

Devizes to Westminster 2010 – 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

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

Course details

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| 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

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| Devizes | 0930-1030 | As directed |
| Newbury and Marlow | 0900-1000 | As directed, at intervals, slowest first |
| Ham | Around High Tide, times to be advised during the weekend | Fastest boats in front row, remainder in next row, as advised by the Race Organiser |

Finishing arrangements

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| 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.

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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. Singles 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.

| 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 | 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.

Senior singles overnight arrangements

- Senior singles paddlers may either leave the course between each day's racing or camp on site.
- Those using the sites will rise in time to pack up, clean their quarters and place all refuse in the bins.
- Competitors are responsible for making sure that they have carefully checked their 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 2010 race, the lateness of the tide means that competitors in the four-day events do not require lights.**

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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.