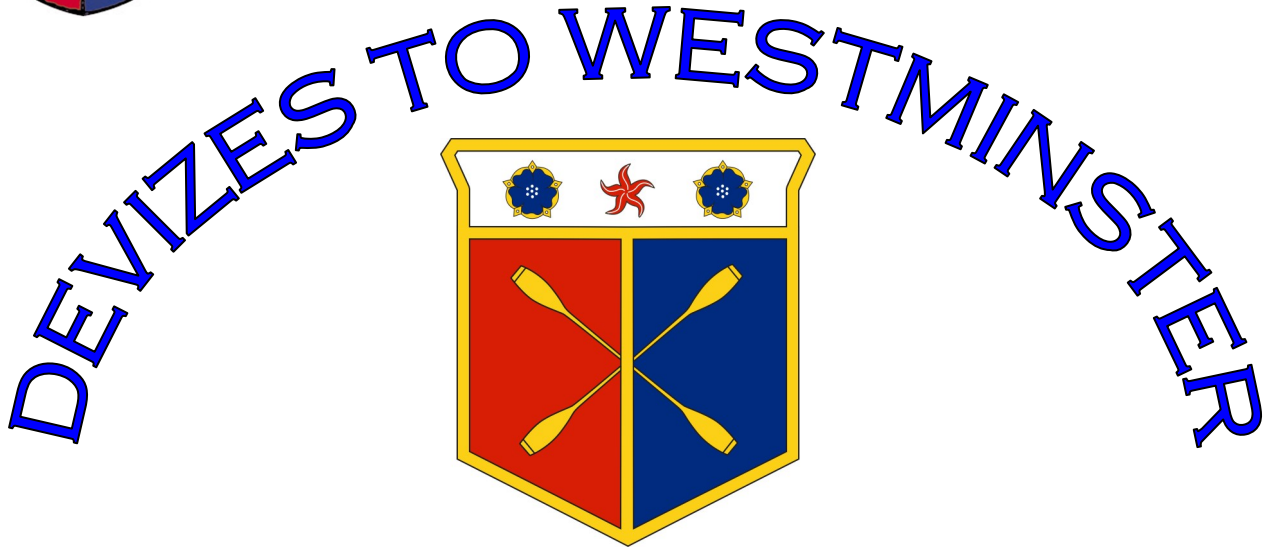
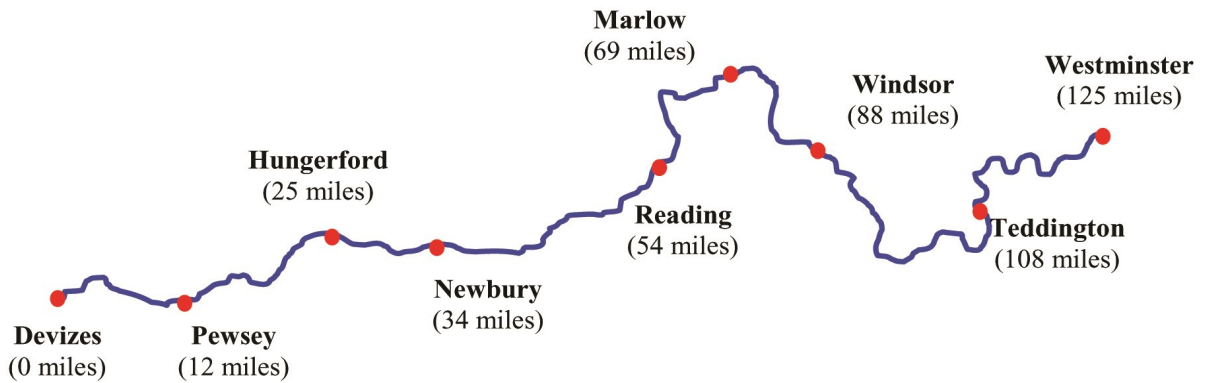




City of Westminster



International Canoe Race 29th to 31st March 2024



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Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

The Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race Emergency Response Plan is an integral part of the rules and all competitors are deemed to have read it and understood its implications.

WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY?

For the purpose of this event an Emergency is defined as any incident

- Resulting in serious injury or the loss of life of a DW Race participant, supporter, DW volunteer or official
- Requiring the rescue of a DW Race participant, supporter, DW volunteer or official from a hazard on land or water
- Involving a search for a crew member missing and believed to be in danger
- Or occasion which the DW Duty Officer decides warrants the calling out of the Emergency Services

WHO TO CONTACT?

In the event of any emergency, contact the DW Race Control

The DW Race Control number is 01189 661333

INFORMATION TO GIVE

In the event of an emergency be prepared to provide the following information:

- State IMMEDIATELY that the message is an emergency
- Your name and status
- Race number of boat
- Confirmation of crew name(s)
- Nature/time/location of the incident
- Are supporters of the crew present at the scene?
- Which emergency services have already been informed?

SERIOUS INJURY

In the event of an emergency resulting in serious injury or loss of life contact the Emergency Services immediately

The Emergency Services telephone number is 999.

IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE SEVERITY OF AN INCIDENT, CALL 999 IMMEDIATELY.

Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race 2024

Welcome to the 74th Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race.

After the return to Westminster for the Senior Doubles class last year, the first time in three years, the DW Organisation is delighted to be able to deliver that iconic finish again in 2024. Whilst Junior Doubles will be racing over two days to Reading, the other Stage races (Senior Singles, Veteran-Junior and Endeavour) will be racing over three days to finish at Thames Young Mariners, near Teddington.

With safety being a key priority for the DW Organisation, we have been working closely with the Port of London Authority on risk mitigation strategies for the tideway stretch of the course. This has seen changes introduced for this year including very close liaison with Thames Clippers. We are hopeful that with a successful Senior Doubles finish at Westminster this year we will be able to return all classes to the full 125-mile course in 2025.

Followers of the DW will be aware of the financial burden that the DW Organisation has been under since the Covid pandemic – primarily due to reduced entry numbers but also the impact of significant cost increases. Recognizing the very future of the race was at risk, a group of passionate DW paddlers set up Friends of DW and began an appeal to raise £30,000 in a week to support the race. The result was simply quite staggering as the appeal fund grew each day and exceeded the target within six days. The Organisation has been overwhelmed by the support from the DW Community during this appeal.

A lot of the funds raised came from individuals, and we want to thank each and every one of you who donated. We have also had donations from organisations, and a few companies have sponsored this year's race – you will see their adverts in this programme. To all of those we say thank you too.

Whilst this fundraising has secured the short-term future of the DW Organisation, we recognise that to safeguard this wonderful event for the paddlers of tomorrow we need to review our financial and operating model. That work will start immediately after this year's race. We will be reaching out to the whole DW community to help – we need your ideas.

Returning to the actual paddling, last year's race saw Keith Moule and Tom Sharpe break the Senior Doubles record that was set in 1979. The new benchmark is 15 hours, 19 minutes and 35 seconds. A truly remarkable effort on their behalf. You can read all about their record run down including the preparation, planning and execution in an article written by Keith and Tom specially for this programme.

This year, river conditions are higher than average again, and whilst it might be too much to expect the Senior Doubles record to be broken again, there are records in other sub-classes that may be under threat. Amongst the crews entered, three of the four past winners are racing this year, albeit with different partners, so we are expecting a competitive race at the top end of the field.

As ever, the DW can deliver the unexpected to any crew and there are plenty of fast crews who will be in the mix for a podium or better if one or two of the fancied crews have a problem.

But DW is about more than records. Every paddler who reaches the finish is a winner. We look forward to celebrating every success fast or slow, old or young.

In the Junior Doubles, the Reading CC crew of Max Prins-Mills and Aiden Teeuwen are back again to defend their trophy, but there are a few crews capable of upsetting their plans. Repeat wins by the same crew in the Junior Doubles is rare, it's only been done five times since 1953. Also for this class, we are extremely grateful to Churcher's College and Bryanston School for the donation of annual trophies for the second and third placed crews in this race.

The other Stages classes have lower than average entries, but there will be competition within each of them for sure. The Senior Singles class looks particularly hard to call this year.

We have worked hard on our media and communications over the last six months. We have a new website (dwrace.co.uk) where news stories and updates are posted, as well as the in-race and end of day progress reports for each crew. Open Tracking will be providing near real-time GPS location data for every crew – their tracks can be accessed from the DW website home page. We will also be active on social media channels.

A mass text messaging and email service will be operating over the entire race weekend, and that is our primary mechanism should we need to contact the nominated Chief Supporters for any safety or other urgent reason.

New for this year will be the DW Live-Hub, sponsored by Surrey Hills and Rivers. This will provide up to the minute live text, video and audio updates to all those who connect into it. If you're not paddling this year, this is probably the next best thing to experience the DW!

Finally, a reminder that you are all ambassadors for the event. Please respect local residents and the surrounding environment - no litter, minimal noise at night, responsible parking, and mutual consideration for all competitors, other river users and members of the public. We are all DW ambassadors and have a responsibility to prevent incidents that can threaten the future of this fantastic and unique event.

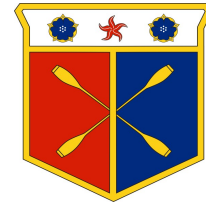
Good luck to all the paddlers – have a great, safe race!

The DW Organisation

Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race Welfare Officer

Canoeing and Kayaking should be safe and fun: Everyone should be treated with respect and should give respect to others. All paddlers should feel safe to enjoy our sport. If you are worried about how a Junior paddler is being treated at DW by another young person or adult, then contact:

DW Welfare Officer - Tom Webster
(24 hour cover over the Easter Weekend)
Tel: 01189 661333 (contact via Race Control)
Email: dwschool-liaison@hotmail.co.uk



Paddle UK Safeguarding Officer:
Tel: 0115 8968842
Email: safeguarding@britishcanoeing.org.uk



For immediate confidential advice (24hr Helplines):
NSPCC 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk

Follow DW Online and via Social Media

DW is on social media and you can follow us on the official Facebook page. We will also provide a mass-SMS text messaging service to send any urgent announcements or emergency information to all nominated Chief Supporters. Use the links below to follow boats during the race in real time.

DW Head of PR/Media and Social Media - Rob Hansford
Email: hansford90@googlemail.com



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Senior Doubles

<https://live.opentracking.co.uk/dwrace24/>

Stages Race

<https://live.opentracking.co.uk/dw4day24/>

Junior Doubles

<https://live.opentracking.co.uk/dwj24/>



Supporters' Code of Conduct

General Principles of Support in the Race

Supporters perform a vital role in providing food, drink and spare kit to their paddlers and monitoring their well-being. They are an essential and valued part of the DW race.

The behaviour of support crews affects public perceptions of the race as much as, or more than, that of the competitors. Supporters must behave responsibly and considerately at all times and shall observe restrictions along the course and adjoining areas as may be imposed by the organisers. Note the term “supporter” and “support crew” are used interchangeably in the rules.

Competitors' Responsibility for their Supporters

Competitors are responsible for the conduct of anyone who turns up to watch or support them. Competitors/Team leaders must ensure that all support crews read the rules. Ignorance will not be an acceptable excuse in the event of a protest or penalty.

Chief Supporter

Each boat will have a Chief Supporter who is responsible for any communications with race control, and whom race control will attempt to contact in the first instance if there is any problem.

