

WATERSIDE SERIES 2017

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Race A	19 th February	Great Bedwyn to Newbury	13½ miles including 21 portages
Race B	5 th March	Newbury to Aldermaston & back	17½ miles including 19 portages
Race C	19 th March	Pewsey to Newbury	23 miles including 35 portages
Race D	2 nd April	Devizes to Newbury	34 miles including 35 portages

IMPORTANT: Race A is pre-entry only. **No late entries will be accepted.** There is a limit of **500** paddlers. Entries will be accepted as follows: All juniors; crews entering the complete series; paddlers who have completed 10 or more series; then in date order as postmarked. **2013 & 2014 saw a dramatic reduction in congestion at Great Bedwyn - Thankyou.** The "Split Start" process will be expanded to the other Races as a means of more thinly spreading the impact of Support Crews and their vehicles along the course. **2017 - RACE C** Entries received by Saturday 4th February 2017 will be accepted unless the entry limit has already been reached. *A list of entries received will be posted on this web site periodically - this is not a guaranteed entry but a list of entries received via post* Successful entries for A will be posted on the website with check-in times. (If entries stay at a similar level I expect all who enter to get an entry for 2017)

The Series result is based on the total time taken for **ALL FOUR** races. Any crew finishing all four races is automatically eligible for the Series awards. In the case of K2 and C2 paddlers, you must have had the same partner for the whole series.

CLASSES.

1 - K2 Senior	2 - K2 Junior	3 - K2 Ladies	4 - K2 Junior Ladies	5 - K2 Veterans	6 - K2 Mixed	
7 - Junior/Veterans	8 - K1 Senior	9 - K1 Junior	10 - K1 Ladies	11 - K1 Veterans	12 - C2	13 - C1

Juniors must be aged under 19 on 1st January 2017.

Veterans must be aged over 35 on 1st January 2017.

K1 Veteran Masters must be aged over 50 on 1st January 2017.

A crew qualifies for the Junior/Veteran class if one crew member is a Veteran, and the other is a Junior.

Within the above restrictions, crews may choose which class to enter. For instance, a K2 crew who are both ladies under the age of 19, have the choice of entering K2 Junior or K2 Ladies.

TEAMS.

A Junior Team comprises of between 3 and 8 paddlers, with at least 3 boats, from any class, provided that all paddlers are under 19.

A Senior Team comprises of between 3 and 8 paddlers, with at least 3 boats, from any class. A Senior Team may include one or more junior crews.

The Team time is calculated by adding up the times of the fastest three boats at each race.

The members of the Team must be nominated before the start of the Series, after which no changes to the membership of the Team will be allowed. Crew pairings, within the nominated team members, may change and K1s can race instead of K2s. In each race, 3 boats, paddled by nominated team members must finish to qualify for the team event.

PRIZES.

The following prizes will be awarded at each **Race** :-

In each of the 13 main classes: **1st** ; **2nd** (provided there are at least 5 starters in the class); **3rd** (provided there are at least 10 starters in the class). Other prizes for junior/ladies/mixed crews at organisers discretion. (Many classes include a Junior Category)

The following prizes will be awarded at the end of the **Series** :-

In each of the 13 main classes - **1st**, **2nd** & **3rd**; **1st Senior Team**; **1st Junior Team**; **1st Schools team** - presented by the Schools Canoeing Association; **Services Trophy** - the fastest crew representing a Uniformed Service (regardless of class); **Keith Donkin Cup** - K1 Veteran Masters (male or female); **Junior Ladies K2 Trophy** - presented by Kimbolton School; **John Baggs Trophy** - the fastest Junior C2 presented by Bedford School; **Lyn McLaren Trophy** - the fastest Junior Mixed Crew presented by Newbury Canoe Club. **SKB** – fastest K2 Masters in any class – Presented by J & U Treadgold.

ENTRIES.

Please use the Microsoft Word file to type in your entry details, Print and send to us. (Other formats are available)

Senior: Pre-entries £13.00 per seat per race, or £48.00 per seat for the series. *Late entries: Additional £3.00 per seat per race.*

Junior: Pre-entries £11.00 per seat per race, or £40.00 per seat for the series. *Late entries: Additional £3.00 per seat per race.*

Race A is pre-entry only. Full and correct entry forms including an estimated time to reach the organiser by 4th February 2017. For all other races advance entries must be received by the **Wednesday** prior to the race.

Refer to Rule 3 for BCU Membership as this is compulsory for every paddler. Proof of membership must be provided before a crew will be allowed to start. Temporary BCU membership (**Event Tickets at £5**) may be arranged at Race Control before the start of each race. **IF YOU CANNOT PROVIDE PROOF OF BCU MEMBERSHIP YOU WILL NEED TO BUY AN EVENT TICKET ON RACE DAY (THE COST OF AN EVENT TICKET is £5, and IS NOT REFUNDABLE).**

Entries including a cheque payable to **Newbury Canoe Club**, and a photocopy of current B.C.U. Membership Card(s), clearly showing name, number and date, should be sent to :- (If BCU Membership expires before any race day a renewed Membership will be needed to be proven)

Waterside Entry, Mike Richman, 35 Kingsley Close, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 2EB

If you should have to **RETIRE** from any race, please make every effort to inform a Race Official, or telephone **07507 173145**.

