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The Road to Rio has Started!

Emma Wiggs retained her Paracanoe World Championship title in the women's KL2 kayak event in Milan. In so doing, she secured the first Paralympic quota place ensuring GB at the Games in Rio next year. Nikki Paterson collected silver on her World Championship debut. A third medal for Great Britain was courtesy of Jonny Young in the men's VL3 Va'a event. The women's VL3 meant that Fran Bateman put in an outstanding performance to also claim silver at her first World Championships.

Steve Harris, Paracanoe Programme Manager said: "To have secured our first Paralympic quota place is absolutely brilliant and a huge milestone"

Anne Dickins from Wey KC secured GB's second Paralympic quota place, finishing second in the women's K1 200m KL3. Nick Beighton, a former British Army captain from Shropshire, acquitted himself well, finishing 9th in the K1 200m KL2 event. The 2015 European Champion, Ian Marsden (Trentham) went in the B Final of the men's K1 200m KL1 today, which he won.

Longridge's Jeanette Chippington won her fourth consecutive K1 200m KL1 World Championship title and secured the Paralympic quota place in this boat. In the men's K1 200m KL3 Rob Oliver, from Solihull, stepped up to the opposition to take the silver medal while Britain's other finalist, Lizzie Tench, was competing in her first international and had a difficult start which threw her off line and she was unfortunately disqualified for a technical lane infringement.



There were good performances from Jon Boyton (Royal) in the K1 1000m who qualified for the B Final and finished 16th overall, whilst Matt Bowley (Royal) and Ed Rutherford (Elmbridge) made the C Final, finishing 2nd. In the hugely challenging canoe classes James Styan and Chris Calvert (Fladbury) both qualified for C Finals.

Liam Heath (Wey) and Jon Schofield (Soar Valley) secured GB's first Canoe Sprint Olympic quota spot in the men's K2 200m when they finished fifth in the A final. The race was filled with controversy when a false start attributed to the British crew was not initially recalled and the race had to be re-run 45 minutes later. However in the end it didn't alter the final placings and in a very tight race with only 0.4 seconds separating the first five crews, Heath and Schofield had to settle for fifth place.

Angela Hannah (Banbury) and Lani Belcher (Elmbridge) who paddled extremely well in the women's K2 500m finished ninth, whilst Rachel Cawthorn (Wey) finished in eighth in the K1 500m A Final.

The women's K4 500m crew of Rebi Simon (Elmbridge), Jessica Walker (Royal), Rachel Cawthorn (Wey) and Louisa Sawers (Elmbridge) finished fifth to secure that all important Olympic quota spot for the K4 boat and four women's places. Another highlight was a silver medal for Lani Becher in the K1 5000m to add to her European Games silver in June.

There was disappointment for Ed McKeever (BOA), who finished eighth in the B Final of the K1 200m and he will have to wait until the final Olympic qualification event in Duisburg, 16/17 May, to ensure he is in Brazil next August to defend his Olympic title.

Also in an A Final, the new young pairing of Hannah Brown (BOA) and Emily Lewis (Worcester) excelled themselves and just missed out on the podium, to finish fourth in the K2 200m. Also continuing to improve his international standing, Royal CC's Jon Boyton finished second in the C Final of the K1 500m.

GB finished at the 2015 World Championships having secured a minimum of six Olympic quota places in Canoe Sprint and four in Paracanoe, for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. A further two women's Canoe Sprint places also look likely to be confirmed by the International Canoe Federation, once all the doubling up in multiple events is taken into account.

Promotions from July 2015 Sprints:

FLA	J Jones	C Men's A	LEE	G Pryor	C Girl's B
NOT	G Caines	B Men's B	SOU	E Hewitt	C Wms B
RIC	S Szalontai	C Men's C	IND	K Reid	C Wms B
SOU	J Conway	Master's C	FOX	A Dale	Girl's A
CLM	D Williams	Master's C	FOR	R Kneen	Girl's A
BEV	S Armstrong	Boy's A	LBZ	E Hall	Girl's B
CHE	D Hatton	Boy's A	ROY	I Madden	Girl's B
NOR	D Hunt	Boy's A	WYC	F Ball	Girl's C
WEY	M Marciniak	Boy's A	FOX	E Dale	Girl's C
FOX	T Morris	Boy's A	SOU	S Gilbert Johns	Girl's C
FOX	D Stubbs	Boy's A	LEE	K McQuaid	Girl's C
LIN	E Borchartdt	Boy's B	RDG	F Kemp	Boy's B
RLS	T Bowden	Boy's B	BAN	A Urquhart	Boy's B
WEY	T Goldsack	Boy's B	NOR	J How	Boy's C
			ADS	R Ingham	Boy's C