The Chief Supporter of each crew must confirm/provide the competition secretary with their name and mobile number as required on the entry form. They should also supply an alternative number (landline or mobile) of a supporter who can relay messages should mobile communication fail. Support crews must be contactable at all times by DW control. Penalties will be imposed on crews whose supporters are uncontactable on the numbers provided.

Guiding Principles

Common sense is to be the underlying principle of the supporting arrangements. The organisers will not penalise anyone who provides sustenance, replaces essential kit or effects repairs to a competitor's boat in the event of a proven emergency. Substantial penalties may apply to any crew, team or organisation deemed to be in breach of the spirit of the rules.

Westminster

There are limited facilities at Westminster due to space restrictions and DW will not be able to provide toilets, showers or hot food as in previous years.

Driving and Parking

Do not race from lock to lock as you will arrive too early and add to congestion at the next portage. The average speed of a kayak on the canal is less than 6mph. Using the online tracking system should help you plan your timing. Observe local parking restrictions: Do not obstruct emergency access or driveways, railway crossings or junctions. Do not park on private property. Always observe specific race access and parking rules.

Portages

Do not swamp the course with support crews and vehicles. Minimise the number of cars following your crew. Stage race classes are subject to specific rules set out below. Do not allow dogs to cause a nuisance of any sort. Keep noise and disturbance to a minimum in residential areas, especially at night. Obey instructions from officials at locks, where access may be restricted on safety grounds to one person per crew.

Closed Portages

No supporters are permitted at any of the following locks. There are no exceptions to this rule:

- Little Bedwyn
- County
- Blakes
- Shiplake
- Boveney
- Sunbury lock and rollers (crews may be fed along the lock cut)
- Molesey lock and rollers (crews may be fed on the approach to the rollers)
- Teddington lock and rollers (crews may be fed on the approach to the rollers)

Parking/Driving Restrictions Apply at the Following Locations:

- **Crofton Flight**
The Beam Engines car park will not be open and parking will be very restricted in the area and we therefore request supporters don't go here (the only access will be by walking up the towpath from the Bedwyn side). Marshals will be on site and will penalise crews whose supporters park, or stop to drop off team members in the Crofton area out side of the designated parking area.
- **Rowbarge, Woolhampton**
Do not park in, or obstruct the pub car park.
- **Cunning Man, Burghfield**
Do not park in the pub car park.
- **Dreadnought Reach, Reading**
There is no supporter parking in the WWC car park. Parking is available on the eastbound carriageway of Thames Valley Park Drive.
- **Sonning**
Do not park on the access road to the lock.

- **Boulters Island, Maidenhead**
Do not park on the main road or on/in/at the approach to the island. Use the public car park. Traffic wardens target Boulters over Easter, even at night. Turn off torches until you are near the portage, and keep noise levels to a minimum.
- **Bray**
No driving cars down to the lock. No DW vehicle access on Amerden Lane. Cars to only park on Old Marsh Lane, as indicated by race-time signage.
- **Bell Weir**
Do not go through the Runnymede Hotel grounds to access to portage; these grounds are out of bounds to supporters and their vehicles.
- **Sunbury Lock and rollers**
Closed to supporters. Following complaints from the pub landlord, do not drive down towards or park in or near the Weir public house. Please note even if you use the pub, any car in the car park with a canoe roof rack may be clamped. Park only in the car park of the Walton leisure centre and you may provide support anywhere along the lock cut on the towpath side.
- **Molesey Lock and rollers**
Closed to supporters. Support may be provided from the towpath up or down stream of the lock.

Other restrictions may apply. In all cases, follow directions from race officials. Time penalties may apply to crews whose supporters ignore any of these restrictions.

Lights

Do not shine lights directly at paddlers as it damages their night vision.

Do not carry flashing or novelty lighting

Do carry spare white light sticks and torch batteries.

Rule Breaches

DW will not tolerate continued breaches of the supporter restrictions. Many of the restrictions have had to be put in place because of the actions of a few people that have impacted everyone involved with the race.

Each breach of the supporter restrictions will result in a 30 minute time penalty for the associated crew or crews. Repeated breaches will result in disqualification. If a specific crew cannot be identified, the penalty will apply to the team or organisation concerned.

General Supporter Conduct

Over the past few years we have had many complaints about behaviour. DW relies heavily on the goodwill and support of numerous organisations, residents associations and local authorities along the course to ensure we can continue to run the race.

All paddlers and support crew are ambassadors for the event and as such have a duty to act responsibly and courteously to safeguard the future of our event.

Additional Supporting Instructions for the Stages Race Only

The following additional instructions apply to the **Junior Doubles, Veteran/Junior, Singles** and **Endeavour** classes only.

Severe congestion and over-crowding at portages have resulted in these restrictions.

Supporter and Car Restrictions—Armbands and Car Stickers

Each boat in the stages class is limited to 2 support vehicles and 4 support crew. Four armbands and two vehicle stickers will be given to each crew with their boat number at Devizes. Stickers must be placed on the windscreen. Armbands must be worn at portages, campsites and the finish at Thames Young Mariners.

To avoid congestion only 1 vehicle and two support crew may ever be present at the same time at any one portage. Extra supporters are not permitted even if they do not arrive by car. Each team (multiple boats) is permitted one additional team leader vehicle. The team leader must pick up a vehicle sticker and arm band in person at Devizes. The team leader must wear the armband as above. Failure to display stickers or armbands as stipulated above is a breach of the rules and can be penalised.

Restrictions at Portages

At a portage, only supporters with an armband may provide food and drink or other physical support to competitors. “At a portage” is defined as “anywhere along the racing line or waters edge”. The racing line is defined as “any point where a crew exits the water to wherever it chooses to get back in and the length of the towpath in-between”. Only support crew vehicles displaying a valid sticker may go to a portage. For vehicles “at a portage” means the nearest car park to the portage or any road adjacent to the portage. Designated sticker only car parking may be signposted or otherwise notified to supporters.

Spectators who are not Providing Direct Support

The organisers urge other spectators to avoid portages and go to alternative viewing places such as bridges, river side or canal side roads and other open ground near the water.

Campsites

There will be sticker-only car parking areas at the stage stop at Newbury. At stage stops only supporters with armbands may approach the campsite and only to hand over camping equipment. No supporters are allowed in or around the campsite. Entrants in the junior doubles class must erect their own tents, assemble beds and prepare all their food without any outside help. Outside assistance is not permitted and will be penalised.

Wootton Rivers Village Hall

Please join us on Easter Friday at Wootton Rivers village hall, 2 minutes from lock 51, for bacon butties, cakes, hot and cold drinks. Toilet facilities available on Friday and Saturday (but no food on Saturday - sorry!)

All proceeds to charity.

DW 2024 OFFICIAL PARTNERS



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History of the Race

The Objective

To race from Devizes to Westminster by kayak or canoe in the fastest possible time along the course route. To further the interest in long distance canoe racing and to encourage the design of canoes and equipment that are light, serviceable and easily transported over rough ground, yet suited to estuary conditions.

The Course

The starting point for the race is Couch Lane Bridge, Devizes on the Kennet & Avon canal. The course follows 54 miles of the canal and occasional stretches of the River Kennet to Reading where it joins and follows the River Thames for a further 71 miles. The canal is far from being plain paddling. It includes the 502 yard long Bruce tunnel at Savernake and 56 locks, all of which have to be portaged. On the Thames, much of which must normally be negotiated in darkness, crews which successfully catch the tide may have as much as 5 knots assistance at the height of the ebb tide, while those that miss the tide will be at a disadvantage. Hazards to be encountered include obstructions along the canal banks, steep and slippery banks, strong winds, weirs on the Thames, angry swans, sub zero temperatures at night, the heat of the sun by day and finally the danger of being swamped and capsized by passing pleasure craft on the tidal stretches of the Thames. The finishing point is just downstream from Westminster bridge—not the actual bridge—where many an exhausted canoeist has had to be lifted from their boat.

The Early Days

The idea of the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race originated at the Greyhound Public House at Pewsey when, owing to a threatened rail and bus strike in 1920, alternative means of transport were the subject of conversation at the bar. Arising from this discussion a group of friends bet £5 (approximately £250 in today's money) that they could travel by the River Avon from Pewsey to the sea at Mundeford, near Christchurch, in less than three days. Using a 26ft double sculling skiff and overcoming all sorts of hazards, the intrepid boatmen won their bet with 12 hours to spare. Although very well publicised in the local press at the time, so far as it is known, the journey was not attempted for 27 years. A 1947 crew composed of 3 RAF men and a local farmer were inspired to repeat the exploit by a conversation with a member of the original crew, and won their £5 by reaching Christchurch in 51 hours.

The Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race arose as an off-shoot of the Pewsey to Christchurch competition when a Pewsey resident offered a prize to any crew which would better the 51 hour time of 1947. The Scoutmaster of the 1st Devizes Scouts wanted to take up the challenge but did not qualify because the scouts' canoes did not meet the requirements of the competition. Once again we return to the back parlour of the Greyhound at Pewsey where one member of the 1947 crew, Roy Cooke, was planning a boat trip from Devizes to Westminster in 100 hours. Although this particular project fell through, the idea was taken up by the frustrated Devizes Rover Scouts.

Some worthy citizens of Devizes decided that their scouts initiative should be encouraged and raised a sum of money to be donated if the scouts could reach the sea by the new route via the Kennet & Avon canal to Reading and thence down the river Thames to Westminster, in under 100 hours. Thus it was that at Easter in 1948 the first two crews from the Devizes Rovers, paddling heavy, home built double kayaks, completed the course with 10 hours to spare. At Whitsun that year two crews of the Chippenham sea cadet unit covered the same course in just under 77 hours. Further attempts by other crews in the summer were foiled by thick growth of reeds in the canal and so it became established that Easter would be the best time for the journey.

The course record time of 15 hours and 34 minutes was set by Tim Cornish and Brian Greenham in 1979. Despite considerable changes in equipment, improved training techniques and the restoration of much of the canal over the past years, only a very few competitors have come close to the 1979 record, making it one of the longest standing records of any annual sporting event.

Junior Doubles Class.

The Junior class is open to double crews between the ages of 15 and less than 19 on the 1st January of the year of the race and was inaugurated in 1953. This section was introduced so that younger competitors could compete without the possible danger to health involved in continuous paddling for a whole day and night. Usually the junior crews cover the course in four legs of 34, 36, 38 and 17 miles with the crews camping at Newbury, Marlow and Ham before completing the course on the ebb tide on Easter Monday morning. There is always fierce competition between the nominated teams and at the end of each day's racing the results will be available so the crews know where they are lying.

Senior Singles Class

This class contested for the first time in 1985, is open to crews over 18 and follows the junior format in four racing stages over the Easter weekend. The senior crews start as directed in Devizes between 0930 and 1030 on Good Friday, and between 0645 and 1000 at Newbury and Marlow, depending on their time the previous day. The fastest 15 will start at 2 minute intervals between 0930 and 1000. From Ham, the K1's are started around the top of the tide on Monday morning as directed.

