

Nithraid 2023.

Competitors' Confirmation.

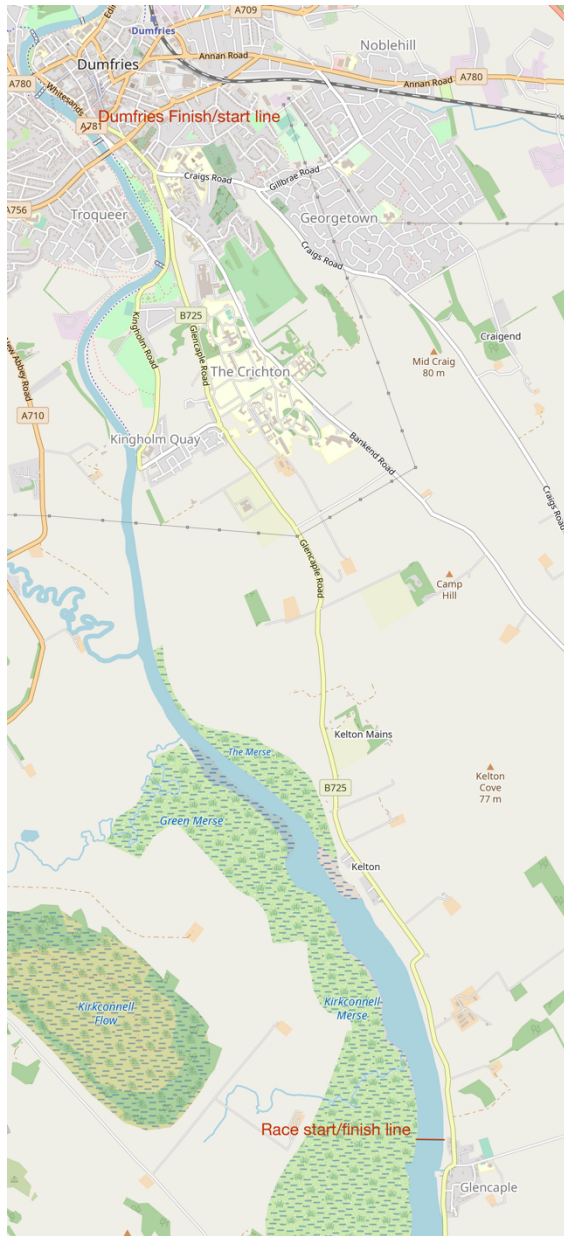
Welcome to the 10th Anniversary of Nithraid.

Confirmation of Entry

Thank you for entering Nithraid. We look forward to seeing you at Glencaple on 2nd Sept!

Please arrive early to allow time for unloading all the boats and minimise traffic disruption.

Please read the notes below.



Competitors' notes

Nithraid 2023 is over two legs; the first leg upstream from Glencaple to Dumfries, and the return leg back to Glencaple. The race will be run over the high-water period and will have the tide with it in both directions.

Please read the Course Notes in Rules and Schedule via the below link:

<https://thestove.org/nithraid/>

The course is 5 miles in each direction.

Sailing vessels please note:

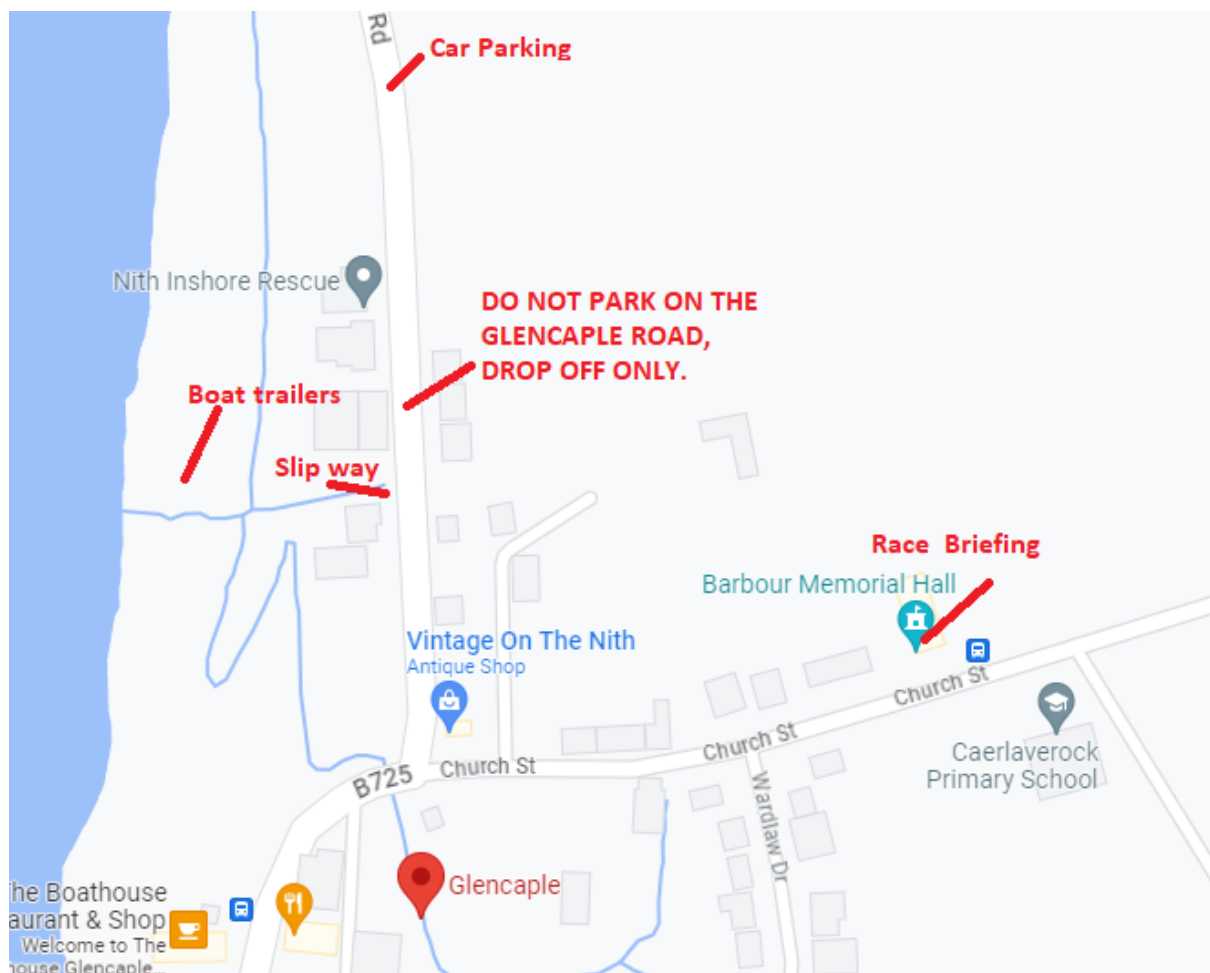
There are three bridges in Dumfries with a minimum clearance of about 14ft. Sailing boats must make provision to drop their masts or capsize to pass safely under.

