

# Royal Canoe Club Newsletter May 2025 Edition

The racing season is in full swing now and club paddlers have had some outstanding results, detailed below. Below is an update from the RCC committee meeting held on 13th May.

#### Wednesday 10k time trial

The Wednesday evening time trial takes place every Wednesday evening with the first boats off at 7pm and is proving very popular. Dinner is also available in the clubhouse afterwards but don't forget to book a meal on the club members' Facebook page or by email.

#### **Get Started Sessions**

We run a Get Started course for any parents interested in learning how to kayak. The sessions take place every Saturday morning at 09:30, lasting one hour and cost £20 per session. Please email Eleanor, club secretary on <u>secretary@royalcanoeclub.com</u>, for further details.

## **RCC membership renewals**

Membership fees for 2025/26 are now due and if you have set up your mandate on Loveadmin, your fees will be automatically paid. Please note that TWC site fees and boat racking fees are not managed by Royal CC but by TWC secretary, Christopher Coveney. If you have any queries regarding TWC payments, please contact him at <u>secretary@teddingtonwatersportscentre.co.uk</u>.

## Club Successes

Royal members have been very busy racing over the last month with outstanding success.

April Nottingham regatta - Congratulations to Dianora De Bilio for pre selections for GB Junior European and World Championships 2025, having won the U18 200m and 500m events at Nottingham.

Also selections of Zoe Clark into Senior Women's pool and Elise Montagna and

Edie King into U23 Women's Pool. Also, at Nottingham, Lorenzo De Bilio and Henry Pitt were promoted to Boys BK and Adriana De Bilio to Girls CK. At the Short Course National Championships at Peterborough earlier this month, there were podium places for Adriana, Dianora, Henry and Elise Montagna. Dianora and Elise have been selected for the European Marathon Championships in June.

At the K1 Marathon Assessment race at Nottingham Dianora won the U18 Female race, Lorenzo won the Junior Male race and Elise was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U23 Female race. At the K2 Assessment race at Reading the Senior Female race was won by Elise and her partner, Katie Brooks from Richmond. Dianora has been selected to race K1 short and long course at the Euros in Portugal and Elise has been selected to race K1 and K2 in the long course. Very well done!

At the Wey to Elmbridge U16 K1 Easter Marathon Henry Pitt won the U16 Male class with Marco Mangiantini 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U13 Male class.

The delayed Elmbridge Hasler finally took

place on 11<sup>th</sup> May and Ed Hellman won Division 7 K1, Ryan Lark and Jonny Williams won Division 3 K2 and Fred Hellman and Archie Johnson came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 9 K2.

Huge Congratulations Everyone!

## Royal CC AGM

This took place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm and was very well attended. Club officials re-elected were Eleanor McKinlay Club Secretary, Jackie Willams Club Treasurer and Tris Turner Club Captain. There was also a long discussion









about proposed changes to the club rules with no decisions being made. Therefore, a sub-committee has been set up to discuss the proposed changes and will have its first meeting this month. At the end of the meeting, a very embarrassed Jackie Williams was awarded Honorary Membership of the Club in recognition of 45 years of volunteering at the club.



#### **Royal Hasler Event**



Our Hasler Marathon takes place on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June and we will be needing as many volunteers as possible. All volunteers receive a volunteer t-shirt, and a free breakfast of a bacon roll and coffee/tea. A vegetarian alternative will be available. Please contact Eleanor at <u>secretary@royalcanoeclub.com</u> if you can help on the day, even for a few hours. Burgers will also be available to buy from the barbeque. Entry fees are £12 seniors, £10 juniors.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Paul Gilbert race – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Royal Sprints – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Royal Paddling Challenge – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Club Awards Evening – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Royal 10@10 – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Christmas Parties – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December.