Milan Medallists

C	F	X	W	F	Z	O	C	S	A
I	T	N	A	W	X	X	H	L	P
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O	F	E	N	I	B	C	T	O	N
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S	F	A	R	S	S	E	N	Y	O
M	G	N	S	T	S	R	E	M	D
YOUNG	BATEMAN	OLIVER							
WIGGS	DICKINS	BELCHER							
PATERSON	CHIPPINGTON								

Experiences of Racing Wooden Veneer Boats.

By Laurence Oliver.

My first venture in a kayak was in 1956. It was built, at school, by a friend and was a PBK 10 - a wooden framed boat covered in canvas. The water would seep through the canvas and require sponging out at regular intervals if one was to avoid getting a wet bottom! The following year I bought it for 10 shillings (50p). That year I became a founder member of Lincoln Canoe Club.

By the early 1960s members of the club started to compete in National Long Distance races (now called Marathon Races). We were racing in canvas framed boats or fibre glass (a new material!). Some competitors were racing in the National Chine Kayak. This was a boat which you could build yourself from plywood and it had a rudder. Attending these races introduced us to other competitors who were racing hot moulded wooden veneer K1s and K2s. These boats were extremely unstable when compared with those which we were used to racing.

By the mid 1960s a handful of members of Lincoln Canoe Club now owned, and were racing, these beautiful veneer boats in both Long Distance races and Sprint Regattas. I remember attending my first international regatta abroad and was astonished to see hundreds of veneer boats on trailers or on the grass - a wonderful sight to behold!

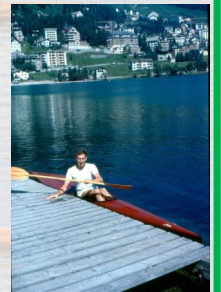
In 1968 I bought my first veneer kayak. It was a Hunter K1, designed by Jørgen Samson and made in Struer, Denmark, by Svend Helge Kobberup and Gerhard Sørensen. At this time, the majority of veneer boats were made in Struer. I took this boat with me to the 1968 Mexico Olympic Games and it bears the mark, on the deck, of those Olympics. At that time, at major international regattas, as all racing boats were made from wooden veneer construction, once they had been weighed and measured the mark of the event was burnt into the deck.

When the Hunter was new, it was the correct weight, 12Kg, but after a while it became lighter until it was given three coats of varnish, which brought it back up to the correct racing weight. It is being raced this weekend by my brother, Richard.

At the 1972, Munich Olympics, I was kindly loaned a brand new veneer K1 by David Lawrence of Royal Canoe Club. That is the K1 racing in lane 3 in the photograph on the front cover of the programme. As you can see, all the K1s are veneer and the majority of paddles were made of wood. I am using a Liminat paddle which was made in Denmark. I still own it.

Training for the 1976, Montreal Olympics (where I raced in the K4 1000m event, in a veneer boat stroked by Alan Williams, now the Sprint International Team Manager) I used a Struer Lancer. I will be racing in this boat in the veneer boats' race this weekend. I used my Lancer until 1988 when I changed to a 'Plastic' Cleaver X. By 2009 the Cleaver X started to give me stability problems, so I now train and race in a Carbon Kevlar Kirton Kayaks' Tor.

Once a year paddlers with veneer kayaks meet up for a reunion to paddle our old boats. The sight, feel and smell of them is delightful!



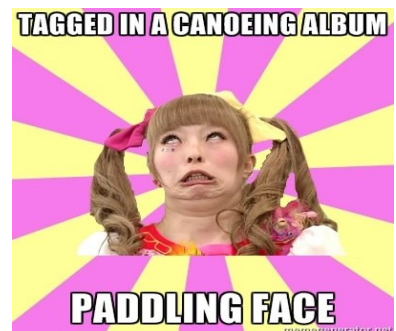
The Macgregor Wooden Boat Races will take place on Sunday at approx 1.15pm. This should be a great spectacle, please show your support and appreciation for these traditional craft by supporting the race, either on the water, or from the bank.

Sprint Racing Committee

The Annual Consultative Meeting will be held on Saturday 5th September 2015 one Hour after the last race.

The Annual Consultative Meeting is Open to all 'Voting Members' / Affiliated Clubs

Each club that is affiliated to British Canoeing has one vote



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