



Royal Canoe Club Newsletter

March 2025 Edition

Clocks go forward at the end of the month and evenings will be lighter and, hopefully, warmer and evening sessions on the river will begin once again for everyone as the racing season for 2025 kicks in.

Below is an update from the RCC committee meeting held on 11th March.

Wednesday Night 10k time trial

Once the clocks go forward and sunset is later, we will be starting the Wednesday evening time trials. It is hoped to start on 2nd April with the first boats off at 7pm. However, if the evenings are not light enough the start time will be brought forward to 6:30pm. Please look out for notices on the Facebook members site and via email.

Quiz and Curry Night

Come along to the clubhouse on Saturday 22nd March to test your brain cells with our quiz and enjoy a warming curry. Matt Bowley will be quizmaster, and teams should be a maximum of 6 people. However, if you wish to come on your own, or do not have enough numbers for a team, please come along and we can always put you together with a team. The quiz will start promptly at 7:30pm. Tickets are £15 each and will be on sale at the club on Wednesday evening, or you can buy on the night.

Club Successes

Waterside and Thameside series

The Waterside series consists of four races, on the Kennet and Avon canal, of varying length, all finishing at Newbury. These, along with the two Thameside races based at Reading, form part of the training for the Devizes to Westminster event, a 125-mile race held every year on Easter weekend, and they are all very well attended. Tris Turner and Ross McMullen competed in the first two Waterside races and Thameside 1 and finished 3rd in their category at Waterside A, 2nd at Waterside B and they won Thameside 1. Great results! I'm reliably informed they are not going to take part in DW, however.

Elise Montagne also raced at Waterside B, with her K2 partner Katie Brooks from Richmond and they came 1st their category. Well done everyone, these are really tough races to compete in.



Royal CC AGM

This will take place on Wednesday 16th April at 7:30pm. Members attending will be able to vote for club officers for the upcoming year, vote for changes to the Club Rules, go through the accounts and discuss any club issues. Most of the existing club officials are willing to stand for another year, however we do need a Vice-Commodore. If you think you would like to be considered for this role, please contact Club Secretary, Eleanor McKinlay, and she will outline the responsibilities. Notifications of the AGM will be sent out on 25th March, along with copies of the accounts, last year's minutes and club rules. All are welcome and dinner will be available.

Junior Easter Camp

Ryan will be holding fun sessions on the water and on land during the Easter holidays. The cost is £21 per day or get a day free when you book 5 days for £84. The camp runs from 11am – 2pm, 7th to 17th April. Please book on Loveadmin.

Upcoming Races/Regattas

Wey Sprints take place on Saturday 5th April. This is mainly an event for juniors, although seniors are always welcome. Please speak to your coach for more details.

The first sprint regatta of the season takes place at Nottingham the weekend of 11th/12th April. Keith Holt is Team Leader for Nottingham and is always grateful for help from other parents. So, if you think you'll have some time to spare over the regatta weekends, please contact him. I know from experience that there are sometimes long waits between races!

The Elmbridge Hasler marathon was postponed from last October due to river conditions and will now take place on Sunday 11th May.

TWC Fees

TWC fees have increased for 2025 –

Adult membership £230

Family £520

Junior £145

Outport £145

Young Adult 18 – 23 yrs £145
Outport/Student Outport £50

Dates for your Diary

Royal Hasler race – Sunday 15th June.

Paul Gilbert race – Wednesday 2nd July.

Royal Sprints – Saturday 19th July.

Royal Paddling Challenge – Saturday 11th October.

Club Awards Evening – Wednesday 5th November.

Royal 10@10 – Sunday 23rd November.

Christmas Parties – Saturday 6th December.