

**Merkinch & South Kessock Northern Night Cup Round 2**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
**INVOC Level D Event**



**Welcome to Round 2 of the Northern Night Cup on a brand new area!**  
**Proceeds from this event will be shared with Friends of Merkinch Local Nature Reserve**

**Terrain or Planner's Comments:** A new 1:4000 map with two contrasting halves: parkland & dense woods within the Merkinch Local Nature Reserve, leading onto a network of alleyways, fences, walls & dead ends in the exciting urban terrain of Merkinch & South Kessock. There is less than 5m height gain anywhere, the area is pan flat. Map scale 1:4000 with 2.5m contour intervals.

**Directions:** Event centre will be the old Ferry Ticket Office at the end of Kessock Road. NH655472  
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**Parking:** There will be 3 car parks available (marked P on map below), all being along Kessock Road. Furthest car park is 500m from event centre. Plenty space for bike parking and the No.3 bus takes you right to the event centre.



**Car park overview**

**Courses:** As usual for NNC, there will be one long course with maximum technical difficulty, and a short course with slightly less technical challenge. Distances TBC. We will also offer a “Night Novice Course” which doesn’t count towards the NNC. This course will feature about 10 controls and involve about 2.5km of running.

**Registration:** from 1745

**Starts:** 1800 to 1900. Start times will not be pre-allocated, turn up when you are ready.

**Courses close:** 2000

**Safety:** Be prepared for running in pitch-black woods, then streets. All competitors must wear a high vis reflective top. Spare torch & whistles also required and mobiles strongly recommended at all NNC events. See separate note about U16 runners on the Long course below.

**Missing cut off times.** Failure to return by the 8pm cutoff causes safety problems and inconvenience. We appreciate that this sometimes occurs accidentally. Nonetheless clubs reserve the right to ask any competitor who misses the 8pm cutoff to enter a shorter course or to start nearer 6pm at subsequent Northern Night Cup events.

**Shadowing and Juniors.** Important note - the long course crosses roads with significant traffic. Therefore anyone under 16 on the day of the event must be accompanied by an adult if running on the long course. This does not apply to the other two courses. Note that anyone under the age of 14 MUST be accompanied on the course by an adult unless the parent/guardian can convince the organizer of the young orienteer's proven competence at night orienteering. Adults shadowing juniors on the Night Novice course can run competitively on the Short/Long afterwards. If you shadow a junior on the Short/Long you should declare yourself non-competitive to the organiser if later running one of those courses.

**Pre-entry Information:** SIEntries close 2359 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**Entry fees:**

Seniors (Members/Non –Members): £8/£9

Juniors/Students (Members/Non –Members): £4/£5

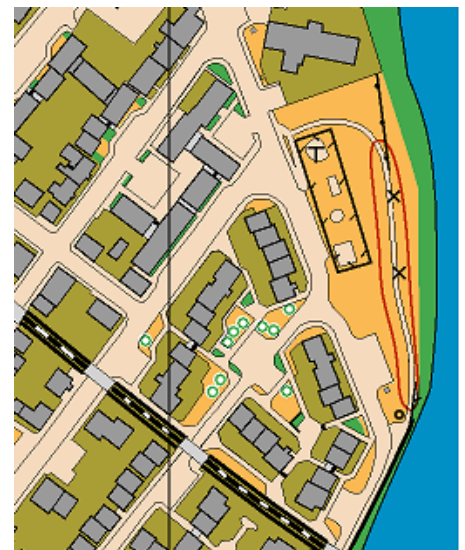
Sportident Hire fee: £1

**Toilets & First Aid:** available in the old Ferry Ticket Office.

**Planner & Organiser:** Johannes Petersen

**SI Lead:** Jim Finlayson

**Safety Sign-off:** Jacquie Laird



Map Excerpt

**BY TAKING PART IN THIS EVENT YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Registration information will be recorded on computer
2. Photographs and / or name(s) may appear on our website or in the media. We will seek permission where this involves young people.
3. Competitors are responsible for their own personal safety and for assessing their own abilities to complete the course. [Please seek advice at the registration desk on the day if you are unsure of whether the course you are entering is appropriate].

4. Event results will be published on the Internet and sent to British Orienteering.