

Devizes to Westminster Preparatory Races.

Following discussions between representatives of the Marathon Racing Committee and the Devizes to Westminster Organising Committee the below are a series of introductory races to prepare potential crews for the DW race. It has been observed by both parties over a period of time that a lot of paddlers plus their support crews are not ready for the either the Watersides or Thameside races leading into the DW over Easter. It is hoped by both committees that by supporting these events that crews will be better prepared. Also both parties are very keen that more races should be promoted in the north of the country. Hence the races being organised by Pennine Canoe Club, Canoe Scotland and Runcorn Canoe Club.

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| Glasgow to Edinburgh | 06/10/2018 – 07/10/2018 | 52 miles over 2 days and may be raced as a relay. https://www.kcuk.org.uk/glasgow-to-edinburgh-canoe-challenge-2018/ |
| LBZ Remembrance Day Marathon | 11/11/2018 | 13 mile divisional type race from Milton Keynes to Leighton Buzzard. Organised by Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club. http://lbcc.org.uk/ |
| National Schools Championships. | 18/11/2108 | The National Schools Championship is jointly organised by the DW Canoe Race, Marsport and British Canoeing. The objective is to encourage grassroots paddling and better preparation and development of school teams in paddlesport. Held at Dreadnought Reach. RG6 1PQ dwschool-liaision@hotmail.co.uk |
| Ross Warland Memorial Canal Challenge | 25/11/2018 | 20 mile time trial from Banbury Canoe Club to Aynho Wharf and back. May be raced as a relay team as well. 12 portages. Organised by Banbury & District Canoe Club. www.banburycanoecub.com |
| Broadside Time-trial, Norwich | Early January. TBA. | A time trial on the River Yare with separate races over 10K, 20K, and 30K. There is also a Lightning 3K race. The River Yare doesn't flood or freeze and so the event can be run when paddling is not possible in other areas of the country. Run by Norwich Canoe Club. www.norwichcanoecub.co.uk |
| Yorkshire Cup Series. Race 1. Ripon to Aldwark. | 24/02/2019 | Ripon to Aldwark 12.5 miles on River Ouse with 2 portages. New series. Contact:- david@kayakracing.co.uk |
| Yorkshire Cup Series. Race 2. Calder Hebble Canoe Trail | 17/03/2019 | www.calderhebblecanoetrail.co.uk/ . 18 miles with 18 portages. New series. Contact:- david@kayakracing.co.uk |
| Weaver Descent | March 2019. TBA | 17 miles downstream on the River Weaver but can be 34 miles ie there and back. Run by Runcorn Canoe Club. www.runcorncanoecub.org.uk/ |

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| Yorkshire Cup Series. Race 3. Ripon to York | 31/03/2019 | 30 miles with 3 portages on the River Ure and Ouse. New series. Contact:- david@kayakracing.co.uk |
| Bath to Bradford | 08/06/2019 | Classic marathon 12 over miles several portages. Organised by Bradford upon Avon Canoe Club https://www.boarc.org.uk |
| Cheshire Ring | 06/07/2019 – 07/07/2019 | 96 miles and can be done as a relay. Organised by Macclesfield Canoe Club http://madcc.btck.co.uk/CheshireRingRace/EntryInformation |
| Medway Marathon | 28/07/2019 | 17 miles, 9 portages, placid water suitable for all racing and touring boats. Maidstone to Tonbridge. Organised by Tonbridge Canoe Club. www.tonbridgecanoecub.org.uk |

Traditional DW preparatory races.

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| Frank Luzmore | 07/01/2019 | 13 miles and 3 portages. Shepperton to Richmond. K2's only. |
| Waterside A | 24/02/2019 | 13.5 miles and 21 portages time trial. Great Bedwyn to Newbury. |
| Thameside 1 | 03/03/2019 | 14 miles and 14 portages time trial. Aldermaston to Reading. |
| Waterside B | 10/03/2019 | 18.5 miles and 23 portages time trial. Newbury circuit. |
| Thameside 2 | 17/03/2019 | 18 miles and 8 portages. Reading to Longridge |
| Waterside C | 24/03/2019 | 22.5 miles and 30 portages time trial. Pewsey to Newbury. |
| Waterside D | 07/04/2019 | 34.5 miles and 30 portages time trial. Devizes to Newbury. |
| DW | 19/04/2019 | 125 miles including 54 miles canal, 54 miles Thames and 17 miles tideway with 76 portages. Non-stop for senior doubles. Junior doubles and singles race in 4 stages over 4 days. |