Winds tend to follow the river, either upstream or down, especially in the more sheltered upper stretches.

If you intend on leaving your boats overnight, please do not leave them on the river bank edge the night before. There is a very high tide expected the night prior to Nithrais and we cannot guarantee that they won't be swept away. So please leave them in the Parking field identified on the map.

Location:

Glencaple



Launch

Access to the slipway at Glencaple is tight and the road is narrow. Boat trailers will be unhooked from vehicles in the road and manhandled by their crews to the area marked 'Boat Trailers' on the map. Towing vehicles must be removed immediately the trailer is unhooked and parked at the field opposite the Nith Inshore Rescue Station, The entrance to

the field can be found 100 yards before the slipway on the Glencaple road. Please do this quickly and follow the stewards' instructions. Vehicles left in the road simply hold up the procedure for everyone else.

Clothing etc. can be left at the hall which will be locked during the race.

Race Briefing will be at the Barbour Memorial Hall at 12:00hrs. It must be attended by at least one person from each boat.

Race numbers will be provided at the briefing. They must be displayed and easily visible for the race timers at the start and finish.

Cargo. At the briefing, each boat will be given a cargo of a signal flag which, after they have crossed the finish line, must be delivered to a steward at a position above the finish line on the western bank. Flags will be taken and flown on the suspension bridge as part of the spectacle. Flags may be flown on the vessels if possible.

Launch and Start.

Start times and order will be confirmed at the briefing.

Free Soup and hot drinks will be available for competitors before the race, we advise competitors bring their own water bottle to keep with them whilst racing.

The Boat House cafe, in Glencaple will also be open to buy refreshments.

Boats will be launched from the slipway or from the merse at Glencaple.

Once launched, boats can make their way to the start line at the Nith Inshore Rescue station in their own time. It will be a running start with each boat being timed over the course to the finish line in Dumfries. The finish line in Dumfries will be above the suspension bridge between a set of steps on the western bank and a point on the eastern bank. It will be clearly marked.

Dumfries



After completing the first leg, boats may moor along the Mill Green, on the left of the map, above the Cargo Drop-off, so that crews can rest or take lunch over the High Water period. Food will be available to buy at the Robert Burns Film Cinema.

Boats should have their own means of tying up to mooring pegs set along the Mill Green. The river bank is being rewilded currently but we have trimmed back the foliage at the steps near the finish line for competitors to get out of their vessels as well as the slipway at the Robert Burns Center. We ask that you jump out of the boats at these points and pull them along to the mooring steaks at the centre of the park filling out from the middle to make way for the other boats that follow. Kayaks can be carried out from the slipway or the steps.

Second leg.

Boats can start the return leg of the race in their own time to take best advantage of the tide. There should be plenty of time over high water at Dumfries to change crews or even have lunch at the Mill Green.

Race Timing: Boats will be timed over both legs and the final result of the race will be calculated by an aggregate of the times over both legs. This is not a simple exercise. We have a new timing system which relies on satellite connection between the start and finish and which, although working perfectly in test conditions, is experimental.

Even though the event is principally a celebration of our beautiful river, we are also keen to include a competitive and sporting element and we will do our best to give accurate results based on overall times. Entrants can bring their own timing devices as a back-up.

We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd Sept. Good luck and a following wind to all competitors.

The Nithraid Team.