



Devizes to Westminster 2012 – 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.

Timings

This category will be timed continuously from Devizes to Westminster, irrespective of any stop. Competitors must pick a start time that enables them to reach Teddington within the permitted tide windows, as set out below.

Competitors must start between 0700-2000 hours on Easter Saturday.

Crews should start before 1200 unless (a) they are fast enough to reach the first tide at Teddington on the Sunday by starting after then, 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 therefore to catch a later tide.

Any crews planning to start between 1200-2000 on Easter Saturday must without fail tell the Chief Umpire of their plan to do so by the Wednesday preceding the race. This is so that a Race official is present to record their actual departure time. This information will not be shared with other competitors. The Chief Umpire can be emailed at dwchiefumpire@hotmail.co.uk. You must receive a written confirmation from the Chief Umpire for your late start to be accepted.

Please note, the Organisers will not modify start windows to enable people to 'fit' DW into a multi-event endurance challenge. Allowing crews to start outside our start windows causes undue problems for checkpoints and creates difficulties for safety personnel who need to focus on the precise locations where they know competitors will be.

Teddington Tide Windows

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.

The tide window at Teddington for the Sunday evening tide will be 2 hours long. It will open 30 minutes before high water and close 1 hour and 30 minutes after high water.

Crews arriving before or after these times will be required to wait for the next tide window and no time allowance will be given. There will be no exceptions to this rule. 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 as directed by the Starter.

Cut-off times for the canal section

In the interests of safety at the Westminster end of the course, there are now two 'cut-off' times on the canal section of the course.

- Newbury Wharf. Any crew who takes more than 10 hours to reach Newbury Wharf from Devizes will be excluded from the race and must leave the water at Aldermaston having informed Control that they have done so.
- Dreadnought Reach. Any crew who takes longer than 15.5 hours to reach Dreadnought Reach from Devizes will be excluded from the race and will be expected to leave the water by Marsh Checkpoint having informed Control that they have done so.

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Entry procedures

All crews must have entered the race by the Sunday two weeks before Easter – the weekend of Waterside D. A member of the DW Organising Team will be at Newbury to collect entries. No late entries or entries on the day will be accepted.

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

After a satisfactory kit check and signing the Indemnity/Declaration form, crews go 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 who haven't had their kit checked and collected their number disk and bracelets by 1200 on Easter Saturday and who have not personally told the Chief Umpire by the Wednesday preceding the race that they plan to start after 1200 will be deemed to have scratched and will not be permitted to start.

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 checked at the finish or at any point along the course, for which a time allowance will 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
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)	30 minutes
1 per person	Spraydeck (kayaks only)	10 mins (above Teddington); disqualification (below it)

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

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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 paddlers must attach an activated white light stick to the right shoulder of their buoyancy aid. **Any boat not displaying lights as set out in the rules will be stopped.**
- (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 carry a torch ready for instant showing in any direction.**
- (6) 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.

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.

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

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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.

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 or Universities. The trophy is intended to encourage universities to promote canoeing. The organisers will not recognize clubs that appear to exist solely on paper or which appear to have been set up solely for the purposes of winning this trophy. University Officer Training Corps and other relevant University Student Bodies remain eligible for this trophy.

29. BULMERS CIDER TROPHY

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

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