

*People start racing because it's fun and I will strive to ensure that element always remains. My vision is to grow the sport by supporting exciting racing that challenges a variety of skills particularly for juniors so they end up with the tools for a long future in any racing discipline they choose. I believe in encouraging crew boat competitions for team work, to support schools racing, to make the sport attractive and empowering for women and to continually address areas of inequality.*

*My ambition is to work closely with all forms of flat water racing to enable paddlers to switch between disciplines if that's what they choose which hopefully will keep more paddlers in the sport for longer because doing different kinds of racing can be really stimulating. (Those struggling at 17 years old in sprint may be international sprint stars at 28 using other racing disciplines as stepping stones.) This also gives more opportunities for late developers and opportunities to pick up cross discipline skills. Other paddlers may choose to focus solely on sprint and we need a program that works for them too. But whichever of the multiple pathways an individual paddler chooses I will strive to champion training environments made up of friends that are exciting, safe, supportive, challenging and fun. If we can create those along side amazing opportunities to race that inspire the paddlers to take part then I believe one of the outcomes will also be medals.*

*At grass roots level I will support the existing and successful Hasler structure but feel it's vital to promote additional local club based side by side race speed events that can be run without timing or infrastructure. Participating in a set number of these 'local regattas' which could include anything (eg 200m races, elimination races, relays) can form qualification for the MacGregor Paddle. They can also provide a race levee for the SRC which can ultimately ensure subsidies for those with international selection enabling the less well off to compete for GB. I would like to find a way to hold summer mass public-participation competition events (that might be in city centres) that could even include classes for blow-up kayaks and team racing for companies alongside demonstration K1/ K4 and C1 / C4 events with beginner courses laid on in partnership with local clubs.*

*Realising this vision is only possible with the passion, hard work and knowledge of the SRC, RC and all regatta officials and volunteers who invest so much time and energy into the sport, and I will continue to seek to learn from them to build this exciting future.*

*My background is as a club coach. I have been a professional coach paid mostly by Norwich Canoe Club for 10 years and have coached beginners, international athletes and para internationals. I have invested time observing and learning from many other successful coaches. I am a British Canoeing Level 4 Performance Racing Coach Mentor and Assessor and have a Cambridge University B. Ed degree.*

*As Chair of the SRC for the last two years, I have guided the implementation of the JDS structure of a joint committee run equally between the SRC, MRC and Talent Department which has championed crew boat development and opportunities for juniors to make friends on skills days and camps. I've been a part of ensuring the inclusion of sprint racing into BUCS which kicks off in 2023 and the SRC have developed live streaming at regattas (more to come). All these ideas came from the Community and I hope the SRC continues to be accessible and ready to listen to anyone who wishes to have an input.*

*If you share the vision of an inclusive, exciting sport where clubs and the PD share knowledge on an equal footing and everyone from Olympic champions to beginners, to athletes and volunteers feel proud to be a part of something special then please support me.*