Senior Doubles Class

Seniors over 18 may start at any time between 07:00 and 17:00 on Easter Saturday, timing their departure so as to arrive at Teddington at high tide if they are to take advantage of the ebb on the final 17 miles of tidal water from Teddington to Westminster. Crews planning on starting after 1200 on Easter Saturday must have informed the Chief Umpire by the Wednesday preceding the race at the latest. For 2023 there is an opportunity for slower crews to start at 5am - any crew wishing to start at this time must have informed the Chief Umpire by 12 noon on the Tuesday before the race. Competitors will plan to paddle virtually non-stop except when portaging the 77 canal and river locks. Expected finish times for crews in 2023 will range from around 16 hours to 33 hours.

Endeavour Class

This event is held over four days and is a challenge rather than a race. Consequently, although crews taking part do get a time, there are no prizes as it is not seen as a competitive class. The aim is to allow people to experience the course and learn how to prepare properly before they head out and take on the challenge of the senior doubles event. It has the spice and variety of the straight-through event without the need to paddle all through the night.

Veteran-Junior Class

Traditionally, juniors race over four days. The Veteran-Junior class follows the same format and was introduced in 1989 with the intention of giving parents an opportunity to paddle with their children. Judging by entries in this race class to date, most parents have been wise enough not to risk it, preferring to let their children paddle with someone else!



DW needs
YOU

The race needs volunteers—throughout the year and over Easter

We have a team of more than 300 volunteers without whom the race couldn't happen. If you would like to join our dynamic team to provide essential support and assistance to the greatest flatwater paddling event in the world, please get in touch.

Contact Rachel Dennis for more details
dwwolunteers@gmail.com

Additional Notes for Supporters

Every person involved in the race has a responsibility to the future running of the race. Please do not park your car anywhere it may cause inconvenience to others and give consideration to local residents. Teams on the water may receive penalty points for the actions and behaviour of their support crews. Please make yourselves aware of both the code of conduct and instructions for supporters in the rule book, as well as taking note of the information in this programme.

Senior crews are permitted to receive outside assistance in accordance with the rules. Junior crews may also receive outside assistance in accordance with the rules but **not** while in camp sites.

The Tide Times at Teddington high water are in the class-specific rules sheets, downloadable from the DW website. Please note, it is crews' and supporters' responsibility to check tide times and to be in the right place at the right time.

For 2024, the tide window is open from Easter Sunday morning, **5:30am - 8:00am**

Any senior doubles crew not arriving at Teddington Lock by the close of the window will be timed out of the race, and any crew arriving before 5:30am will be held at the checkpoint until 5:30am with no time allowance being given for the holding period.

THERE IS NO OPTION TO CONTINUE ON FOOT ALONG THE TOWPATH

Stage Race Start Times.

Stages Race crews must time their start on Day One to finish in Newbury no earlier than 13:00. Any crew arriving before then will be deemed to have arrived at 13:00.

Set Time Checkpoints

All boats must pass the checkpoints below within set times. Failure to make these times will result in immediate cessation of the crew's race and the and removal of race number by an official (except Old Windsor). Any competitors who refuse to stop and continue to paddle will face a ban from entering future editions of DW.

Stages Race:

Devizes to Newbury finish within 9 hours 30 minutes

Newbury to Marlow finish within 9 hours 30 minutes

Marlow to Thames Young Mariners finish within 9 hours 30 minutes

Senior Doubles:

Devizes to Newbury Wharf Checkpoint within 10 hours

Devizes to Dreadnought Checkpoint within 16 hours

Devizes to Old Windsor Checkpoint within 25 hours

A crew missing the Old Windsor cut off will be advised that they are likely to miss the tide window but have the option to paddle to Teddington and be retired there.

Finish Procedure at Westminster

The finish is on the right hand bank about 50 metres below Westminster Bridge. Crews should not stop paddling until they hear the finish signal; an air-horn, bell or whistle. Upon finishing crews should follow the instructions of the safety crews and disembark on the County Hall steps.

Once at the top of the steps crews (and support crews) should move away from the steps and vacate the area as quickly as possible. DW is not able to offer food, toilet or showering facilities at Westminster due to the space restrictions. St Thomas' Hospital and gardens are effectively out of bounds and no paddler or supporter should go there unless for medical treatment.

DW will have a duty First Aider sited near the steps and they will treat minor injuries as required. For more serious injuries or situations, please seek medical attention at the A+E department of St Thomas' Hospital.

Complaints or Protests

Senior Doubles: Complaints/protests must be registered, at the time of the incident or prior to, the crew's departure from the course. To register a complaint/protest you must inform one of the following:

- Checkpoint
- Umpire
- Race Control 01189 661333

While DW will attempt to notify crews or the Chief Supporter (via text), it is always the responsibility of paddlers to establish whether a complaint has been raised against them. This can be done either by checking their results online or calling Race Control. If there is a 'P' against the crew's details in the results, this means a protest has been made. Race Control can be called on 01189 661333. Any complaint will be raised at the Protest Meeting which will be held on Easter Monday 2 hours after racing has ended.

Stages Events: Complaints/protests must be registered no later than two hours prior to the umpires' daily meeting which is held each afternoon at or about 1700 hours or, for complaints/protests arising out of racing on the Monday within 1 hour after the end of racing on Easter Monday.

Trophies

It is the responsibility of every trophy holder to return all trophies for the annual presentation by 1 April each year. Trophies can be returned by taking them to the Waterside Races preceding the DW and handing them into the Trophy Secretary or their designated representative.

Trophies can also be couriered back to the Trophy Secretary.

Details of the Trophy Secretary are available on the website: www.dwrace.co.uk.

Reflections of the 2023 DW by Keith Moule & Tom Sharpe

The 2023 Senior Doubles race saw one of the longest standing sporting records in recent times broken. In 1979 Brian Greenham and Tim Cornish set the course record of 15 hours 34 minutes and 12 seconds but last year, some 44 years later, Keith Moule and Tom Sharpe lowered that to 15 hours 19 minutes and 35 seconds. Here is their account of how they delivered that remarkable achievement.

The Preparation Years

We first started paddling in K2 together during the 2013 summer racing season, and quickly discovered we worked well together. We won the marathon National Championships that year, and were selected for the World Championships where we came 11th. We continued racing together, collecting several assessment race wins and National Championship medals, and were selected for another World Championships in 2015, having both also completed the DW that Spring – Keith winning the senior K2 race with Lizzie Broughton (the first time a lady won the overall race) and Tom finishing first in a strong K1 field.

A few years later, in 2018, we decided to have another go at DW, but with a focus on the long standing course record. We were both still training for standard marathon races, but supplemented this with a few long sessions. Going into the race week we both felt ready and were excited to see the rain falling during the week running up to Easter making the flow on the river get higher and higher.

Unfortunately the rain didn't stop and the race had to be cut short, finishing at Dreadnought. We decided to defer our entry, take another year to replan our training, and focused on another attempt. In 2019 we had better training, and felt more prepared for the race than the previous year. However a couple of factors worked against us. The winter had been dry and the river level was slow; if we were going to break the record it would be difficult, but we had trained hard for it so started the race anyway. Also Keith was ill in the week running up to Easter, and hadn't recovered by the time we started. He was struggling to breath properly and as a result was having to work too hard to maintain the pace we needed, so we decided to retire at Dreadnought Reach.

The Build Up

Despite having had a couple of unsuccessful attempts at DW in 2018 and 2019, then the few years when the DW couldn't run because of COVID, and having both stopped training for international selection we both still had unfinished business with the DW that kept us both thinking about it. There was a long period of time that we didn't get in a K2 together, but at the wake following James Smythe's funeral just after Easter 2022 we had a brief conversation where we agreed to meet up and plan another attempt at the race in 2023. A couple of weeks later we met up in London for lunch and decided that 2023 would be the year we finally achieved our goal. Neither of us had been paddling much for at the time, but this renewed target gave us both the motivation needed to start training again – Keith even managed another K2 win at the National Championships, this time with sprinter Tom Lusty.

Over the next year we met up about once a month to do a K2 session together. With Keith living and training in Chelmsford, and Tom in Richmond, once a month was all we could manage to begin with, however in the 10 years we had been paddling together we knew the boat always ran well so this wasn't a concern. We set a new bar of training expectations for this race. No one has ever trained as hard as we did. We has increased our volume to 200km of running or kayaking each week. We could both run a marathon in under 3 hours and had more kayaking miles in the bank then anyone in the history of preparing for the race. Keith was running 24km before work in the mornings and completing 2 hours on the paddle machine regularly to get ready to really attack the record. He completed a 100 mile running race in January of that year and was the fittest he had ever been in his life. Tom was training on the Thames at Richmond every day, and made regular trips from Richmond up to Hampton Court bridge and back in all conditions – a session that would become the Strava-famous “Headbang”.

Our monthly K2 session continued, and in the New Year of 2023 became more frequent. One particular session that stands out as a favourite for both of us was the 14th January 2023, when we paddled from Dreadnought Reach to Richmond Canoe Club, a distance of 90km, in 5hrs27. The river was flowing at 250 cm³/s (compared to 140 over Easter) and we couldn't believe how fast we went. The only downside to that was knowing the race likely couldn't run if the flow was still that high at Easter, and we would have to accept that we wouldn't match the pace we achieved on that session.

Continuing the theme of training separately for the race, and because Keith was also training for and recovering from his ultra marathon running race around the coast path of Cornwall, we didn't complete all of the Waterside or Thameside series together. Tom did the first three Watersides in K1, and then we did WSD together in K2. For this race we set off with Billy Butler and Dougal Glaisher and deliberately maintained an easy pace for the majority of the race, before taking an opportunity to drop Billy and Dougal about 5km from the end and wound up to a strong final part of the race.

Our result at Waterside D and the long paddle from Reading to Richmond meant we went into the 2023 DW race with very high confidence, excited to see what we could achieve. In the final couple of weeks before Easter there was nothing special in terms of preparation – all the hard work had already been done. We both worked from home all week and were careful to avoid any risk of illness, as we didn't want either of us to get sick again on the run up to the race having invested so much time and effort into this year. We have a detailed spreadsheet to plan our pace, and help us set a target time, so we made final adjustments to that based on the increasingly good river conditions. The final version of this gave us an ambitious, but realistic, target time of 14hrs 57mins based on a flow at Kingston of 180cm³/s.

The 2023 Race

We met up in Devizes on Saturday morning and got to work preparing the boat, our drinks and food. We each brought a car with support crew and headed to a local pub for lunch and a team briefing. James Walkinton, Will Stroud, Mags Dilai and James Russell from Chelmsford; and Mike Lavarack, Mick Fegent and Jack Wilshaw from Richmond were all experienced paddlers and DW supporters already, and would become one of the key reasons for our success. The atmosphere at Devizes is always tense, and this was only increased when we headed into the briefing from newly appointed Chief Official Owen Peake. We both know Owen very well, and respect his history and knowledge of the DW, so to hear his briefing with all the warnings of high flow gave us another rush of adrenaline but also a fresh sense of excitement at the conditions we would be racing in.

We started the race at around 5:15pm, about 30 mins after Billy and Dougal.

It was a relief to get going, all the nervousness left us and we were able to get on with what we had been working towards. The early stage of the race went exactly as planned. We were easily able to maintain our target pace on the canal. It started getting dark around Hungerford, and the temperature dropped then too, but we stuck to our plan for a kit change at Newbury. Around Hungerford was also when our bike supporters started riding with us, using bright torches at each portage to let us see where we were going easily – it was light portaging in daylight and just meant we didn't need to worry about tripping over something in the dark of stepping into the canal by mistake. We had planned to stop briefly at Newbury, and our expert support team quickly put on our extra kit and got us back on the water with very little time lost. That was our only kit change during the race, so we wanted to make it as efficient as possible.

