



Royal Club Nautique de Sambre & Meuse 1862 a.s.b.l.

Jumelé avec le Club Aviron Sedanais - France le 1^{er} août 2004

Sunday 21st of August 2011

**27th Marathon Outing Down
the Upper Meuse**



Félicien Rops

The Royal Club Nautique de Sambre & Meuse organizes on Sunday the 21st of August 2011 the 27th Marathon Outing Down the Upper Meuse.

This is a pleasant one-day outing of 33.8 km (21 miles) on the Upper Meuse (Belgium) following the Félicien Rops'way. This name was given as homage to the club founder who pretended, in 1862, that rowing was the fastest way to link the cities of Namur and Dinant. There were indeed no highway nor lock at the time...

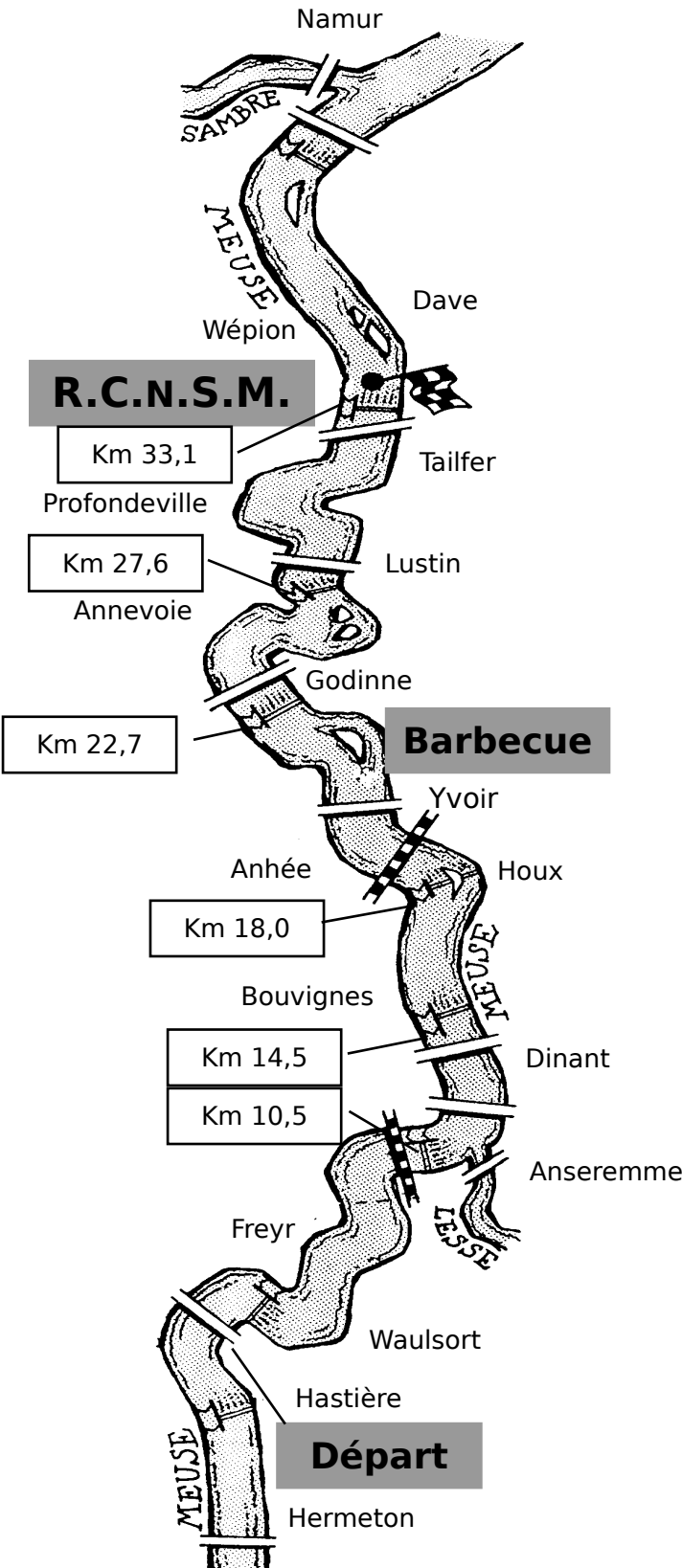
Rigging starts at 8.00 am at Hastière bridge, from where we depart at 9.00 am precise. Latecomers will join the outing at Anseremme. It is recommended to unload the boats at the starting point the day before the outing. A coach will take rowers at Wépion at 7h30 to go to Hastière.

Going down the Meuse, we will pass between cliffs and forests. We shall see Freyr castle (km 7.5) at its most impressive seen from the river. We shall then row through the city of Dinant (where saxophone was invented) where we can admire its citadel and the bulb-shaped bell tower of its collegiate church.

After the fourth locks, at Houx (km 18) we stop for a barbecue on the island of Yvoir (km 21.2) where the RCNSM catering team awaits us (wine, beers and other)

We leave the island of Yvoir at 1.00 p.m. and quietly pass through Yvoir (km 22.8), Rivière (km 27.8) and Tailfer (km 32.8) locks.

We should reach the RCNSM clubhouse in Wépion at around 6.00 pm, where beers and supper will be served.





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Some useful information

Number of participant

The number of participating boats is limited to 35. The number of participant at the barbecue is limited to 175.

Security

Only team boats are allowed (2-, 2+, 4-, 4+ and 8). For practical reasons, the organisers reserve the right to limit the number of participating 8 (locks!).

Each boat must have a scoop and a paddle with hook.

We pass through 7 locks during the outing. While the wash is quite limited, every boat must be able to bail out and must follow the outing captain's orders.

Accommodation

Several hotels around Namur and Dinant provide accommodation. Their addresses are easily found on the internet. We very strongly suggest to book early.

For this 27th Outing Down, special awards will be given to the most ec-centric crew and boat.



Registration

Registrations on the form provided should be received **by the 11th of August 2011.**

- By post: to the Club address, rue des Pruniers, 11, B-5100 Wépion, Belgium
- By e-mail: lambertloulou@gmail.com

Fees

- Outing: 12.00 Euros
- Barbecue: 20.00 Euros
- Outing + barbecue: 30.00 Euros

Pay by cash before boarding

- Evening meal: Pay in the evening.

What if you don't want to row?

For most of the outing, the old towpath has been transformed into a safe cycle path. It is therefore possible to follow the outing, as bank party, on bicycle (also providing the possibility to swap from bike to boat).

Non-rowers are expected to register for the barbecue and evening meal before the 11th of August 2011, if they want to eat!

Please, tell us if you have particular dietary needs.

If you want even more information

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