

## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

### Regatta Chairman's 2019 Review Report

This year has seen the introduction of several new initiatives.

The Check. Clean and Dry scheme by the Welsh Wildlife Trust in conjunction with British Canoeing. They have been delighted with the response from paddlers, both in the genuine interest shown and the boats being cleaned. It is hoped that they will be able to support us again next year.

SUP racing was incorporated into our March and June regattas for the first time with National titles being competed for.

#### National Championships and the Annual National Club Medal Competition

The Masters National Championships were affected by the weather with some of the events being rescheduled for the September regatta. The points gained by the medal winners were carried forward to the Senior, Under 23 and Junior National Championships at the September regatta. Para Canoe, Mini Sprint Series and Paddle - Ability events were included in the final results. Once again we are grateful to the British Canoeing Performance Department for donating a K2 as a prize to the club gaining the most points.

#### Club Volunteer Trophy

Following comments last year, The Regatta Committee reviewed the situation regarding the inclusion of points, gained by Officials for attendance at regattas with the MacGregor points. The decision has been made to separate the points and award a separate trophy.

Without Officials there will be no regattas. Our team of Officials are dedicated to providing the best opportunities to our paddlers that we can. Training alongside experienced officials is provided as well as a workshop, usually held in February.

This year we have recruited a small number of people to help at the regattas, but we do need more. Our Officials work from approximately 08.00 to 18.48 on a Saturday and 08.00 to 15.15 on a Sunday, often without a break. The more people that help, the easier it is for all the Officials. It is quite noticeable that there are some clubs, who have the paddlers to score points but do not provide help at regattas.

ICF training: A number of prospective ITO's attended a course hosted by British Canoeing. This coincided with our first regatta. (These courses are usually held at an international event) Part of the course was to observe our Officials in action in areas where they were likely to officiate.

There was a really good atmosphere within the group and with our Officials. I am pleased to say that our three nominated officials were successful and are now ICF Officials.

### Band Together Regatta

The format was similar to the previous year with long distance racing for K1, C1 and K2 and C2 and mixed crew boats by banding as well as K1 racing in bands/gender for the sprint events. Due to the growth in numbers, the Girl's U12 were a class in their own right for the 200m and 500m K1 races.

### National Water Sport Centre.

The Regatta Committee are well aware of the problems at Holme Pierrepont and regularly provide reports to the Manager. With the support of British Canoeing and the Sprint Racing Committee we will continue to seek for improvements.

This is my last year as Regatta Chairman. I believe that in the time we have made improvements to our regattas that have helped to make the events more efficiently organised, enjoyable and competitive. I shall still be active on the Regatta Committee and look forward to helping develop the regattas even more.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank British Canoeing, the Sprint Racing Committee and the Officials for their support.

John Hoile

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