We didn't see any other boats in the race for a long time, but started catching one or two in the early evening. We caught up with Billy and Dougal just before Fobney and that gave us another boost in confidence. We were maintaining time compared to our schedule, but its always a good feeling to overtake the nearest rivals. We also caught up with Joe Petersen and Shaun Harte just before Dreadnought reach. We knew they would be another strong crew, and although they didn't stop at Dreadnought, so got ahead of us again, we still knew our race was now just about the final time rather than position.

When we got on the river our initial reaction was actually disappointment that the flow wasn't as strong as we'd hoped. The last time we paddled on the Thames at Reading was on our long training run in January when the river was much faster. Nevertheless we were still moving quickly, but by this time beginning to fall behind our ambitious target time. This didn't concern us because we knew it was based on higher flow than we actually had, and that there was still a big margin to the record time. We were so familiar with the remainder of the course that we were able focus our entire effort on maintaining the pace needed. This helped the time go quickly and we soon found ourselves passing through the checkpoints one after another. Having a clear objective to focus on meant we didn't have idle minds to think about being tired or hurting, all attention was on whether we were going fast enough – and we were!

Somewhere before Marlow we caught up with the Irish crew who eventually finished second (Horkan and O Keefe) and stayed with them for quite a while, sharing the washes. As we approached the outskirts of London – and got to the sections of the river we trained on regularly – we started catching up with more and more crews, many of whom gave us friendly words of encouragement. One of these that we remember most is passing Kat Wilson and Dan Palmer outside Elmbridge canoe club and hearing Dan say “look how fast they’re going!”. That sort of thing really helps.

Getting to Molesey Lock and Hampton Court bridge was a significant milestone for Tom, having turned around this bridge countless times in training, and ironically this was the only time he felt any real weakness. However meeting our support crew at Teddington and getting a final top up of food and drink meant we were well prepared for the final stretch on the tideway. Going through Teddington we were behind our ideal schedule but still well ahead of record pace, so we knew all we needed to do was keep going for the tidal section and we would break the record.

The tidal section of the river often gets described as the most challenging part of the course, but in our view this is the most exciting bit. We got to Teddington Lock 1hr 5mins after high tide – the perfect time - so had the best assistance from the tide and were moving the fastest speed we had achieved for the whole race. The river was calm and we were passing lots of other crews. The only point that gave us any concern was meeting a Thames Clipper boat arriving at Lambeth bridge just before us, and giving off a massive wave that fortunately we navigated successfully. That could have been an embarrassing way to end our race.

The final few hundred metres from Lambeth Bridget to the finish gave us a bizarre feeling. We knew we had won the race, and were about to set a new record, and the feeling of euphoria that gave us is difficult to describe. However we both also knew we were about to complete a process that had consumed all of our attention and energy for at least 12 months, and in reality a lot longer than that. Getting to the finish and walking up the steps to meet Brian at the top was a special moment. If anyone in the future sets out and achieves to break our new record, we will be very happy to meet them at the top of the steps too – but it would be nice to let us enjoy being record holders for a few years first, please!

Reflecting on the race, we can pick out a few things that were key to our success

- The boat always ran perfectly, we never fought each other and knew how the other was feeling without needing to discuss it.
- The high training volume. We didn’t get tired and were able to maintain an intensity needed to go fast.
- Support crew. Didn’t miss a single stop, and knew exactly what to tell us at each point.
- Ambition. We knew we were able to achieve the record breaking result, the final 15hrs was just the final stage of a plan that had been developed over a long time.

Devizes Westminster Spectator Locations

Points to note:

- All these locations offer reasonable viewing points for spectators.
- Please follow the instructions of race officials at all times, especially in regards to parking and vehicular access to portages.
- Please always park considerately, don't block residents in or do anything that may adversely affect the good name of the race.
- Nothing in this guide exempts you from any local authority and other parking restrictions that may apply over the Easter weekend.
- Much of the race can be followed by cycling on the towpath but please do not obstruct paddlers and support crew at portages. Your presence at out of bounds portages may cause problems for crews that you are following (see below). Please always be considerate towards pedestrians you may encounter.
- If you are following a particular crew/organisation, the race organisers may treat you as supporters rather than simply spectators and your actions will be covered by the rules. If in any doubt as to the implications of this, please consult the DW website and rule book for guidance.

For ease of reading, the locations have been broken down into Stage Race days. Note that in 2024 the Stage Races will be finishing on Day 3 at Ham.

Day 1 – Devizes to Newbury

Bridges between Devizes and Wootton Rivers (“the pound”): Horton, Allington, All Cannings, Stanton St Bernard, Honeystreet, Wilcot, Bristow Bridge, Pewsey. Then New Mill, Burbage Wharf, Bedwyn, (Avoid Little Bedwyn altogether, it is out of bounds to race traffic), Hungerford town, Enborne (10 minute walk)

Day 2 – Newbury to Marlow

Ham Bridge (1.5/2 miles after start), After Woolhampton (B road between A4 and A340 passes over the canal, no lock there), Ufton Bridge (after Aldermaston), Dreadnought Reach (lots of roadside parking and space on the river bank for viewing), Henley (not Marsh Lock) - you can see the river, large car park by the Rowing Museum, or Henley downstream of bridge, plenty of space to view, Mill End (A4155 at Hambledon), you can see river, Marlow Bridge (not the lock).

Day 3 – Marlow to Ham/Teddington

Cookham Village (park and walk, a good view of river just before it divides and paddlers head to the lock – there is a pub but please don't park in its car park during opening hours if you're not eating or buying a drink there). At Maidenhead there are good views but you must use public parking places,- please note that council parking attendants always turn out at all hours over Easter to ensure DW spectators and supporters don't park illegally, Eton/Windsor (plenty of viewing places in central Windsor or park in/near Eton and walk over bridge...above the island/weir), Datchet (great views, road runs by river), Albert Bridge (before Old Windsor, also great views).

At Runnymede Gardens (anywhere, great views here, especially from the National Trust car park below Brunel University boathouse), Chertsey (park on the road well before portage, stop well before motorway flyover and cheer from there. Do not go up to the lock as it's also double yellow lines everywhere. There is a pub by the bridge but don't use its car park during opening hours unless you're a pub customer), Elmbridge Canoe Club (below Shepperton Lock, free parking, great views).

At Walton bridge open space (you can buy ice creams from the van here too). Downstream at Sunbury lock you can buy a drink at the Weir public house and watch from the beer garden, but be warned that your car will be blocked in if the landlord thinks it's a DW support crew vehicle. Best is to park at Walton leisure centre and walk about 5-10 minutes to the river. Plentiful parking and good river access is possible at Molesey Rowing Club, Hampton Court Bridge, on the towpath between Hampton Court and Kingston, which can easily be cycled, Kingston bridge, Albany Park sailing club (below Kingston Rowing Club).

Day 4 – Central London

It is possible to follow competitors on numerous bridges over the Thames and on open land bordering the river. Parking is very tricky and traffic can be heavy. Competitors in the stages race and those who catch the outgoing tide well on the non-stop race will be travelling far more quickly than you may expect. Keep this in mind when planning which bridges to drive to. Please note that all bridges are covered by CCTV and you may be penalised by local authorities for parking infringements. At Westminster no parking is available in the St Thomas' Hospital car park and you will have to use other public car parks in the vicinity.

Please also check on the applicability of the Congestion Charge and ULEZ Charge to your vehicle.

Refreshment Stops

We are very grateful to the following organisations who will be along the course to provide refreshments to supporters:

Times Square Café - Devizes. Will be opening earlier than normal on Friday

Wootton Rivers Village Hall - refreshments for supporters on Friday and toilets on Friday and Saturday

Hungerford Scouts - teas and snacks on Friday and Saturday at the checkpoint. Note that this is 100 meters upstream of the lock

Aldermaston Lock - the tearooms will be open all weekend

Toilet Facilities

In addition to the public conveniences along the route, as well as some of the Thames Locks (Sonning, Shiplake, Temple, Marlow, Bray, Penton Hook) DW also places portaloos for use by paddlers and supporters at several locations. These are located at

- Devizes Wharf
- Pewsey Wharf
- Northcroft Leisure Centre (Stage race stop day 1)
- Aldermaston Tea Rooms
- Dreadnought Reach
- Old Windsor Lock
- Teddington Lock (east bank - lock side)
- Thames Young Mariners (Stage race stop day 3)

Mileage Chart

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|---------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Devizes Wharf | 0 | Thatcham Station | 38 |
| All Cannings Bridge | 6 | Woolhampton | 41 |
| Pewsey Wharf | 11.5 | Aldermaston Wharf | 43 |
| Wootton Rivers | 14.5 | Burghfield Bridge | 49 |
| Crofton (Lock 58) | 18.5 | County Lock | 51 |
| Great Bedwyn | 20.5 | Blakes Lock | 53.5 |
| Froxfield (Lock 68) | 23 | Dreadnought Reach | 54 |
| Hungerford | 25.7 | Sonning Lock | 56 |
| Dunmill Lock (Lock 75) | 26.5 | Shiplake Lock | 58.5 |
| Kintbury | 29 | Marsh Lock | 60.7 |
| Hamstead Lock (Lock 81) | 31 | Henley Bridge | 62 |
| Newbury (end of day 1) | 34.5 | Hambledon | 64 |
| | | Hurley | 66.5 |
| | | Marlow (end of day 2) | 70 |
| Cookham Bridge | 74 | Richmond Bridge | 110.5 |
| Boulton Lock | 76.5 | Kew Bridge | 113 |
| Bray Lock | 78.4 | Barnes Railway Bridge | 115.5 |
| Boveney Lock | 82 | Putney Bridge | 119 |
| Windsor Bridge | 84 | Battersea Bridge | 121.5 |
| Old Windsor Lock | 87.7 | Vauxhall Bridge | 123.5 |
| Bell Weir | 90.5 | Westminster Bridge | 125 |
| Chertsey Lock | 95.2 | | |
| Shepperton Lock | 97 | | |
| Sunbury Lock | 100 | | |
| Molesey Lock | 103 | | |
| Teddington (end of day 3) | 107.5 | | |

