Race Rules

Date:	Saturday 21 st . August
Course:	Glencaple to Mill Green, Dumfries and back.
Pre-race brief:	9.30. Barbour Hall, Glencaple.
Start time:	10.30 BST (+ or – 0.30)
Entry fee:	£15 per boat.
Classes:	Unrestricted sailing dinghy race. Coastal Rowing Assoc. St Ayles Skiffs. Other watercraft
HW Dumfries	1215

Course:

The 2021 Nithraid is a River Race in two parts over a navigable section of the river Nith between Glencaple and Dumfries. Final details of the start procedure will be given at the pre-race briefing. Please refer to the maps posted on the Stove/Nithraid website

Part 1. Glencaple to Dumfries

Start: 1030 at Start Line, Lifeboat Station.

Finish: Dumfries Line between Mill Green Dumfries and Whitesands steps.

Interval for Picnic Lunch on Mill green

Part 2. Dumfries to Glencaple.

Start: 12.45 Dumfries Finish Line

Finish: Start Line, Glencaple Lifeboat Station

Notes:

The Nithraid is being revived after missing two years due to flooding in 2019 and the pandemic last year. Nithraid is a celebration of the river Nith in the life of the community and a regular racing fixture on the national calendar. Please tell everyone you know who may be interested in taking part to contact the organisers.

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Distance, tide and wind:

The distance is 5.25 miles each way. The race will be with the tide in both directions but, please note, one leg is likely to be against the wind.

With the wind assisting it will take sailing boats about 1 hour. Against the wind it could take 2 hours. Normal winds in August are SW.

The incoming tide can be quite strong at Glencaple, care must be taken when launching.

Winner.

There will be winner of each leg of the race in each class: sailing, coastal rowing, and other. There will also be an aggregated winner of both sections.

Safety.

Boat crews must wear buoyancy aids while on the water.

There will be safety boats in attendance.

A competing boat shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger in the absence of a safety boat.

Race start times.

Because of the strength of the flood tide the start will be a staggered running start with a time taken as each boat crosses the start line. Details will be confirmed at the briefing. Times below are for guidance. Crews will leave their boats ready for launching at the slipway then come up to the briefing where numbers and other details will be given out.

Sailing vessels:	1030
Others:	1045
Coastal Rowing Assoc	1100

return

Sailing vessels	1230
Others	1245
Coastal Rowing	1300

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Nithraid Racing Rules:

General: There are likely to be concentrations of competing boats at the start, finish and at bridges. The river is a restricted space so please let common sense and good sportsmanship prevail. Normal racing rules apply and:

1. When in proximity to sailing vessels all other boats are considered as 'powered' and must give way if on closing courses.
2. All vessels approaching each other on reciprocal courses must pass port-to-port.

Sailors: There are no marks on the course.

1. Normal racing rules apply between sailing boats.
2. A sailing boat being passed by a powered vessel must not change course unless tacking of necessity, and if so, shall hail or signal the overtaking boat of its intention to tack in advance.
3. A sailing boat overtaking a powered boat may pass either side and must hail them in advance.
4. A sailing boat that is rowing will become a powered vessel while rowing.

Coastal Rowing and Other boats:

1. Boats may pass either side of each other. An overtaking boat must hail the boat ahead in advance.
2. A boat being overtaken must not alter course to avoid or block being passed.

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Start/Finish Line – Mill Green, Dumfries



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Start/Finish Line – Glencaple



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Full Race Course