GENERAL RACE INFORMATION.

All races finish at the Waterside Centre in Newbury, where changing facilities and showers are available. All competitors will receive a free lunch when they return their race number at the finish.

The Split race windows is being expanded to all Races A-D. This means that we need your approximate race time for the first race you enter, and you will then be graded and assigned a Window in which to start for any remainder you enter. This will work for the majority and exceptions will arise, these normally balance out in practice – Please email us your intentions and we will monitor and make any announcements directly or via the Web Site.

Any competitor who starts or finishes after the earliest/latest stated times will not qualify for any Race Prize.

All crews must check in to Race Control before the start of each race to obtain their race number and sign the attendance sheets with associated emergency contacts for the day. Race numbers are re-allocated for each race, please return your number after the race, and collect a new one before the next race.

Competitors & Support Crews must familiarise themselves with the Safety Briefing Presentation at Check In.

Numbers must be mounted vertically on the boat; suitable mounting brackets must be provided by the competitors.

Note for Drivers: The Parkway to Newbury Wharf is now Busses & Taxis only, cameras are used to enforce this - use A339. Car parking is available in Newbury Wharf carparks & Farady Road, but are now charging on Sunday's.

Also Supporting at Hungerford and Kintbury will be controlled to reduce numbers. See website for updates.

If you should have to RETIRE from any race, please make every effort to inform a Race Official, or telephone 07507 173145.

RACE A. Start Postcode: **SN8 3PE** Finish Postcode: **RG14 5AS**

Start: Great Bedwyn 09.00 to 12.00 Finish: Newbury 11.00 to 14.15 Race Control will be open from 08.00 to 11.30

Distance: 13½ miles 21 portages

	K2S	K2J	K2L	K2V	K2M	K1S	K1J	K1L	K1V	K1V	C2	C1
Record times	1:33	1:36	1:47	1:45	1:39	1:39	1:46	1:54	1:43	1:44	1:59	1:59
2003 Winning time	1:36	2:00	1:57	1:48	2:11	1:43	1:46	2:05	1:51	1:52	2:03	2:07
90% finish within	2:29	2:50	2:51	2:45	2:40	2:30	2:42	2:59	2:43	2:40	3:00	3:00

RACE B. Start Postcode: **RG14 5AS** Finish Postcode: **RG14 5AS**

Start: Newbury 10.00 to 11.45 Finish: Newbury **13.00 to 14.30** Race Control will be open from 09.00 to 11.15

Distance: 17½ miles 19 portages

The turning point is to the west of the A340 road bridge near Aldermaston Wharf.

	K2S	K2J	K2L	K2V	K2M	K1S	K1J	K1L	K1V	K1V	C2	C1
Record times	1:58	2:08	2:20	2:14	2:04	2:09	2:20	2:31	2:15	1:59	2:33	2:41
2003 Winning time	2:24	2:39	2:56	2:22	2:45	2:20	2:36	3:02	2:27	3:27	2:41	3:11
90% finish within	3:38	3:35	3:50	3:19	3:26	3:16	3:28	3:41	3:44	3:27	4:15	4:03

RACE C. Start Postcode: **SN9 5NU** Finish Postcode: **RG14 5AS**

Start: Pewsey Wharf *****Changes***** Finish: Newbury *****Changes***** Race Control will be open from *****Changes*****

Distance: 23 miles 35 portages *****NOTE: There will be changes to the timings similar to Race A with a SPLIT start.**

There is no car parking at Pewsey Wharf, please park opposite at St Francis school where parking has been arranged.

	K2S	K2J	K2L	K2V	K2M	K1S	K1J	K1L	K1V	K1V	C2	C1
Record times	2:44	2:50	3:20	2:58	2:48	2:54	3:03	3:14	2:59	2:54	3:21	3:28
2003 Winning time	3:09	3:28	3:57	3:13	3:23	3:18	3:38	4:09	3:15	3:45	3:35	4:04
90% finish within	4:34	4:45	4:57	4:25	4:33	4:17	4:10	4:41	4:56	4:23	4:55	5:11

RACE D. Start Postcode: **SN10 1EB** Finish Postcode: **RG14 5AS**

Start: Devizes 07.00 to 08.30 Finish: Newbury 12.30 to 14.30 Race Control will be open from 06.00 to 08.15

Distance: 34 miles 35 portages

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY START TIME FOR THIS RACE.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO START EARLY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT YOU FINISH IN TIME.

	K2S	K2J	K2L	K2V	K2M	K1S	K1J	K1L	K1V	K1V	C2	C1
Record times	4:11	4:36	5:03	4:39	4:40	4:33	4:52	5:22	4:32	5:04	5:23	5:51
2003 Winning time	4:47	5:33	6:05	4:54	5:50	5:44	5:18	6:04	5:04	7:10	5:34	6:09
90% finish within	7:15	7:44	6:58	6:44	6:56	6:21	5:18	6:46	7:08	7:10	7:18	8:04

This event is held on the Kennet & Avon Canal by kind permission of the Canal and River Trust.

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