Class Records

| Date | Class | Time | Record Holder | Club |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2023 | Senior Doubles | 15:19:35 | Keith Moule & Tom Sharpe | Chelmsford CC & Richmond CC |
| 2016 | Senior Doubles (Ladies) | 17:59:45 | Katherine Burbeck & Alexander Lane | Nottingham Kayak Club & Longridge CC |
| 2016 | Senior Doubles (Canadian) | 18:23:48 | Michael Davis & Rebecca Davis | Michigan Canoe Racing Association |
| 2015 | Senior Doubles (Mixed) | 16:40:31 | Lizzie Broughton & Keith Moule | Richmond CC & Chelmsford CC |
| 2011 | Senior Doubles (Century) | 18:28:22 | Tim Cornish & Ollie Harding | Longridge CC |
| 1994 | Senior Doubles (Veteran) | 15:50:18 | Tim Cornish & Robin Belcher | Independent |
| 1993 | Senior Singles | 14:46:42 | G J Butler | Nottingham Kayak Club |
| 1998 | Senior Singles (Ladies) | 16:20:44 | Andrea Dallaway | Elmbridge CC |
| 1988 | Senior Singles (Canadian) | 18:09:18 | Marcus Gohar | Richmond CC |
| 2015 | Senior Singles (Over 50s) | 17:06:20 | Brian Greenham | Reading CC |
| 2010 | Senior Singles (Veteran) | 15:08:03 | Steffan Burkhardt | International |
| 1993 | Junior Doubles | 14:12:59 | Tony Richardson & Steve Jensen | Nottingham Kayak Club & Richmond CC |
| 2010 | Junior Doubles (Ladies) | 16:28:18 | Amoret King & Amelia Churnside | Reading CC |
| 1989 | Junior Doubles (Canadian) | 19:37:00 | A Hall & A Hall | Leicester Outdoor Pursuits |
| 2010 | Junior Doubles (Mixed) | 16:24:08 | Megan Middleton & Michael Southey | Fowey River CC |
| 1993 | Veteran Junior | 15:42:31 | B Greenham & G J Wallis | Reading & Leighton Park CC |
| 2017 | Veteran Junior (Ladies) | 21:30:18 | Natalia Kimberly & Tatiana Kimberley | AL Marsac-sur-L'isle, France |
| 1999 | Veteran Junior (Canadian) | 20:22:48 | Robert Campbell & JS Hopkins | Bedford School |
| 2015 | Veteran Junior (Mixed) | 17:30:35 | Amber Owen & James Treadgold | Reading CC |

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| Senior Doubles Entry List 2024 | | |
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| Boat No. | Crew | Club, School or Organisation |
| 301 | Robert McCall & Natasha Kimberley | Hinckley CC & A.L. Marsac CC, France |
| 302 | Darren Harvey & James Benson | Chelmsford CC |
| 303 | Steve Langhor & Christopher Thompson | Independent |
| 304 | Chris Symonds & Ashley Edwards | Independent |
| 305 | Peter Jones & Abigail Jones | Devizes CC |
| 306 | Philip Sumner & Matthew Bull | Elmbridge CC |
| 307 | Mike Taylor & Paul Sampson | Longridge CC |
| 308 | Tim Smee & Ben Snell | Independent |
| 309 | Paul Greenhalgh & Wayne Soutter | Independent |
| 310 | Alison Cooper & Katie Farley | Cardiff Bay Kayakers |
| 311 | Frank Gargan & Russell Foord | Parachute Regiment |
| 312 | Gary Johnson & Simon Margot | Independent & Cambridge CC |
| 313 | Theo Jarratt & Gary Carter | Lincoln CC |
| 314 | Jouke Witteveen & Floor Zegers | A.L.S.K.V. Levitas, Netherlands |
| 315 | Linda Tetsmann & Anette Baum | HUUM Sauna Kayak Team, Estonia |
| 316 | Austin Paul & Walsh Barry | Shannon Paddlers, Ireland |
| 317 | Simon Johnson-Ferguson & David Rampersad | Exeter CC |
| 318 | Allison Parritt & Kevin Trudgeon | Fowey River CC |
| 319 | Amber Vater & Adele Vater-Lambert | Independent |
| 320 | Ian Thackray & Martin Payne | Devizes CC |
| 321 | Karl Watson & Derek Brown | Independent |
| 322 | Lloyd Turner & Russell Matthews | Independent |
| 324 | Peter Clarke & Juliet Fooks | Devizes CC |
| 325 | Peter Rowell & Richard Barker | Royal Engineers CC & Exeter CC |
| 326 | Jonathan Edwards & Shiven Lakhani | Royal Navy Kayak Association |
| 327 | Calum Shaw & Steve Smith | Wey KC |
| 328 | Georgia Kay & Graham Raymond | Bradford on Avon CC |
| 329 | Robin Tilbury & Jessica Long | Pangbourne Paddlesport Club & Falcon CC |
| 330 | Alex Burt & Rebecca Bird | Newbury CC |
| 331 | Matt Adams & Chris Jesson | Royal Marines Kayak Association |
| 332 | Shane Houghting & Julian Anderson | Wey KC & Southampton CC |
| 333 | Giles Hudson & Jamie Mansfield | Southampton CC |
| 334 | Samuel Craddock & Thomas Burgess | Independent |
| 335 | Harry Shearer & Hannah Darlington | Norwich CC |
| 336 | Jorg Herwanger & Martin Hagen | Richmond CC & Laksevåg KC, Norway |

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| Boat No. | Crew | Club, School or Organisation |
| 337 | Kevin Rundle & Erzsebet Barat-Farkas | Elmbridge CC |
| 338 | Miha Renko & Brennan Robinson | Cambridge CC |
| 339 | Ludy Hills & Jennifer Fletcher | Richmond CC |
| 340 | Tom Sharpe & Anoushka Freeman | Richmond CC |
| 342 | Drew Reed & David Edmondson | Princess of Wales Royal Regiment & Army Air Corps |
| 343 | Billy Butler & Jon O'Grady | Falcon CC & Runcorn CC |
| 344 | Paul Morris & Steven Hussey | Royal Marines Kayak Association |
| 345 | Claire Brehin & Damon Grimsey | Southampton CC |
| 346 | Adrian Clark & Paul Drayton | Addlestone CC |
| 347 | Sara Williams & Georgie Syms | Wey KC |
| 348 | John Niven & Alex Geary-Jones | Royal Marines Kayak Association |
| 349 | Jill Priday & Jenny Jones | Devizes CC |
| 350 | Will Richardson & Elliot Titman | Royal Marines Kayak Association |
| 352 | Stefan Dums & Arnoldas Latvenas | Richmond CC |
| 353 | Joff Hayes & Tony Garstang | Independent |
| 354 | Clive Merrifield & Thomas Merrifield | Taunton CC |
| 355 | James Bamforth & Walker Peter | Pangbourne Paddlesport Club |
| 356 | Julia Passmore & Tom Kelly | Tonbridge CC & Maidstone CC |
| 357 | Sarah Vernau & Sally Ann Fox | Nottingham CC |
| 358 | Stefanie Mullins & Anna Maria Fischer | Paddlesport Racers Association |
| 359 | Tim Shattock & Malcolm Swarbrick | Independent & Royal Marines Kayak Association |
| 360 | Robert Whitehead & Mike Richman | Newbury CC |
| 361 | Tom Simmons & Andrew Birkett | Bradford on Avon CC & Richmond CC |
| 362 | Andrew Seddon & Tom Dawson | Grenadier Guards & Falcon CC |
| 363 | Chris Hills & Dean Lee | Banbury & District CC |
| 364 | Adam Smith Greer & Rebecca Smith Greer | Leighton Buzzard CC |
| 365 | Steve Bush & Mark Ball | Devizes CC |
| 366 | Matt Hamblen & Craig Horrocks | Devizes CC |
| 367 | James Treadgold & Paul Hayes | Newbury CC |
| 368 | Simon Alderdice & Benjamin Webb | Wey KC |
| 369 | Steve Hughes & Sam Bowen | Hereford CC |
| 370 | Michael Rees-Clark & Edd Dobson | Devizes CC |
| 371 | Julian Glasspole & Laurence Plant | Reading CC |
| 372 | Kat Burbeck & Cath Drummond | Bishops Stortford CC & Reading CC |

| Junior Doubles Entry List 2024 | | |
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| Boat No. | Crew | Club, School or Organisation |
| 101 | Jasmine Poon & Luka Lam | Dauntseys School CC |
| 102 | Zahra Hillier & Hollie Marriott | Dauntseys School CC |
| 103 | Archie Gordon & Evie Wildish | Dauntseys School CC |
| 104 | Jake Hickman & Alex Talbot-King | Dauntseys School CC |
| 105 | Ella Chamberlain & Olivia Pearson | Dauntseys School CC |
| 106 | Charlie Attwell & George Readman | Dauntseys School CC |
| 107 | Julia Bassingham-Searle & Abi Evans | Dauntseys School CC |
| 108 | Elliot Davies & Gabe Davies | Wey KC |
| 109 | Fergus Lyle & Kais Buckley-Larab | Oundle School |
| 110 | Max Prins-Mills & Aidan Teeuwen | Reading CC |
| 111 | Sophie Luxton & Charlie Hodges | Mount Kelly |
| 112 | Millie Dixon & Morgan Thomas | Mount Kelly |
| 113 | Holly Hewitt & Harry O'Brien | Mount Kelly |
| 114 | Hannah Tilney & Lottie Hodges | Mount Kelly |
| 115 | Daisy Heal & Jack Phippard | Mount Kelly |
| 116 | Freddie Durup & Noah Taylor | Mount Kelly |
| 117 | Rachel Jardine & Emily Matthew | Kimbolton School CC |
| 118 | Toby Summerfield & Zac Cheng | Kimbolton School CC |
| 119 | Emma Croucher & Tom Sumpton | Kimbolton School CC |
| 120 | Olivia Jackson & Aaron Wright | Kimbolton School CC |
| 121 | Tom Barrett & Theo Brown | Kimbolton School CC |
| 122 | Freya Green & Corfield Daniel | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 123 | Max Davis & Dylan Beckett | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 124 | Henry Read & Joshua Batistich | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 125 | Aiden Ward & Matthew Dorm | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 126 | Samuel Hall & James Eade | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 127 | Jonathan Smith & Xander Slocock | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 128 | Charbel Timbrell & Luke Orme | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 129 | Seth Gavin & Edward Llewelyn-Jones | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 130 | Xander Finn & Alex Williams | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 131 | Jared Hughes & Ben Fisher | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 132 | Ella Freer & Olivia Griffin | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 133 | Grace Gadsby & Sofiiia Kulynych | Lord Wandsworth College |
| 134 | Joel Watt & Ted Umbers | Lord Wandsworth College |

| Junior Doubles Entry List 2024 | | |
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| Boat No. | Crew | Club, School or Organisation |
| 135 | Will Merrick & Le Marchant Thomas | Churcher's College |
| 136 | Maddie Gay & Henry Murphy | Churcher's College |
| 137 | Lily Goddard & Elizabeth Child | Churcher's College |
| 138 | Bella Gaunt & Kitty Hogg | Churcher's College |
| 139 | Archie McCreadie & Thomas Banes-Walker | Churcher's College |
| 140 | Annie Finbow & Katherine Toye | Churcher's College |
| 141 | Jake Prodger & Jack Steer | Churcher's College |
| 142 | George Turner & Ramsay Hutton | Marlborough College |
| 143 | Tatiana Stephenson & Bo Mackenzie | Marlborough College |
| 144 | Max Rawlings-Watts & Raphy Foot-Tapping | Marlborough College |
| 145 | Jojo Kiggell & Maddie Diggle | Marlborough College |
| 146 | Dillon Whatley & Ethan Yeun | Marlborough College |
| 147 | Chike Okoli & Alfie Isom | Marlborough College |
| 148 | Jack Ockenden & Jasper Godfrey | Bryanston School CC |

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| Senior Singles Entry List 2024 | | |
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| Boat No. | Crew | Club, School or Organisation |
| 701 | Damon White | Reading CC |
| 702 | Owen Barker | Pangbourne Paddlesport Club |
| 703 | Steven Riley | Royal Marines Kayak Association |
| 704 | Richard Winstanley | Bishops Stortford CC |
| 705 | Colin Hodgson | Dudden CC |
| 706 | Gordon Bullock | Barking & Dagenham CC |
| 707 | Jack Harrison | Royal Army Physical Training Corps |
| 708 | Paul Baker | Royal Marines Kayak Association |
| 709 | Andrew Ingpen | Pangbourne Paddlesport Club |
| 710 | Dan Palmer | Truro CC |
| 711 | Mark Louw | Richmond CC |
| 712 | Joe Fitzpatrick | Bishops Stortford CC |

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| Veteran-Junior Doubles Entry List 2024 | | |
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| Boat No. | Crew | Club, School or Organisation |
| 51 | Henry Camilleri & Thomas Camilleri | Wey KC |
| 52 | Iona Reid & Adam Reid | Independent |
| 53 | Almir Balla & Serhii Pavlyshyn | Barking & Dagenham CC |

| Endeavour Entry List 2024 | | |
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| Boat No. | Crew | Club, School or Organisation |
| 602 | William Jaggs & Mocha Pilkington | Poole Harbour CC |
| 603 | Vicky Metcalfe & Mark Day | Pangbourne Paddlesport Club |
| 604 | Macha de Dreu & Corné Hoff | A.L.S.K.V. Levitas, Netherlands |
| 605 | Isabel Davis & Peter Salkield | Kimbolton School CC |
| 606 | Harry Smith & Matthew Jardine | Independent |

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2. THE JIM CORNWELL SHIELD

Donated by Jim Cornwell, for the second fastest senior crew. Plus PLAQUES.

