### PADDLE UK SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

## Pen Portraits for Nominated Candidates for SRC Membership at the 2024 ACM

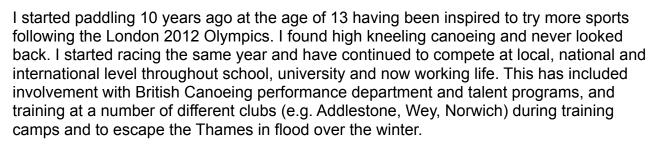
Three (3) candidates for three (3) positions

## **Arthur Leech**

#### Clubs:

- Richmond Canoe Club (2013 Present)
- Nottingham Kayak Club (2018 2022)

# Background



## Racing

I have raced at all levels, in both sprint and marathon events. My first racing experience was a local regatta at Littleton Lake run by Richmond. Following this I continued racing at local events, such as Wey sprints and Hasler Marathons, until my first national regatta in (a very windy) Nottingham in September 2014. I had my first opportunity to represent my country at Olympic Hopes regatta in 2017 and have since raced at European and World Championships for both sprint and marathon.

# Coaching

I have become involved with coaching younger athletes as I have developed as a paddler. Initially this was during the school/university holidays, and I now coach junior canoe and kayak athletes on a regular basis. I find this incredibly rewarding and important as it is an opportunity to give back to the sport and club that has supported me throughout my paddling career.

## **Application to the Sprint Racing Committee**

As with my coaching I am keen to give back to the sport and ensure it is in a good place for future generations. I believe I have a broad range of experiences within the sport that I can use well to apply to the current issues that face canoeing.



# Joe Fitzpatrick

I am joe, I am starting for the Sprint Racing Committee.
I paddle and coach at Stortford Canoe Club, I have been on the committee at Stortford since I was 16 years old, I am also the current treasure of the Marathon Racing Committee. I have been paddling for 20+ years and have been a coach for 15+ years.

## **Paul Dimmock**

#### Profile

With over 30 years of senior management experience, successfully leading a range of organisations in change management programmes, specialising in performance sport and sport development. I develop effective multi-agency partnership working, achieving mutually inclusive objectives. I provide leadership, advocacy, and strategic direction. I established Brunel University as a leading sports academy including Sprint Kayak as well as Athletics, Olympic Weightlifting, Netball and Badminton. I was a member of the British Canoe Team competing in over 50 International events. I was formerly the chair of the Sprint and Para Canoe Selection Panel establishing a transparent and objective selection process. I have been a member of the Sprint Racing Committee for some 6 years and support the MRC as a member of the Marathon Selection Panel.

I have and continue to provide coaching frameworks to best support athletes to achieve world class performances. As Liam Heath's coach, I was able to establish the K2 partnership with Jon Schofield, this remains the only GB crew boat to secure Olympic medals.

Specialist skills and experience:

- Implementation of high-performance sports academies and programmes for a range of sports including sprint kayaking
- Experienced in relationship management with key strategic stakeholders, coaches and athletes, including Sport England and UK Sport
- Partnerships with several NGB's, funding agencies integrated with club structures
- Project management, developing coaching programmes and delivering capital builds
- Embed a culture of continuous improvement in all aspects of the organisation
- Line management and mentoring of large and diverse teams.