



Devizes to Westminster 2012 – Endeavour Class (Four Stages)

The Endeavour doubles class is considered a non-competitive tour along the course of the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race.

It is open to all-male, female or mixed crews, of any nationality, aged 18 years or over on the 1st of January in the year of the race. It is also open to any crew consisting of a paddler aged from 18 to 35 on the 1st of January in the year of the race and a paddler under 19 years and not less than 15 years of age, on the 1st of January in the year of the race.

Although this event is considered non-competitive, elapsed times will be recorded for safety purposes. However, there will be no place prizes awarded in this class. Participants must adhere to start windows as set out by the organisers in order to avoid congestion along the course.

Endeavour class participants are eligible for the Pfeiffer Cup, for the crew which raises the most sponsorship, and the Sir Louis and Lady Gluckstein Trophy, for the crew or individual displaying the most courage and fortitude. They will also receive a certificate on completing the course.

Course details

Day 1 (Good Friday)	Devizes to Newbury	34 miles
Day 2 (Easter Saturday)	Newbury to Marlow	36 miles
Day 3 (Easter Sunday)	Marlow to Ham	38 miles
Day 4 (Easter Monday)	Ham to Westminster	17 miles

Timings

Crews must report on day one for Kit Check one hour prior to their intended start time at Devizes. Start times over the Easter Weekend are as follows:

Devizes	0700-0800	As directed
Newbury and Marlow	0645 - 0900, slowest first, at intervals as directed. Details of start windows will be available after the finish on previous day	As directed
Ham	Around High Tide, times to be advised during the weekend	As directed

Finishing arrangements

Friday	Newbury	Right-hand side of the canal at Northcroft Leisure Centre
Saturday	Marlow	Right-hand side of the river at Longridge Scout Camp
Sunday	Ham	Right-hand side of the river at Thames Young Mariners
Monday	Westminster	Right-hand side below Westminster Bridge

Crews should not stop paddling until they hear the finish signal; an air-horn, bell or whistle. Upon finishing they must follow instructions of safety boat crew or race officials. Endeavour crews finishing more than 10 hours after their start time will not be permitted to start again on the following day and will be deemed to have retired.

Endeavour class end-of-stage arrangements

Paddlers taking part in the Endeavour class may leave the course at the end of each stage and return next day for the next stage or they may camp at the designated camp sites at Newbury (Northcroft Leisure Centre), Marlow (Longridge) and Ham (Thames Young Mariners).

Crews using the sites will rise in time to pack up, clean their quarters and place all refuse in the sacks provided and will not be allowed to proceed until approval is given by a Site Marshal. No person other than Race Officials or participants in the event will be allowed access to any campsite used for the accommodation of participants.

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 dual purposes:

Quantity	Item	Penalty
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	Spraydeck (kayaks only)	10 minutes (above Teddington); 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.

In the event of a very early tide on the last stage, all boats will have to display a forward-facing battery-powered white light. They will also have to carry a torch ready for instant showing in any direction. Each competitor must also display a white light stick, attached to their buoyancy aid/life jacket. For Endeavour class participants, these items do not have to be carried in the boat during the preceding stages of the Race but they must be produced by support crews at Ham for use if required on Easter Monday. **For the 2012 race, the early time of the tides means that competitors in the four-day events WILL require lights.**

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At Devizes all crews must provide the number of a working mobile phone held by their Chief Supporter or Team Leader so that the Organisers can contact them in the event of an emergency. Unsupported crews must provide the number of a phone to be carried with them in the boat. The Organisers recommend that all crews carry a working mobile phone in a waterproof pouch.

Support restrictions apply in this class

Severe congestion and over-crowding at portages means entrants in the Endeavour Doubles event are limited to 2 support vehicles each and 4 bibbed support crew only. Teams of more than three crews will be permitted one additional Team Leader vehicle and an extra supporter bib. Full details are outlined in Rules for Supporters.