3. THE STAN NEWELL SHIELD

Donated by Stan Newell, for the third fastest senior crew. Plus PLAQUES.

4. THE CENTURY TROPHY

Donated by Marsport, for the fastest crew both aged over 50 years. Plus MEDALS

5. THE DESIGNER TROPHY

Donated by Henry Ross, for the designer of the winning boat. Plus CERTIFICATE.

6. THE DEVIZES - WESTMINSTER TEAM TROPHY

Donated by the Lancashire Regiment, for the team of three crews registering the lowest aggregate time. (Team drawn from maximum of four nominated crews.) Plus CERTIFICATES.

7. THE PARACHUTE COMMANDOS TROPHY

Donated by the Parachute Commandos, Belgium, for the team in second place. Plus CERTIFICATES.

8. CERTIFICATES

For the team taking third place.

9. THE DEVIZES - WESTMINSTER CIVILIAN TROPHY

Donated by F.J. Jennings, for the fastest civilian crew. Plus MEDALS.

10. THE DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER SERVICES TROPHY

Donated by The Royal Marines Kayak Association, for the fastest crew who are both serving members of HM.Armed Forces (Regular). Plus MEDALS.

11. THE DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER RESERVE TROPHY

Donated by the 10th Battalion Parachute Regiment (TA), for the fastest crew who are both members of the Reserve Forces. Open to RNR: RMFVR: R.AUX: A.F. and T.A.. Plus MEDALS.

12. THE VETERANS TROPHY

Donated by Dale Johnson, for the crew of the greatest total age who complete the course. Plus MEDALS.

13. THE DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER SCOUT TROPHY

Donated by the Borough of Devizes, for the fastest Scout crew. Plus MEDALS.

14. THE ROGER CRANE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Donated by H.W. Crane, for the fastest Royal Navy Crew. Plus MEDALS.

15. THE RAF TROPHY

Donated by the RAF Sports Board, for the fastest RAF crew. Plus MEDALS.

16. DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER CANADIAN TROPHY

Donated by A.R.Beale and A.R. Beale Junior, for the fastest crew paddling a Canadian Canoe with single bladed paddles. Plus MEDALS.

17. THE LEE TROPHY

Donated by Dr M. A. Lee, for the fastest crew who are both veterans, i.e. over 35 years of age on the 1st January preceding the Race. Plus MEDALS

17a. MEDALS

For the second fastest veteran crew (both paddlers over 35 years of age)

17b. MEDALS

For the third fastest veteran crew (both paddlers over 35 years of age)

18. THE CPO W.R.TEMPLETON RN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Donated by Susan Templeton, for the fastest mixed crew. Plus MEDALS

18a. THE HIGHLAND QUAICH TROPHY

Donated by Mark Bragg and Susi Moessner of Integrate Paddling, for the second fastest mixed crew. Plus MEDALS

18b. MEDALS

For the third fastest mixed crew.

19. THE WOODPECKER CIDER LADIES ROSE BOWL

Donated by H.P. Bulmer Drinks Ltd., for the fastest ladies crew. Plus MEDALS

19a. MEDALS

For the second fastest ladies crew.

19b. MEDALS

For the third fastest ladies crew.

20. THE SIR JAMES AND LADY SWAFFIELD TROPHY

Presented to the support team of the fastest senior crew.

21. THE HASLAM TROPHY

Donated by the Metropolitan Police, for the fastest Police crew. Plus MEDALS

22. THE DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER ARMY TROPHY

Donated by the Army Sport Control Board, for the fastest Army senior crew who are members of the Regular or Territorial Army. Plus MEDALS

23. THE OVERSEAS TROPHY

Donated by R. Meads, for the fastest crew not of British or Irish nationality who have visited the UK primarily to enter the Race. Plus MEDALS

24. THE ROYAL ENGINEERS TROPHY

Donated by the Corps of Royal Engineers, for the Services team of three crews registering the lowest aggregate time. Teams to be drawn from a maximum of four nominated crews. Open to HM Regular Forces and Reserve Forces teams from RNR: RMFVR: R Aux AF and TAVR. Plus CERTIFICATES

25. THE SENIOR LADIES C2 TROPHY

Donated by Mobile Adventure, for the fastest canoe paddled by ladies. Plus MEDALS

26. THE OVERSEAS EUROPEAN TROPHY

Donated by Marsport for the fastest crew of European nationality, who have visited the UK primarily to enter the Race. Plus MEDALS

27. THE GILLINGHAM TROPHY

Donated by Gillingham Canoe Club, for the fastest civilian team of three crews. Plus CERTIFICATES

28. THE UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE TROPHY

Donated in memory of Frank Welch, for the fastest crew entered by a University or Universities. The trophy is intended to encourage universities to promote canoeing. The organisers will not recognise clubs that appear to exist solely on paper or which appear to have been set up solely for the purposes of winning this trophy. University Officer Training Corps and other relevant University Student Bodies remain eligible for this trophy. Plus MEDALS

29. BULMERS CIDER TROPHY

Donated by H.P. Bulmers Drinks Ltd, for the fastest ladies crew both aged over 35 years. Plus MEDALS

29a. THE FOLDING BOAT TROPHY

Presented by the Artist's Rifles Association for the crew of the fastest folding boat. Plus MEDALS

30. THE WILTSHIRE GAZETTE SHIELD

Donated by The Wiltshire Gazette, for the fastest junior crew. Plus PLAQUES.

31. THE MARK ADAMS TROPHY

Donated by Churcher's College, for the second-fastest junior crew. Plus PLAQUES

32. THE JOHN MOORE TROPHY

Donated by Bryanston School, for the third fastest junior crew. Plus PLAQUES

33. THE DESIGNER'S CERTIFICATE

For the designer of the winning boat.

34. THE JUNIOR TEAM TROPHY

Donated by the Lancashire Regiment, for the team of three crews registering the lowest aggregate time, teams drawn from a maximum of four nominated crews. Plus CERTIFICATES.

35. METROPOLITAN POLICE CADET SHIELD

Donated by the Metropolitan Police Cadets, Hendon, for the team taking second place. Plus CERTIFICATES.

36. THE CITY OF LONDON POLICE CADET CUP

Donated by the City of London Police Cadets, for the team taking third place. Plus CERTIFICATES.

37. THE OLIVER BROWN TROPHY

Donated by Oliver Brown, for the fastest junior mixed crew. Plus MEDALS

37a. MEDALS

For the second fastest junior mixed crew.

37b. MEDALS

For the third fastest junior mixed crew.

38. THE BERKSONION TROPHY

Donated by C.S. Campbell and J. D. Eustace, for the fastest civilian crew. Plus MEDALS.

39. THE JUNIOR LADIES TEAM TROPHY

Donated by Kimbolton School, for the fastest ladies team of two crews (2 of 3). Plus CERTIFICATES.

40. THE JUNIOR SCOUTS TROPHY

Donated by the Greater London Council, for the fastest Scout crew. Plus MEDALS.

41. THE JUNIOR LADIES TROPHY

Donated by the Metropolitan Police Cadets, for the fastest girls crew. Plus MEDALS.

41a. MEDALS

For the second fastest girls crew.

41b. MEDALS

For the third fastest girls crew.

42. THE MOBILE ADVENTURE JUNIOR LADIES CANOE TROPHY

Donated by Mobile Adventure for the fastest girls paddling a Canadian. Plus MEDALS.

43. THE SCHOOLS TEAM TROPHY

Donated by Geoff Good, to be awarded to the team of three crews all of whom must be pupils at the same school. Team to be drawn from a maximum of four crews. Plus CERTIFICATES

44. BSCA JUNIOR TROPHY

For the fastest crew, both of who are under 17 years on the 1st January of the year of the Race and are from the same school. Plus MEDALS.

45. JUNIOR CANOE TROPHY

For the fastest junior crew in a Canadian Canoe. Plus MEDALS.

46. THE SIMON ZWECK MEMORIAL TROPHY

Donated by Bryanston School Canoe Club, for the support crew of the fastest junior crew.

47. THE HMS ALACRITY McKAIG CUP

Donated by the Second Sea Lord and Commander in Chief Naval Home Command, for the fastest team of three Combined Cadet Force crews. Plus CERTIFICATES

48. THE TOM WEBSTER TROPHY

Donated by Kimbolton School Canoe Club, for the Coach of the Winning Junior Team

49. THE BERNARD PERRETT TROPHY

Donated by Richard Lovell for the fastest crew both of who are under 16 years on the 1st January of the year of the Race. Plus MEDALS.

51. MARSPORT SHIELD

Donated by Marsport Ltd., for the fastest single. Plus MINIATURE SHIELD.

52. MINIATURE SHIELD

Donated by Marsport Ltd., for the second fastest single.

53. MINIATURE SHIELD

Donated by Marsport Ltd, for the third fastest single.

54. THE BLACK SWAN SALVER

Donated by the Black Swan, Devizes, for the fastest lady. Plus MEDAL.

54a. THE PERKINS SALVER

Donated by Rick and Gloria Perkins for the second fastest lady. Plus MEDAL.

54b. MEDAL

For the third fastest lady K1.

55. THE HALF CENTURY CUP

For the fastest singles paddler over 50 years of age. Plus MEDAL.

55a. THE LADIES HALF CENTURY VASE

Donated by Rob Passmore for the fastest lady over 50 years of age. Plus MEDAL.

56. THE SINGLES TEAM TROPHY

For the team of three singles paddlers registering the lowest aggregate time. Plus CERTIFICATES

57. THE MOBILE ADVENTURE CANOE TROPHY

Donated by Mobile Adventure for the fastest single canoe. Plus MEDAL.

58. FASTEST VETERAN LADY

For the highest placed female paddler over 35 years of age. Plus MEDAL.

59. FASTEST UNIVERSITY SINGLE

For the fastest single paddler who is in full-time education entered by a University. Plus MEDAL.

