

# WATERSIDE SERIES 2024

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Race A	4 <sup>th</sup> February	Great Bedwyn to Newbury	13½ miles including 21 portages
Race B	18 <sup>th</sup> February	Newbury to Aldermaston & back	17½ miles including 19 portages
Race C	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Pewsey to Newbury	23 miles including 35 portages
Race D	17 <sup>th</sup> March	Devizes to Newbury	34 miles including 35 portages

Please inform (email) the organiser if any junior entrant is below the age 16

**IMPORTANT:** Race A is pre-entry only. **No late entries will be accepted.** There is a limit of 500 paddlers. **There are no late entries for Race A** – all Entries for the last couple of years have been accepted as the limit has not been reached – we reserve the right to re-impose the limiting of entries should this become necessary

**Note: Race A: has a split start, Race B: Tight finishing window & Race C: also has a split start**

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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

Veterans must be aged over 35 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

Masters must be aged over 50 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

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: **1<sup>st</sup>** ; **2<sup>nd</sup>** (provided there are at least 5 starters in the class); **3<sup>rd</sup>** (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 - **1<sup>st</sup>**, **2<sup>nd</sup>** & **3<sup>rd</sup>**; **1<sup>st</sup> Senior Team**; **1<sup>st</sup> Junior Team**; **1<sup>st</sup> 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) donated in memory of Keith by his family; **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*.

*We also have a Series C1 and C2 ladies subcategory with Series trophies !!*

## ENTRIES.

**Please use the Marathon Racing Committee – Race entry system ( Link on the Waterside website )**

**NOTE: MRC Entries close 5 Days prior to the Race to allow for data processing ( This is hoped to be reduced )**

Senior: Pre-entries £20.00 per seat per race, or £72.00 per seat for the series. *Late entries: Additional £5.00 per seat per race.*

Junior: Pre-entries £15.00 per seat per race, or £52.00 per seat for the series. *Late entries: Additional £5.00 per seat per race.*

For all races advance entries and payment must be received by the **Wednesday** prior to the race.

Refer to Rule 3 for BC Membership as this is compulsory for every paddler. Proof of membership must be provided before a crew will be allowed to start. Temporary BC membership (**Event Tickets at £5**) can 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 are now being taken online. Please use the BC Marathon Entry system ( link on the Waterside website ) and look for the **2024 Waterside - Series** or an individual **2024 Waterside – Race A,B,C or D.** [ Late entries will be accepted on the day at checkin on Races B, C & D. ]

If you should have to **RETIRE** from any race, please make every effort to inform a Race Official, or telephone **07870 769687**.

**GENERAL RACE INFORMATION.**

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

*The Split race window for Checkin/Start windows Applies to Races A & C. 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.*

**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:** 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 & Faraday Road, **but are now charging on Sunday's.**

**Also supporting at road bridge crossing may be controlled to reduce numbers. See website for updates.**

**Pewsey – Parking at the school will be restricted to Vehicles with Canoes/Kayaks, All other vehicles need to park elsewhere. The Industrial Site is approx ¼ mile on left to the South (towards Pewsey).**

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

Race Control will be open from 08.00 to 11.30

**Fast crew checkin will not open until 10.45 – Do not Arrive in Great Bedwyn before 10.30**

Start: Great Bedwyn – Schools/Slow: 09.00-10.00 Fast: 11.00-12.00 Finish: Newbury 11.00 to 14.15

Distance: 13½ miles 21 portages

	K2S	K2J	K2L	K2V	K2M	K1S	K1J	K1L	K1V	K1V	C2	CI
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**

Race Control will be open from 09.00 to 11.15

Start: Newbury 10.00 to 12.00 Finish: Newbury **13.00 to 14.30**

Distance: 17½ miles 19 portages

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

	K2S	K2J	K2L	K2V	K2M	K1S	K1J	K1L	K1V	K1V	C2	CI
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 5NT** Finish Postcode: **RG14 5AS**

Race Control will be open from 08.00 to 11.00

**Fast crew checkin will not open until 10.00 – Do not Arrive in Pewsey before 09.45**

Start: Pewsey Wharf Schools/Slow: 09.00-09.45 Fast: 10.15-11.30 Finish: Newbury 12.30-14.30

Distance: 23 miles 35 portages

**Competitors Parking:** No car parking at Pewsey Wharf, please park opposite at St Francis School (no Cars without canoes[see above])

	K2S	K2J	K2L	K2V	K2M	K1S	K1J	K1L	K1V	K1V	C2	CI
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	CI
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

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