

Support Crew Etiquette – A Guide for Waterside Series

The future of the Waterside Series depends upon support crews behaving in a responsible manner and respecting road users, pedestrians and those that live in the small villages along the route. It cannot be emphasised enough how critical it is that support crews respect those that live and work along the Kennet and Avon canal route of the Waterside Series.

Cars – Congestion and the poor behaviour of support crews in the Wiltshire & Berkshire villages along the route is the single biggest source of complaints about the Waterside Series and is the reason we limit the number of entries and have to write documents such as this one!

- Do everything possible to limit the number of vehicles that support each crew. 1 vehicle per crew is all that is normally needed.
- Do not block driveways and access at any time
- Do not restrict other road users in any way
- Do as you are instructed by the Waterside Marshals
- Do not park in restricted (coned or otherwise signed) areas
- Park on the road, not on the grass verges – which in time destroys them.

On the Towpath – Remember these are serious races for many competitors

- Be aware of crews that are racing do not stand on the main towpath at portages
- Feeding/fuelling of crews can be done as they portage but if your crew stops move off the main portage route
- Try to limit the numbers of support crew that are present on or alongside the portages where competitors are running with boats. Do not idle on the racing line.
- Do not bring pets with you to the water's side whilst supporting your crew.

Paddlers – Support and assist those that need it

- Support and encourage all crews – it means a lot on the longer races
- If crews appear to be in difficulty ask if they need help
- Know your crews speed and time your arrival at feeding stations etc.
- If your crew retire you must let the race organisers know – For 2012 Tel 07507 173145
- At the check in give a support crew mobile no. to the Race Organisers

Local Community – Respect those that live on or near the canal and along the minor roads you use during the race

- Behave towards the local community as you would expect to be treated at or near your home – Be polite and considerate
- Do not block access to, or park on private property
- Do not litter – take all wrappers, bottles etc away with you
- Allow those going about their daily business to travel along the roads

The Race Organiser reserves the right to penalise and or disqualify any competitor whose support crews breach this etiquette.