60. THE MAUREEN DUCK MEMORIAL CUP

For the highest placed paddler over 35 years of age. Plus MEDAL.

60a. MEDAL

For the second fastest veteran K1 (over 35 years of age).

60b. MEDAL

For the third fastest veteran K1 (over 35 years of age).

61. THE FRED BARTLETT TROPHY.

Awarded to the fastest Veteran/Junior crew. Plus MEDALS.

62 THE ALICE CHITTOCK CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Donated by John Chittock, for the fastest Veteran/Junior scout crew. Plus MEDALS.

96. The JON WHITE TROPHY

Donated by the Royal Marines Charity and the RAF Sports Federation for the disabled paddler, or paddlers, displaying exceptional determination and resolve over adversity. PLUS MEDAL

The recipient, or recipients, of this trophy will be decided by the Race Directors based on a range of factors to be taken into account. Nominations submitted within seven days of Easter Monday from support crews and Race Officials will be considered.

97. THE COMBINED CLASS TEAM TROPHY

Awarded to the fastest team consisting of one Senior Double, one Junior Double and one Senior Single from the same club. Plus CERTIFICATES.

98. THE PFEIFFER CUP

For the crew which raises the most sponsorship

99. THE SIR LOUIS AND LADY GLUCKSTEIN TROPHY

For the crew, or crewman displaying exceptional courage and fortitude.

This trophy will only be presented if, in the opinion of the DW Organisation, the actions of a crew or crewman are judged to be of outstanding merit. Written nominations from the public for this trophy will be considered, together with recommendations from Race Officials. Nominations for this trophy must be submitted to the Competition Secretary, in writing, within seven days of Easter Monday. Medals also awarded.

100. CERTIFICATES AND FINISHER'S MEDALS are awarded to all competitors who complete the course.



DW Prize-giving will take place on Saturday 1st June 2024

**Lord Wandsworth College
Long Sutton, Hook
Hampshire
RG29 1TA**

| Senior Doubles Past Winners | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Year | Time | Crew | Club |
| 1950 | 34:52:00 | Henry Ross & R Webb | Richmond |
| 1951 | 24:07:00 | Oliver Dansie & R (Bert) Dry | 21 (Artists) |
| 1952 | 24:51:00 | Henry Ross & Michael Wilkins | Richmond |
| 1953 | 30:47:00 | Neville Junor & Edward Marchant | 21 (Artists) |
| 1954 | 28:13:00 | David Mitchell & Stewart Syrad | Royal Marines |
| 1955 | 25:32:00 | David Mitchell & Stewart Syrad | Royal Marines |
| 1956 | 28:32:00 | G R Howe & J P Clarke | Royal Marines |
| 1957 | 25:28:15 | B D White & K Aston | Royal Marines |
| 1958 | 24:27:00 | G R Howe & C J Edmonds | Royal Marines |
| 1959 | 23:17:15 | Syrad Stewart & T Shenton | Royal Marines |
| 1960 | 23:01:00 | T P Hardy & J P Cann | 22 Regiment |
| 1961 | 20:37:05 | W Crook & R O'Keefe | 1st Lancs & 1st Mddx & Richmond |
| 1961 | 20:59:30 | G R Howe & Ted Tandy | Royal Marines |
| 1962 | 20:33:00 | G R Howe & Ted Tandy | Royal Marines |
| 1963 | 21:59:09 | D Arnold & J Haynes | Royal Marines Poole |
| 1964 | 21:46:11 | K Aston & R Donnison | Royal Marines |
| 1965 | 20:27:23 | T Cook & M Stimson | 63 Coy RASC (Para Bde) |
| 1966 | 21:04:00 | G R Howe & B J Strickland | Royal Marines |
| 1967 | 20:12:30 | B D White & J C Lowe | ATURM Poole |
| 1968 | 21:38:00 | R Evans & P Pagnanelli | 63 Squad RCT |
| 1969 | 19:47:20 | R Evans & P Pagnanelli | 16 Para |
| 1970 | 19:14:20 | R Evans & P Pagnanelli | 16 Para |
| 1971 | 19:22:26 | P S Lawler & C J Baker | Richmond |
| 1972 | 19:09:15 | T Shenton & T Cardale | Royal Marines |
| 1973 | 18:35:48 | A K Alan-Williams & A Chapman | Royal Marines |
| 1974 | 19:43:25 | A K Alan-Williams & R J Dyke | Royal Marines |
| 1975 | 17:50:23 | B H Perrett & B R Greenham | Leighton Park School & Royal |
| 1976 | 19:50:20 | G Mitchell & C Norton | Royal Engineers |
| 1977 | 16:56:25 | J F Fowler & B Greenaway | Royal |
| 1978 | 16:50:51 | Brian Greenham & Tim Cornish | Leighton Park School & Richmond |
| 1979 | 15:34:12 | Brian Greenham & Tim Cornish | Reading and Leighton Park & Richmond |
| 1980 | 16:15:48 | Brian Greenham & Tim Cornish | Reading and Leighton Park & Richmond |
| 1981 | 17:22:14 | Brian Greenham & R J Belcher | Reading & Preston Brook |
| 1982 | 16:09:49 | R Kinch & R J Belcher | Reading and Leighton Park |
| 1983 | 19:56:50 | D O'Donovan & J J Kennedy | Argonauts - Cork |
| 1984 | 17:22:07 | Tim Cornish & G Viljoen | Independent |
| 1985 | 17:07:33 | Brian Greenaway & J Day | Battersea AC & Bradford on Avon |
| 1986 | 16:40:06 | R A Freeman & Ian White | Hereford |
| 1987 | 16:06:24 | Guy Dresser & R J Belcher | Royal & Adlington |
| 1988 | 17:08:30 | S Dark & K Owen | Bradford on Avon |

| Senior Doubles Past Winners | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Year | Time | Crew | Club |
| 1989 | 15:39:13 | Paul R Wells & Mike J Wells | Richmond CC |
| 1990 | 17:48:30 | R A F Catchlove & R N Elliott | Maidstone CC |
| 1991 | 18:20:19 | R A Freeman & C R Middleton | Fladbury CC & Royal Leamington Spa CC |
| 1992 | 17:16:25 | K Bowerbank & R A Freeman | Bradford on Avon CC & Total Fitness |
| 1993 | 15:57:40 | M Thornton & S Alston | Elmbridge CC & Chester CC |
| 1994 | 15:42:03 | Mark C Phillips & Richard Lewis | Royal Navy KA & Bradford on Avon CC |
| 1995 | 17:24:39 | Mark C Phillips & A.K. Alan-Williams | RMCF |
| 1996 | 17:57:50 | Mark C Phillips & Richard Lewis | Independent & Royal Marines KA |
| 1997 | 18:04:28 | Mark C Phillips & Richard Lewis | Royal Marines KA & Bradford on Avon CC |
| 1998 | 15:37:36 | Steve Baker & S Dark | Royal CC & Bradford on Avon CC |
| 1999 | 17:51:30 | Jim Morrissey & Michael O'Meara | Dollymount Sea Scouts & 180 Waterford |
| 2002 | 16:54:16 | Jim Morrissey & Michael O'Meara | Dollymount Sea Scouts & 180 Waterford |
| 2003 | 18:35:41 | Jim Morrissey & Michael O'Meara | Dollymount Sea Scouts & 180 Waterford |
| 2004 | 18:34:50 | Henry Hendron & Richard Hendron | Richmond CC |
| 2005 | 17:01:27 | Steve Baker & Gary Mawer | Elmbridge CC & Salmon Leap CC |
| 2006 | 18:15:01 | Steve King & Shaun Thrower | Hereford KC |
| 2007 | 17:03:27 | Piran Shelley & Tristram Turner | Richmond CC & Bristol CC |
| 2008 | 17:32:30 | Ollie Harding & Richard Hendron | Longridge CC & Richmond CC |
| 2009 | 17:16:51 | Owen Peake & Daniel Seaford | Reading CC |
| 2010 | 16:20:24 | Richard Hendron & James King | Richmond CC & British Army |
| 2011 | 18:08:06 | Richard Hendron & James King | BPP University College & Cranfield University |
| 2012 | 17:57:20 | Richard Hendron & James King | Richmond CC & Army |
| 2013 | 16:44:23 | Daniel Seaford & Stuart West | Reading CC & Worcester CC |
| 2014 | 17:23:35 | Ryan Pearce & Michael Southey | Fowey River CC |
| 2015 | 16:40:31 | Lizzie Broughton & Keith Moule | Richmond CC & Chelmsford CC |
| 2016 | 17:10:25 | Peter Maycock & Tristram Turner | Exeter CC and Bristol CC |
| 2017 | 17:27:37 | Jim King & Billy Butler | Falcon CC |
| 2019 | 18:01:58 | Alexandra Lane & Daniel Seaford | Reading CC |
| 2022 | 15:12:15 | Andrew Birkett & Mike Lavarack | Richmond CC |
| 2023 | 15:19:35 | Keith Moule & Tom Sharpe | Chelmsford CC & Richmond CC |

Note: 2022 Senior Doubles race finished at Thames Young Mariners, Ham

| Junior Doubles Past Winners | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Year | Time | Crew | Club |
| 1953 | 37:18:00 | T Walker & D Walker | Chippenham Sea Cadets |
| 1953 | 37:18:00 | R Harlow & Millard | Chippenham Sea Cadets |
| 1954 | 28:32:00 | G Graves & W H Walker | 3rd Hillingdon Sea Scouts |
| 1955 | 24:14:00 | Jolly & Smart | Royal Marines |
| 1956 | 27:52:00 | J Brister & R Rollins | Church Lads Bde |
| 1957 | 23:36:30 | J Nicholls & E Carmichael | Independent |
| 1958 | 37:52:00 | R M Aldridge & Robert Dewsnap | Independent |
| 1959 | 26:38:00 | T A Jackson & J M Peters | Junior Leaders Regt RA |
| 1960 | 25:20:50 | C Evans & B E Woodhouse | Radley College CC |
| 1961 | 18:15:45 | P Lawler & R Still | Richmond CC |
| 1962 | 20:32:15 | V Handscombe & A Chapman | Royal CC |
| 1963 | 19:11:08 | M Harrison & D Irving | Army Apprentice College Harrogate |
| 1964 | 19:25:42 | M Harrison & D Irving | Army Apprentice College Harrogate |
| 1965 | 19:37:05 | D H Williams & C J Lloyd | Junior Leaders Regt R.E. |
| 1966 | 19:18:32 | V Flook & Cyril Arthur Haskey | Junior Leaders Regt R.E. |
| 1967 | 18:43:57 | A R Harston & D J Sherwood | Metropolitan Police |
| 1968 | 19:40:13 | B Greenaway & M Whitby | Richmond CC |
| 1969 | 20:27:42 | L Chadwick & N Russell | City of London Police Cadets |
| 1970 | 18:00:51 | A Hunter & J West | Leander Sea Scouts |
| 1971 | 19:06:42 | A J Bennett & G Kirby | Pangbourne Adventure Dolphin |
| 1972 | 16:48:18 | A J Bennett & T J Cornish | Pangbourne Adventure Dolphin |
| 1973 | 18:57:06 | L Knight & D Greenop | Army Apprentices College |
| 1974 | 18:38:42 | Ian White & S Booth | Sussex Police |
| 1975 | 16:08:07 | Ian White & C Gale | Sussex Police |
| 1976 | 17:49:38 | Ian White & S D Sherriff | Sussex Police |
| 1977 | 17:16:10 | A Duncan & J P Blake | Richmond CC |
| 1978 | 16:45:01 | K Smith & J M Raciborski | Warren CC |
| 1979 | 15:34:43 | A R Ayres & J Q West | Royal CC |
| 1980 | 15:52:53 | D J Nixon & J M Raciborski | Reading and Warren CCs |
| 1981 | 16:34:54 | Paul R Wells & S Evans | 12th Ruislip and Leander Scouts |
| 1982 | 15:37:02 | Mike J Wells & T R Matthews | Richmond & Royal Marines |
| 1983 | 17:37:56 | L Chretien & P Wright | Stubbers |
| 1984 | 16:59:51 | Nick Nelson-Piercy & P Bradley | Leighton Park CC & Warren CC |
| 1985 | 15:36:25 | I Lawler & G Burns | Elmbridge CC |
| 1986 | 14:53:28 | D Coulson & J Elliott | Reading & Leighton Park |
| 1987 | 15:17:21 | J Elliott & M Boxshall | Leighton Park School |
| 1988 | 15:53:51 | G J Butler & I D Livsey | Nottingham Kayak Club |
| 1989 | 15:54:35 | K A Van Someren & H S Kirk | Bryanston School |

