

Notes on Canoeing - that's proper Open Canadian Canoes (OC's)

Please read this note in conjunction with the Club Calendar of Events (see last page).

This year, we are starting with an 'all comers' session on Saturday 13th March, 10.30am, to find out who wants to paddle open boats, what their current skill level is and what they hope to achieve by the end of the season. Following sessions will then be scheduled depending on your availability, and that of the coaches needed. If you cannot make this day but would like to register your interest, please contact me at: Brian.biffin@gmail.com or call 01252 616692.

Coaches permitting, we should be able to cater for 1* through to 4*.

Cost:

1* £20

2* £25

3* £30

4* £30 plus cost of employing an outside assessor.

(Contributions towards transport costs will be requested where appropriate)

I have deliberately not mentioned any trips to the Wye / Symonds Yat rapids, as this will depend on your course requirements.

In May, probably one Wednesday evening, I am inviting Rob Yates of Elements to deliver a one - off Canoeing Masterclass using his fleet of boats at Mytchett. An occasion not to be missed. Actual date tbc.

In addition, this year, I have included two short (5Km-ish) one--way trips on the River Wey, aimed at those preferring a low - impact paddle. Also, please note the Friday - Saturday overnight paddle starting in Fleet and camping at Mytchett. We will be paddling back to Fleet on the Saturday, but that is optional. This will help qualify towards the 3 and 4* course.

This year, the Open Canoe Symposium is to be held in Wales, on the shores of Bala Lake (easy drive to the Tryweryn), on October 8th - 10th. Cost: around £100 including full board, lectures, coaching, trips and boat loan! It's a great opportunity to paddle with new people, meet new coaches, discover new skills or improve old ones. There's time to look at other people's boats, talk about them, try them out and maybe buy something. It's such a friendly atmosphere, it's too good to miss! Details should be up by the end of March at:

<http://www.alsite.co.uk/ElectronicCottage/cansymp/index.html>

Brian Biffin

Canoeing /Kayak events 2010

Date / Time	Event / Location	Skill Level / Host
Sat 13 March 10.30am	Open Canoe 1/2/3* (Thereafter evenings / Sunday afternoons depending on demand) Mytchett	Beginners upwards
Fri 19th March	The Leisure Show / Royal Windsor Racecourse	
Sat 20th March	O.C. trip R. Wey: Cartbridge > Pyrford (5ish Km)	Any /BB
26-28 March	Outdoor Show / NEC (BB going on 26th)	
2 – 5th April	DW	
Sat 10th April	O.C. trip R. Wey: Pyrford > Weybridge (6Km)	2* /BB
Sat 24th April	Cricklade – Letchlade (15Km)	2* /BB
30 Apr-3 May	Cardington	Any / Lee
Sat 9th May	Sea paddle: Old Harry (4Km minimum)	2* /BB
Sat 15th May	Sea paddle: Beaulieu River or Hamble	2/3* /BB
19 or 26th May	Canoe Masterclass / Mytchett	Elements
21- 22 May	Overnight paddle Fleet > Mytchett camp and return	2* /BB
Sat 19th June	Sea Paddle : Beaulieu or Hamble river (if weather on 15th is bad)	2/3* /BB
Sun 20th June	R. Thames Putney > H of C and back	3* /BB
Sat 26th June	Sea Paddle: Lulworth	2* /BB
8 – 10th Oct.	Welsh Canoe Symposium, Bala	Any / ElectronicCottage