



Devizes to Westminster 2010 – Senior Doubles

SENIOR DOUBLES (NON-STOP)

Overall rules

All Senior Doubles entrants must be 18 years of age or older on the 1st of January in the year of the Race.

Senior Doubles crews may stop anywhere along the course, providing they do not move any more than 100 metres from the course or trespass on private property at any time. They must notify Race control of their decision to stop and advise of their intended restart time (and their actual start time if it turns out to differ from that intended). Failure to do so may result in the emergency services being turned out to search for missing competitors.

In the event of an emergency or retirement, contact Race Control on the DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER 0207 620 0298

Timings

This category will be timed continuously from Devizes to Westminster, irrespective of any overnight stop.

Senior Doubles crews may choose their own start time between 0700 – 2000 hours on Easter Saturday. They should choose a start time that enables them to arrive at Teddington within the permitted tide windows, as set out below.

However, crews should start before 1200 on Easter Saturday unless (a) they are fast enough to reach the first tide at Teddington on the Sunday by starting on Saturday afternoon, or (b) they are too slow to reach the first Sunday tide at Teddington even if they start at the earliest opportunity on Saturday morning and aim to catch a later tide.

Any crews planning to start after 1200 on Easter Saturday must personally tell the Chief Marshall of this by the Wednesday preceding the race so that a Race official is present to record their actual departure time. The Chief Marshall's mobile telephone number is 07802 717 060.

Crews arriving on the first tide on the Sunday will only be permitted to pass through Teddington during the period starting 30 minutes before high water and ending 3 hours and 30 minutes after high water.

Crews arriving on the second tide on the Sunday will only be permitted to pass through Teddington during the period starting 30 minutes before high water and ending 1 hour and 30 minutes after high water.

Crews arriving before or after these times will be required to wait for the next tide and no time allowance will be given.

Crews arriving after the closure of the second tide window on Sunday must portage via the towpath to Thames Young Mariners, 500 metres downstream of Teddington Lock, and may only restart on Monday's morning tide.

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Procedures at Devizes

Crews must report to a Marshall for a kit check at Devizes Wharf at least 60 minutes prior to their intended start time.

After a satisfactory kit check and signing the Indemnity/Declaration form, crews should proceed to the Competition Secretary's office to collect their number disc/bib/plate and have their competitor bracelets attached.

Any late changes to crew members must be notified to the Competition Secretary at this time.

Competitors in the Senior Doubles class must start before 1200 on Easter Saturday unless they have personally told the Chief Marshall by the Wednesday preceding the Race that they plan to start later. They must give the Chief Marshall an indicative start time so that a Race official is present to enable them to check in, inspect their kit and record their actual start time. The Chief Marshall's mobile telephone number is 07802 717 060.

Information concerning individual crews' start times will not be shared in advance with other competitors.

Any competitors who have not had their kit checked and collected their number disk and bracelets by 1200 on Easter Saturday and who have not personally told the Chief Marshall by the Wednesday preceding the race that they plan to start after 1200 will be deemed to have scratched from the Race and will not be permitted to take part.

Compulsory equipment

In addition to clothing worn by crews at the start, the following SERVICEABLE equipment must be carried. Crews will not be allowed to start without these items.

This kit will be inspected at the start and may be inspected at the finish; it may also be inspected at any point or points along the course, for which a time allowance may be given. Penalties will be imposed in respect of items missing.

The following must be treated as individual items and NOT serve a dual purpose:

| Quantity | Item | Penalty |
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| 1 per person | Life jacket or buoyancy aid (1) | Disqualification |
| 1 per person | Survival bag, 500 gauge, day-glo orange, 1800 x 900 mm (2) | 30 minutes |
| 1 per person | Complete tracksuit or sleeved thermal underwear to fit | 30 minutes |
| 1 per person | Whistle, attached to the buoyancy aid | 20 minutes |
| 200g per person | Chocolate or energy bar | 20 minutes |
| 300 ml per person | Emergency drinking fluid | 20 minutes |
| 1 per person | Head covering capable of covering the ears (wool or thermal) | 10 minutes |
| 1 per person | White light stick (to be attached to the buoyancy aid) (3) | 30 minutes |
| 1 per person | Spraydeck (kayaks only) | 10 minutes (above Teddington); disqualification (below Teddington) |

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The following items must be produced for inspection at Devizes but can be retained by the support crew and handed to the competitors when required:

| Quantity | Item | Penalty |
|------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 per boat | Battery-powered forward facing white light to be displayed from Dreadnought Reach onwards (4) | Disqualification below Dreadnought |
| 1 per boat | Torch to be ready to show in any direction on the Tideway (5) | Disqualification below Teddington |

Notes:

- (1) Life jacket and buoyancy aid specifications are detailed in the General Rules.
- (2) Survival bag specifications are detailed in the General Rules.
- (3) From sunset to sunrise all paddlers must have an activated white light stick attached to the right shoulder of their buoyancy aid.
- (4) In addition: **below the Wokingham Waterside Centre (Dreadnought Reach) and until disembarkation, all boats must display without fail, between sunset and sunrise, a battery-powered white light facing forward.**
- (5) **Below Teddington each boat must without fail also carry a torch ready for instant showing in any direction.**

Procedure at Westminster

The finish is on the right hand bank about 50 metres below Westminster Bridge. Crews should not stop paddling until they hear the finish signal. Upon finishing crews should follow the instructions of the safety crew and disembark on the County Hall steps.