| Junior Doubles Past Winners | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Year | Time | Crew | Club |
| 1990 | 16:41:28 | A J Foord & G M Scragg | Bryanston School |
| 1991 | 16:52:15 | M Starkey & D Ricketts | Leighton Park School |
| 1992 | 16:18:45 | O Ricketts & M Starkey | Leighton Park School |
| 1993 | 14:12:59 | A Richardson & S Jensen | Nottingham KC & Richmond CC |
| 1994 | 15:23:21 | M Starkey & T Hollins | Reading & Leighton Park CC |
| 1995 | 16:21:11 | R Pearson & T Baxter | Leighton Park School |
| 1996 | 16:58:36 | P Burbridge & A M Webb | Reading CC |
| 1997 | 16:54:08 | L Pilgrim & C Cheyne | Barking & Dagenham & Leighton Buzzard CCs |
| 1998 | 15:55:41 | S Hayday & Daniel Seaford | Reading CC |
| 1999 | 17:01:52 | E W Hands & A R Whitcomb | Solihull CC |
| 2002 | 18:09:52 | Nicholas Farren & Mark Burton | Bryanston School |
| 2003 | 18:40:45 | Nicholas Thomas & Simon Murray | Bryanston School |
| 2004 | 17:14:19 | James Purchase & Iain Hissett | Independent |
| 2005 | 18:02:05 | Joe Siman & Ben Hobin | Cokethorpe School |
| 2006 | 17:37:05 | Timothy Pearse & Philip Pearse | Cokethorpe School |
| 2007 | 15:49:16 | Timothy Pearse & Philip Pearse | Reading CC |
| 2008 | 16:38:59 | Tim Muller & Frederick Reif | Cokethorpe School |
| 2009 | 16:34:21 | Tim Muller & Frederick Reif | Cokethorpe School |
| 2010 | 15:39:27 | Tim Muller & Frederick Reif | Cokethorpe School |
| 2011 | 16:39:50 | Frederick Purcell & Alex van Tuyl | Richmond CC |
| 2012 | 17:22:07 | Michael Southey & Connor Peters | Fowey River CC |
| 2013 | 15:12:56 | George Barnicoat & James Allen | Longridge CC |
| 2014 | 16:20:16 | Daniel Palmer & Connor Peters | Fowey River CC |
| 2015 | 16:10:31 | Daniel Palmer & Connor Peters | Fowey River CC |
| 2016 | 15:03:21 | Dougal Glaisher & Francis Huntingdon | Blundell's School |
| 2017 | 16:20:26 | David Hatton & Harry Shearer | Chester CC & Norwich CC |
| 2019 | 16:08:47 | Matthew Collinge & James Drage | Fowey River CC |
| 2022 | 16:35:07 | Jamie Lovell & William Scaplehorn | Devizes CC |
| 2023 | 08:24:59 | Max Prins-Mills & Aiden Teeuwen | Reading CC |

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2022 Junior Doubles race finished at Thames Young Mariners, Ham
2023 Junior Doubles race finished at Dreadnought Reach

| Senior Singles Past Winners | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Year | Time | Crew | Club |
| 1985 | 16:13:18 | R J Belcher | Mercia CC |
| 1986 | 15:31:40 | R J Belcher | Adlington CC |
| 1987 | 15:59:25 | D Coulson | Reading & Leighton Park CC |
| 1988 | 16:24:04 | D Coulson | Reading & Leighton Park CC |
| 1989 | 16:21:44 | A Heath | Royal Engineers |
| 1990 | 16:11:51 | D Blyth | Independent |
| 1991 | 15:52:16 | D Coulson | Reading & Leighton Park CC |
| 1992 | 17:00:19 | A J Faiers | Stoke Hammond CC |
| 1993 | 14:46:42 | G J Butler | Nottingham KC |
| 1994 | 15:07:43 | G J Butler | Nottingham KC |
| 1995 | 15:56:09 | David Hallam | Leaside CC |
| 1996 | 16:05:05 | G J Butler | Nottingham KC |
| 1997 | 16:23:35 | E Verduyckt | Neerpeltse Watersport Club Belgium |
| 1998 | 15:24:22 | K Dierckx | Kastelse Kayak Klub Belgium |
| 1999 | 16:20:13 | Steffen Burkhardt | Landes Kanu Verband Berlin |
| 2002 | 15:52:03 | Steffen Burkhardt | Landes Kanu Verband Berlin |
| 2003 | 16:57:17 | Daniel Beazley | Leaside CC |
| 2004 | 16:38:58 | Daniel Beazley | Leaside CC |
| 2005 | 16:36:18 | Sean Morley | Devon & Cornwall |
| 2006 | 15:54:19 | Steve Baker | Elmbridge CC |
| 2007 | 15:13:21 | Simon Fennemore | Wey KC |
| 2008 | 15:57:06 | Richard Golder | Nottingham KC |
| 2009 | 15:57:09 | Steffen Burkhardt | Landes Kanu Verband Berlin |
| 2010 | 15:08:03 | Steffen Burkhardt | Landes Kanu Verband Berlin |
| 2011 | 16:16:27 | Stuart West | Worcester CC |
| 2012 | 17:14:43 | Jan Laenen | Kastelse Kayak Klub Belgium |
| 2013 | 16:40:18 | Giel Spierings | Fowey River CC |
| 2014 | 16:23:13 | Radek Zielski | Reading CC |
| 2015 | 16:02:13 | Tom Sharpe | Richmond CC |
| 2016 | 13:30:33* | Keith Moule | Chelmsford CC |
| 2017 | 15:56:32 | Sam Plummer | Leighton Buzzard CC |
| 2019 | 16:46:21 | Ben Haynes | Falcon CC |
| 2022 | 15:20:15 | David Horkan | Independent |
| 2023 | 08:03:30 | Oscar Griffiths | RECC |

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2022 Senior Singles race finished at Thames Young Mariners, Ham
2023 Senior Singles race finished at Dreadnought Reach

| Veteran – Junior Doubles Past Winners | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Year | Time | Crew | Club |
| 1988 | 17:09:59 | A H Bradborn & I Key | Guards Adventure TNG Wing |
| 1989 | 18:05:50 | S J Amos & J C Rogers | Exeter CC |
| 1990 | 17:35:19 | M Lund & J Clark | Bryanston School |
| 1991 | 18:21:24 | R Stinchcombe & K Williamson | Bristol CC |
| 1992 | 16:55:14 | B R Greenham & G J Wallis | Wokingham Scouts |
| 1993 | 15:42:31 | B R Greenham & G J Wallis | Reading & Leighton Park CC |
| 1994 | 18:42:17 | J Redshaw & J Moore | Bryanston School |
| 1995 | 18:43:52 | S Pilgrim & S J Keane | Independent |
| 1996 | 18:16:07 | B R Greenham & Katy McWilliam | Reading & Leighton Park CC |
| 1997 | 17:52:59 | B R Greenham & Katy McWilliam | Reading & Leighton Park CC |
| 1998 | 17:17:34 | Stephen Blackwell & O Blackwell | Wey KC |
| 1999 | 16:53:30 | Richard Hendron & M Pearce | Richmond CC |
| 2002 | 17:10:13 | P Batchelor & R Batchelor | Basingstoke Canal CC |
| 2003 | 18:45:53 | Markus Panayi & A Thompson | Independent |
| 2004 | 17:47:34 | Mark Adams & Matthew Freestone | Independent |
| 2005 | 17:49:06 | Mark Adams & Matthew Freestone | Independent |
| 2006 | 19:10:53 | Wayne Darling & Lee Howson | Royal Engineers & Bradford On Avon CC |
| 2007 | 18:52:56 | Liam Bee & Wayne Darling | Royal Engineers |
| 2008 | 17:52:12 | Richard J Kent & Tom Diaper | Southampton CC |
| 2009 | 18:11:43 | Andrew Worth & Rhys Byrne | Exeter CC |
| 2010 | 16:36:17 | Stephen K Willis & Sam Willis | Southampton CC |
| 2011 | 18:21:10 | Ian Lavarack & Michael Lavarack | Richmond CC & Sutton Grammar School |
| 2012 | 19:11:03 | Stelian Naftanaila & William Playle | Leaside CC & Barking & Dagenham CC |
| 2013 | 20:21:36 | Eleanor Walker & Peter Walker | Pangbourne CC |
| 2014 | 17:27:00 | William Hardiman & Clive Neale | Tonbridge CC |
| 2015 | 17:30:35 | Amber Owen & J R Treadgold | Reading CC |
| 2016 | 16:28:42* | Kim Hollman & William Playle | Barking and Dagenham CC |
| 2017 | 18:13:33 | Jared Humphries & Clive Neale | Tonbridge CC |
| 2019 | 19:18:55 | Thomas Fitzgerald & Robin Tilbury | Pangbourne CC |
| 2022 | 17:35:48 | Marc Gutteridge & Peter Skinner | London Tideway Club & Reading CC |
| 2023 | 08:57:53 | Ben Webb & Delilah Webb | Wey KC |

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Invasive Species Prevention

The DW Organisation has been asked by Paddle UK and the Canal and River Trust to raise the awareness of the threats posed to our waterways of Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS). There are guidelines on the Paddle UK website and we ask paddlers to follow these simple steps.

Please Check, Clean, and Dry your boat

To help stop the spread of harmful INNS, follow our simple Check, Clean and Dry procedure below, you'll be making big steps forward in protecting the natural habitats of our rivers, canals and waterways.

Many paddlers will paddle their boats on different waterways and there is a possibility that you may come in contact with these harmful species.

BEFORE entering the DW, please ensure you have cleaned your boat by:

- **Checking** you're not carrying living organisms
- **Cleaning** all equipment, clothing, and boots
- **Drying** equipment and clothing carefully

For more information about Biosecurity and Invasive Non Native Species, please look at the following websites:

<https://clearaccessclearwaters.org.uk/invasive-non-native-species-inns/>

Invasive species control | Canal & River Trust (canalrivertrust.org.uk)

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