



1948-2014 - Celebrating 66 Years of Personal Endeavour

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Fowey River CC Victorious in DW2014 Double 125 mile Devizes Westminster 2014

Ryan Pearce and Mike Southey won DW2014 Senior Doubles over the Easter Weekend in a time of 17 hours 23 minutes and 35 seconds. The pair aged 20 and 23 from Fowey River Canoe Club are the youngest pair to win the Senior Doubles race, an event where previously age and experience has triumphed over youth and enthusiasm.

Junior Doubles winners Daniel Palmer and Connor Peters completed a Fowey River Canoe Club double with their victory in the 4-day stages event with a time of 16 hours, 20 minutes and 16 seconds.

Completing the Senior / Junior Double is thought to be a first for a club in the 66 year history of the annual event. The club also took the Mixed Junior Doubles and Canadian Senior Singles.

The Senior Singles race was won by Radek Zielski from Reading Canoe Club with a time of 16:23:13, while William Harding and Clive Neale from Tonbridge Canoe Club took the Veteran Junior Doubles title.

611 kayakers and canoeists started the race in 334 boats making this one of the largest entries on record, despite experiencing the wettest winter in England and Wales on record according to the Met Office. For the non-stop race, conditions were reasonable, with a colder start on Easter Saturday morning, giving way to a milder afternoon. An easterly head wind picked up overnight to welcome crews onto the River Thames and quickly took its toll. In total, 52 crews (27%) of the 190 Senior Crews that started the race retired before reaching the finishing line just downstream of Westminster Bridge.

For more information about Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Marathon visit www.dwrace.org.uk . Press releases at <http://www.dwrace.org.uk/news.html>

Senior Doubles – must be 18 years or older in the year of the race.

For further information, to arrange an interview or photographs please contact Peter Hutchison on at peterhutchison24@gmail.com or on 07736 424200.

Notes for Editors: The annual event is one of the toughest endurance events in the world. The non-stop race over 125-miles starts on Saturday 19 April. Non-stop means non-stop. No sleep, no rest, eating and drink entirely on the move. The fastest complete the course in around 17 hours, others will take

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around 24-hours, happy to have completed one of the toughest, open-to-all endurance races on the planet. The event takes canoeists to the limit of mental and physical endurance, battling against the steady and inevitable onset of physical depletion.

Junior, Senior, Veteran Doubles and Senior Singles take on the course over four-days, starting on the Friday 18 April, completing the course over four stages to finish on 21 April, Easter Monday. Open to anyone over 15 years of age – many schools take part – you'll need to train for at least six months if you're new to paddling.

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