



The Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race

Statement by the Race Directors

Tuesday 29th June, 2021

**A statement by the Directors of the Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race,
following today's conclusion of the inquest into the death of Tim Jones.**

The death of Tim Jones, a competitor in the 2019 edition of the Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race ("DW"), was the first race-time fatality in the over 70-year history of the event.

Everyone associated with the race felt a profound sense of shock at Tim's tragic death.

As Directors of the DW Race Organisation we extend our sincere condolences to Tim's family and friends.

We are grateful to the Coroner, who has recognised the wide-ranging and extensive measures we undertake to safeguard the many hundreds of competitors who take part every year.

As the Coroner has stated, Tim's death was an accident and no blame is apportioned to the DW Race Organisation or to anyone else involved with the race.

The Coroner has made a number of observations and we will be reviewing these closely over the coming months as part of our continuous drive to ensure a safe event.

Tom Armitstead, Chairman, DW Race Organisation

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