



March 2019 newsletter

General Notices

Saturday 13th April river clean-up, let's do our bit for the environment.

We would love as many volunteers from our normal club session taking part, a chance to paddle those bigger boats and our club canadian canoe! We aim to have two teams, right hand and left hand banks working their way down from the town weir. Plastic bags will be supplied, please bring your own rubber gloves and a prong if you have one. The losing team with the least amount of rubbish collected buys the coffee. We are looking for two team captains.

Canoe Club rules have been updated. These will be incorporated into BOARC club members hand book. Please see rules at the end of this newsletter.

The circuit training is now finished. We had over 500 attendees, but not all at once! On average 27 members per session. Many thanks to James and Tom for putting us through the mill and knocking us all into shape! The profit made from the subs paid, will be used for our equipment fund.

Good luck to our paddlers in this year's 2019 DW Race.

On Saturday 20th April, club members James and Richard Lewis senior K2, Ben Makin and Barry Hill, veteran K2 and Nigel Unwin and Kieron Blackburn, veteran K2 (from Newbury CC ex BOA) will embark on the gruelling 125 mile Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race. Most of you will know what this means, but for those that don't it is an annual international race starting on the Kennet & Avon canal at Devizes and finishing on the River Thames under Westminster Bridge. They will be racing straight through the night and will finish early on Sunday morning.

We wish all our paddlers taking part the very best and good luck. You can track their progress during the race. For further information visit: <http://dwrace.co.uk/> Dave and Kath will be manning the Pewsey check point on the Friday and Saturday of the race, two of the 300 + volunteers required to run the event. Give them a wave.

Good luck to Tom Simmons taking part in this year's London Marathon.

Tom has been training hard for the past 3 or 4 months on a daily basis. He is expected to finish in well under three hours.



Junior Racing Programme - Here we go! This month we have started a Junior Racing Programme or JRP for short! This is for our youngest paddlers who are showing racing potential and who have demonstrated lots of enthusiasm and commitment to training - especially in the winter. We plan to support Barney, Dan, Geordan and Oskar with a dedicated coaching programme. This will be delivered by a small number of coaches who will get to know them well and help them progress. Who knows perhaps we will have another Gold medal winner one day! It won't all be hard work though especially in the summer when water pistols may be a regular feature of training sessions - so be warned 😊

BOACC Club Kit.

See Mike.

New stock - BOACC crew tops (hoodies) £30.00 – Sizes: **S, M, L and XL**

New stock - Black BOACC Fleece Hats £8.00 – Size S/M (from mid-February)

New stock - Red BOACC Sport caps £8.0 (from mid-February)

Red BOACC tee shirts £5.00 only S and 12/13 sizes.

Black BOACC tee shirts mainly large only a few left. - £5.00)

For the BOACC racing vests, various sizes see [James Escott](#).

A reminder - preventing damage to club boats when sitting in them on dry land we would like all paddlers to use the measuring sticks in the boat house to set up their seat and foot rest positions. The measuring sticks are marked in centimetres, measure from the centre of the foot rest to the front edge of your seat. For advice on setting up your ideal position speak with a member of the committee.

Saturday 26th April Canoe Taster session 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, part of our aim to attract new members. We would welcome up to 9 volunteers to help out. Tasks to include:

River bank duty: consent forms, taking donations, marshalling boats, fitting & checking buoyancy aids, boat handling & safety instruction. **Min. 3 persons.**

On the water: safety and rescue. **Min. 4 persons.**

Refreshments tea, coffee, soft drinks and a cake stall. **Min. 2 persons.**

Easter Monday 22nd April – for an hour we would welcome 4 or 5 volunteers to help round up ducks, from the annual BOA town duck race. Please contact Simon K who will be coordinating this.

We welcome any articles / reports, photos, canoes and canoeing equipment for sale etc.! Just send / email Vicky: vixieswallow@gmail.com,



Weekly Training Sessions

Our regular Wednesday evening club session will start up again on 10th April for McKeever and Packhorse groups and the 24th April for Barton group.

We aim to be on the water by 6pm. Please arrive by 5.30pm. Tom and James will be organizing the training programme. We will have a duty rota system in place for our Barton Group on 24th April.

The last running session will be Monday 1st April.

More information on the summer training program and time trial dates will follow.

Training Groups:

Groups will be based on handicaps from 5km TT. (If you are yet to do a 5km TT please speak to Tom or James so that you can be put in the correct group).

Groups and coaches	Handicap
Barton (Rota)	60-41
Packhorse (John Escott/Harry Stevens)	40-15 (Maybe split into two depending on numbers)
McKeever (Tom/James/Rob)	14-0

Events Reports

Thameside 1 is another supposed warm up race for the Devizes to Westminster. Taking place on the bottom section of the canal, starting at Aldermaston Wharf and finishing at Reading Canoe Club. Making the race 12 miles with 12 portages. Only 1 crew from the club took part with Escott/Lewis finishing 3rd in the Senior Mens K2.

