



Veteran / Junior Doubles (Four Stages)

The veteran member of the crew shall be over 35 years, and the junior member of the crew under 19 years and not less than 15 years of age, on the 1st of January in the year of the race. Any paddler whose age does not fall within this range is ineligible to enter. Any attempt by an ineligible paddler to take part will result in disqualification from that year's race. The DW Organisation also reserves the right to ban that paddler from entering the race for a further 3 years, and to decline any entry associated with that paddler's club or team leader for 1 year.

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 **Race time is in BST throughout the 2017 Race.**

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

Devizes		09:30 – 10:30
	Boats expecting to take between 7 and 10 hours to reach Newbury must start earlier by arrangement with the Official Starter. Contact on 01983 731403 or starter@dwrace.org.uk by the Wednesday before Easter.	
Newbury (Northcroft)	Elapsed time of 8 – 10 hours	06:45 – 07:15
	Elapsed time of 7 – 8 hours	07:15 – 07:45
	Elapsed time of 6 – 7 hours	07:45 – 08:30
	Fastest Veteran/Junior crews (if less than 6 hours elapsed time) Timed departures at 2 minute intervals, slowest crew first.	09:15 – 09:30
Marlow (Longridge)	Elapsed time of 16 – 20 hours	06:45 – 07:15
	Elapsed time of 14 – 16 hours	07:15 – 07:45
	Elapsed time of 12 – 14 hours	07:45 – 08:30
	Fastest Veteran/Junior crews (if less than 12 hours elapsed time) Timed departures at 2 minute intervals, slowest crew first.	09:15 - 09:30
Ham (TYM)	Batch Starts, just after high tide, fastest first, exact times to be advised on Sunday afternoon	BST 07:15 onwards in 2017

Crews finishing more than 10 hours after their start time on the first day or the second day will not be permitted to start again on the following day and will be deemed to have retired.

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
Sunday	Ham	On the right-hand side of the river at Thames Young Mariners
Monday	Westminster	On the right-hand side on the downstream face of Westminster Bridge

Crews should not stop paddling until they hear the finish signal; an air-horn, bell or whistle, with the exception of the final day when they must continue to paddle until they have passed under Westminster Bridge. Upon finishing they must follow the instructions of safety boat crews or race officials.

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

End-of-stage arrangements for Veteran/Junior Doubles

Competitors in the Veteran/Junior doubles event 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 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.

Compulsory equipment

See the "Compulsory Equipment" rules.

Support Restrictions apply in this class

Severe congestion and over-crowding at portages means paddlers in the Veteran/Junior event are now limited to 2 support vehicles each and 4 support crew only. Teams of more than three crews will be permitted one additional Team Leader vehicle.

See the "Supporters' Code of Conduct" rules.

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