



Royal Canoe Club Newsletter

September/October 2025

Edition

The competition season is coming to a close, and the weather is more unpredictable, we've already had Storm Amy. Please be aware of club rules regarding paddling and river conditions during the colder, wetter months. Below is an update from the RCC committee meeting held on 7th October.

Wednesday 10k time trial

The Wednesday night time trial now starts at 6pm so that it is not too dark to paddle. When the clocks go back, at the end of this month, it is hoped to start circuits in the marquee along with the 6k bridges run. Please check with coaches and on the Facebook members' page for details of the sessions. It is hoped dinner will continue in the clubhouse every Wednesday throughout the autumn and winter but please remember to book on the club members' Facebook page or by email to guarantee a meal and help us with numbers.

First Aid Course

We are hoping to run a first aid course at the club at some time over the autumn/winter, but we need 10-12 participants to make it viable. The course is an absolute must for all coaches and race organisers and is open to all members of the club. For further details, please contact club secretary Eleanor McKinlay at secretary@royalcanoeclub.com.

Paddling Challenge

At time of writing, the Paddling Challenge will take place at the clubhouse on Saturday 11th October with K1s racing over 10k to win the oldest canoeing trophy in the world. The main race for seniors, veterans and older juniors starts at 12:30. A junior 5k race starts at 11:30 and an U12 2.5k race starts at 10:30.



Club Successes

Pangbourne Hasler – Henry Pitt 2nd Div 2 K1

Marco Mangiantini 3rd Div 4 K1

Elmbridge Hasler – Dianora de Bilio 1st Div 3 K1

James Russell 2nd Div 6 K1

Henry Barker-Watson 1st Div 8 K1

Phil Jones/Pete Stratford 1st Div 6 K2

Hasler Final at Worcester – Lorenzo de Bilio 3rd Div3 K2

Henry Barker-Watson 1st Div8 K1

Also, many congratulations to Henry Pitt who competed in the French National Championships and was also selected for the Sprint Junior Development Squad.



Well done to everyone! Fantastic results.

Royal 10@10 event

This event is part of a winter series at local clubs, and our race takes place at 10am on Sunday, 23rd November. The race is for K2s only over our usual 10k course, and is division based. Entry fees are £5 per seat. Please see your coach for more details.

Awards Evening

Our annual awards evening takes place on Wednesday 5th November, starting at 7pm. There are awards for all junior age ranges, U12, U14, U16, U18 and the Paddler's Paddler award is voted for by all members. Food will be available as usual.

Dates for your Diary

Royal Paddling Challenge – Saturday 11th October

Club Awards Evening – Wednesday 5th November

Royal 10@10 – Sunday 23rd November