SENIOR DOUBLES TROPHIES

1. THE DEVIZES - WESTMINSTER CHALLENGE CUP

Donated by A. E. Weibel with PLAQUES donated by Kirton Kayaks for the fastest senior crew.

2. THE JIM CORNWELL SHIELD

Donated by Jim Cornwell with PLAQUES donated by Kirton Kayaks for the second fastest senior crew.

3. THE STAN NEWELL SHIELD

Donated by Stan Newell with PLAQUES by Kirton Kayaks for the third fastest senior crew

5. THE DESIGNER TROPHY

Donated by Henry Ross for the designer of the winning boat plus CERTIFICATE.

6. THE DEVIZES - WESTMINSTER TEAM TROPHY

Donated by the Lancashire Regiment for the team of three crews registering the lowest aggregate time. (Team drawn from maximum of four nominated crews) plus CERTIFICATES.

7. THE PARACHUTE COMMANDOS TROPHY

Donated by the Parachute Commandos, Belgium for the team taking second place plus CERTIFICATES.

8. CERTIFICATES.

For the team taking third place.

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9. THE DEVIZES - WESTMINSTER CIVILIAN TROPHY

Donated by F.J. Jennings for the fastest civilian crew. MEDALS.

10. THE DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER SERVICES TROPHY

Donated by The Royal Marines Canoe Club for the fastest crew who are both serving members of HM. Armed Forces (Regular) plus MEDALS.

11. THE DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER RESERVE TROPHY

Donated by the 10th Battalion Parachute Regiment (TA) for the fastest crew who are both members of the Reserve Forces Open to RNR: RMFVR: R.AUX: A.F. and T.A. MEDALS

12. THE VETERANS TROPHY

Donated by Dale Johnson for the crew of the greatest total age who complete the course plus MEDALS

13. THE DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER SCOUT TROPHY

Donated by the Borough of Devizes for the fastest Scout crew, plus MEDALS

14. THE ROGER CRANE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Donated by H.W. Crane for the fastest Royal Navy Crew. REPLICAS

15. THE RAF TROPHY

Donated by the RAF Sports Board for the fastest RAF crew. MEDALS. Donated by the RAF Canoe Association

16. DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER CANADIAN TROPHY

Donated A.R.Beale and A.R. Beale Junior, for the fastest crew paddling a Canadian Canoe with single bladed paddles plus MEDALS

17. THE LEE TROPHY

Donated by Dr M. A. Lee for the fastest crew who are both veterans, i.e. over 35 years of age on the 1st January preceding the Race.

18. THE CPO W.R.TEMPLETON RN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Donated by Susan Templeton for the fastest mixed crew.

18a. THE HIGHLAND QUAICH TROPHY

Donated by Mark Bragg and Susi Moessner of Integrate Paddling for the second fastest mixed crew.

19. THE WOODPECKER CIDER LADIES ROSE BOWL

Donated by H. P., Bulmer Drinks Ltd., for the fastest Ladies crew.

20. THE SIR JAMES AND LADY SWAFFIELD TROPHY

Presented to the support team of the fastest senior crew

21. THE HASLAM TROPHY

Donated by the Metropolitan Police for the fastest Police crew.

22. THE DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER ARMY TROPHY

Donated by the Army Support Control Board for the fastest Army senior crew who are members of the Regular or Territorial Army.

23. THE OVERSEAS TROPHY.

Donated by R. Meads for the fastest crew not of British or Irish nationality who have visited the UK primarily to enter the Race.

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24. THE ROYAL ENGINEERS TROPHY

Donated by the Corps of Royal Engineers for the Services team of three crews registering the lowest aggregate time. Teams to be drawn from a maximum of four nominated crews. Open to HM Regular Forces and Reserve Forces teams from RNR: RMFVR: R Aux AF and TAVR.

25. THE SENIOR LADIES C2 TROPHY

Donated by Mobile Adventure for the fastest canoe paddled by ladies.

27. THE GILLINGHAM TROPHY

Donated by Gillingham Canoe Club for the fastest civilian team of three crews

28. THE UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE TROPHY

Donated in memory of Frank Welch for the fastest crew entered by a University

29. BULMERS CIDER TROPHY

Donated by H.P. Bulmers Drinks Ltd for the fastest ladies crew both aged over 35 years