

Devizes to Westminster 2012 – Senior singles



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Overall rules

This class is open to any paddler who is aged 18 years or over on the 1st of January in the year of the race

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

Starting arrangements

Devizes	0930-1030 Slow boats must start earlier by arrangement with the Official Starter who may be contacted on 01983 731403	As directed
Newbury and Marlow	0645 - 0900, slowest first, at intervals as directed. Fastest 15 at 2 minute intervals 0930-1000. 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	On the right-hand side of the canal at Northcroft Leisure Centre
Saturday	Marlow	On the right-hand side of the river at Longridge Scout Camp
Sunday	Ham	On the right-hand side of the river at Thames Young Mariners
Monday	Westminster	On the 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.

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.

Compulsory equipment

Crews must report on Day One for a Kit Check at Devizes Wharf at least one hour prior to their intended start time.

In addition to clothing worn by crews at the start, the following SERVICEABLE equipment must be carried. Paddlers 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.

In the event of retirement or an emergency, call Race Control on 0207 620 0298

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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.

At Devizes all competitors 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 paddlers must provide the number of a phone to be carried with them in the boat. The Organisers recommend that all paddlers carry a working mobile phone in a waterproof pouch. This number should be recorded on the entry form submitted at the time of kit inspection.

Senior singles overnight arrangements

- Senior singles paddlers may leave the course between each day's racing or camp on site.
- Those camping will rise in time to pack up, clean their quarters and put refuse in the bins.
- Competitors are responsible for making sure that they have carefully checked their published start times for the following day.
- The organisers will bear no responsibility for any failure by the paddlers to turn up on time.
- Start windows will not be extended for latecomers.
- 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 senior-singles competitors, 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 tide times are early and competitors in the four-day events WILL require lights and WHITE lightsticks. No other colour lightsticks will be allowed.**

Support restrictions apply in this class

Severe congestion and over-crowding at portages means that entrants in the Senior Singles 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.

SENIOR SINGLES TROPHIES

51. MARSPORT SHIELD

Donated by Marsport Ltd., for the fastest single plus MINIATURE SHIELD

52. MINIATURE SHIELD

Donated by Marsport Ltd., for the second fastest single.

53. MINIATURE SHIELD

Donated by Marsport Ltd, for the third fastest single.

54. THE BLACK SWAN SALVER

Donated by the Black Swan, Devizes, for the fastest lady

55. THE HALF CENTURY CUP

For the fastest singles paddler over 50 years of age.

56. THE SINGLES TEAM TROPHY

For the team of three singles paddlers registering the lowest aggregate time.

57. THE MOBILE ADVENTURE CANOE TROPHY

Donated by Mobile Adventure for the fastest single canoe

58. FASTEST VETERAN LADY

For the fastest female paddler over 35 years of age

59. FASTEST UNIVERSITY SINGLE

For the highest-placed single paddler who is in full-time education.

60. THE MAUREEN DUCK MEMORIAL CUP

For the fastest male singles paddler over 35 years of age.