

Follow our Paddlers – Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Marathon 2011 – Easter Weekend

We have three paddlers racing in this year's 4-day 'Endeavour' class. The race is 125 miles, long and has 77 portages. The first 52 miles are along the Kennet and Avon Canal, the next 55 miles are on the River Thames and the final section is on the tidal portion of the Thames. The race is a severe test of skill and stamina which produces a memorable sense of achievement for those successfully completing it.

You can follow the progress of our paddlers online here: <http://www.dwrace.org.uk/results/2011/dw.html>

Here's some detail to help you follow them:

Jon Freemantle is paddling for BCCC in the senior singles class and is boat number **736**. Jon was lying 11th after the first day with a sub-six-hour time of 05h57:29.

Samantha Rees-Clark is paddling in Junior K2 for Devizes this year with Connor Peters of Fowey. Sam and Connor completed the stretch to Newbury in 5h35.48 (lying 6th). Their boat number is **171**.

Mike Rees-Clark is paddling in Junior K2 for Devizes this year with Ed Dobson of Devizes. Mike and Ed completed the first day in 5h20.01 (lying 5th). Their boat number is **164**.

Here's some pics of the first day so you get the flavour of this fantastic race:



Jon flying in to the Kintbury portage.



Mike and Ed, finishing at Newbury and finished.



Sam and Connor finishing on Friday....



and cooling off....

Wish them and all the other participants luck.

All the best, Paul Jeffs

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