Thameside 2 is the 2nd Thameside and Runs 18 miles from Reading Canoe Club to Longridge Canoe Club. Only 1 crew from the club took part with Escott/Lewis finishing 4th in the Senior Mens K2



Waterside B is the 2nd race in the waterside series and is 18miles with 19 portages, starting at Newbury heading down to Aldermaston and finishing back at Newbury. It was a very windy day with gusts of up to 50mph making for some very demanding conditions. Club results were:

Escott/Lewis 7th Senior K2

Escott/Missen 3rd Veteran K2 (1st Masters)

Unwin/Blackburn 10th Veteran K2

Cambray/Raymond 15th Veteran K2

Waterside C is the 3rd race in the waterside series and is 23miles with 35 portages, starting at Pewsey Wharf and finishing at Newbury. On a beautiful day in March 2 crews from the club took part with the results below:

Escott/Lewis 8th Senior K2

Unwin/Blackburn 13th Veteran K2

Axe Race 2019

After being cancelled for the last couple of years due to bad weather the Axe Race went ahead in 2019 on a lovely sunny day in March.

BOACC was represented by K1's, K2's a Wild Water Racer and....a play boat!!

The Axe Race is a very relaxed affair and for anyone who is interested its' 1/25th of the DW distance. I mention this because in my book 1/25th of DW is plenty - especially i would imagine if you are paddling a play boat - well done Dave you proved that at BOACC we can paddle ANY boat and paddle it well 😊

John K (WWR) and James M (K1) came first in their categories. I think i came almost last but had a nice day out anyway!

i believe there may need to be a stewards enquiry regarding our K2 competitors though. The story goes (or so I've heard) that Mike and Kevin **technically** beat Stan and Hannah by two lengths BUT some creative thinking (or skullduggery?) by Stan saw Hannah jumping out of the boat onto the pontoon, running past Mike and Kevin's boat and sprinting to the finish with their tag just ahead of them. to come in first. Definitely one for the race officials I think!



All in all a great day - thanks to John K for taking some of our boats.



Racing Calendar

Date	Event
Sunday 7th April	Waterside D Devizes to Newbury. 34 miles 35 portages
19th-22nd April	Devizes to Westminster
12th May	Tamar Hasler Race
26th May	Lower Exe Hasler Race
8-9 June	Bradford Race Weekend



British Canoeing affiliation No.123 South West Region.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON CANOE CLUB RULES

Please read, understand and apply the following guidance.

Please also read in conjunction with the BOARC club members handbook

- 1) Buoyancy aids must be worn by all novice and novice junior members, (being of div 9 - 6 standard, juniors being those under 18 years).
- 2) Buoyancy aids **must** be worn by **all paddlers when on the water in the dark.**
- 3) All juniors irrespective of experience to wear buoyancy aids between October and March to tie in with the dates the BST ends and begins.
- 4) Lights **must** be worn by all paddlers when on the water in the dark. Please paddle with a light that does not dazzle others on the water.
- 5) All novice and Junior paddlers **will not be permitted to paddle on the river** when the water level is up to the first step on the club landing stage. All other experienced paddlers do so at their own risk.
- 6) In the event of a localized thunder and lightning storm all paddlers **are advised** to get off the water as quickly as possible and seek proper shelter.
- 7) During the winter period, cold weather and exhaustion can lead to hyperthermia and clothing must be appropriate for the conditions.
- 8) Navigation, **all canoeists must keep** to the correct side of the river to enable safe use of the water for all. Keeping to the right side of the river which ever direction is being taken is essential. Clear verbal warnings are necessary to advise Rowing crews and other paddlers of approaching hazards.
- 9) Club boats and equipment must not be taken away from the club without first making a request to a member of the canoeing section committee. *It will be confirmed if your request can be met.* This request should be emailed well in advance to Mike or James as Commodore and Vice Commodore, as per current policy. **Booking of boats for**



specific competitions can only be made 10 days in advance of the date of the event. Preference will be given to crew boats that contain club members.

- 10) Club boats must not be used to shoot weirs. Club boats may not be taken abroad without adequate insurance and/or acceptance of full responsibility for its return in good condition.
- 11) Damage done to club boats whilst in use must be repaired by the member responsible within a week of it occurring or a £50 fee towards the boat being repaired by a third party will be charged. This is irrespective of the extent of damage, accepting that even small areas of damage can take considerable time and trouble to repair.
- 12) Seats, foot bars etc. should not be removed or swapped between club boats. On no account should club boats have fittings removed to use in private craft.
- 13) Measuring sticks must be used to set up seat and foot rest positions in club boats.
- 14) Buoyancy Aids and paddles owned by the club will at all times be retained at the club and not removed to be used as personal equipment or stored elsewhere.
- 15) Personal boats may be stored at the club to a maximum of two per full member at the discretion of the Commodore and subject to payment of a racking fee and subject to availability of racking.

Please note the vast majority of this is not new policy but has been in place for some time, we would just like it to be brought to everyone's attention to help the club run more smoothly and avoid conflicts.

Your committee members are:-

Mike Purchas - Commodore mike@purchas.co.uk

James Escott- Vice Commodore escottboa752@gmail.com

Tom Simmons tom15simmons@gmail.com

Vicky Knee vixieswallow@gmail.com

Stan Missen sjmba@gmail.com



Derek Mckeever Membership Sec. derekmckeever@live.co.uk -

MDP 09/03/2019