

## **Scottish Coastal Rowing Nith Race 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

### **After the Carrick Exciseman's BBQ/Hog roast**

### **Boats and crews will leave in convoy for Dumfries/Glencaple**

La Malouine might not be there but there is good accommodation at the Nith Hotel on 01387 770213

Meet on Glencaple pier

Briefing in Nith Hotel 12.30 to allow for a lie in

Race start 14.00 to 14.30-----High water Dumfries 15.30

Distance 6 miles

The idea is to watch the bore (tidal wave often 1 metre high) coming up the Nith over a mug of coffee and a bacon roll followed by the briefing, put all boats onto the sand before the rising tide.

All boats to be south of pier (start line) before start, this is the hard bit as there will be a 4 mile an hour tide running, start order by handicap, slowest crews first at 30 sec intervals, timed as they cross the start line.

This year crews will carry samples of the cargos which used to be brought into Dumfries which will be delivered to a pontoon mid river when finished time will be recorded.

The skill in the Nith race is to read and navigate the river to gain the most advantage from the tide which runs strongly to the Kingholm Quay then weakens to Dumfries town centre.

The handicapping should allow all crews to be in close proximity on reaching the 3 bridges before the finish, as in 2013 the site of 3 crews side by side going through the 3 arches of the St Michaels Street Bridge on a sprint to the finish was a sight to be seen.

Crews can rest at the steps or pontoons before cruising in company down river to the Kingholm Quay or Glencaple for lift out, if crews are willing we would like to encourage anyone interested in St Ayres rowing to try out rowing at the Kingholm Quay.

At the Swan, after lift out where crews can change clothes, and warm up in front of log fire followed by the presentation of a special presentation bottle of whiskey to every crew taking part plus prizes for the winning crews, then anyone wishing can join in a group meal.

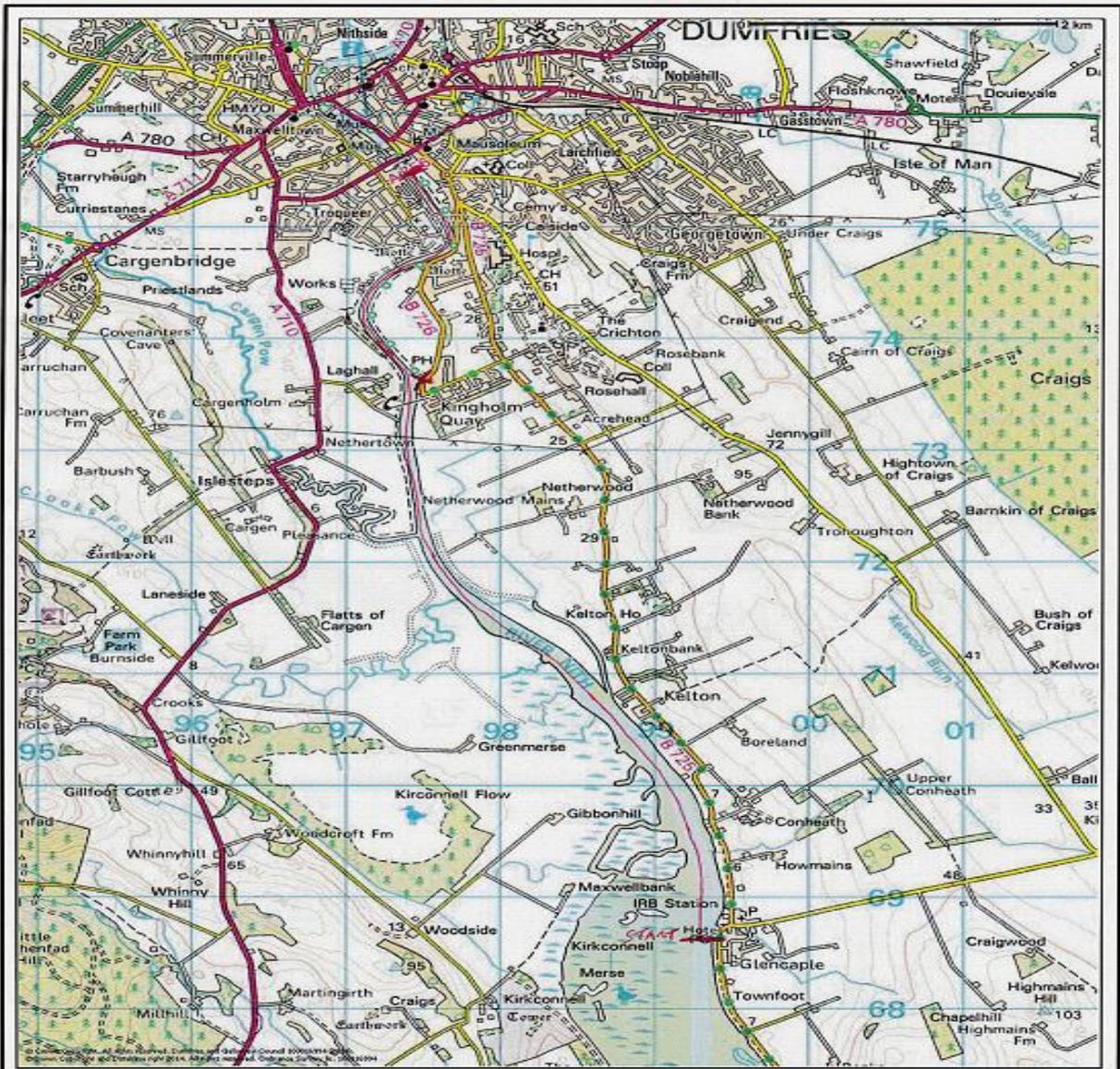
In 2013 the fastest crew covered the 6 miles with tide assistance in 54 minutes.

It would be greatly appreciated if crews could give us confirmation of intent to take part by email to [roykerr@ymail.com](mailto:roykerr@ymail.com) or telephone 07801 321 457 as soon as possible.

There will be no charge for this event but a donation to Nith Rescue would be appreciated.







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