



Waterside "B" 13 March 2011

Another competition report – there is one a week at present. This one is the second Waterside race which is from Newbury to Aldermaston and back to Newbury. 17½ miles, 19 portages and a lot more river sections so the paddlers have the advantage of the flow going out but have to paddle against it coming back.

BCCC had seven boats racing and a part share in another three and they all put in a good performance. Those who raced it last year all bettered their last years' time – Mark and Neil by 12 minutes, Jamie and Derek and Isobel and Naomi by some 6 or 7 minutes. The BCCC results are below and some pictures all taken at the Aldermaston portage. The full results are on <http://www.watersideseries.org.uk/results/currentb.pdf>

We should note that the Elmbridge crew of Ben Brown and Ivan Lawler beat the record being the first crew to finish in less than 2 hours. Mark you, Ben is the current Marathon World Champion an honour that Ivan held no less than seven times.

		Hrs: Mins: secs
Senior Men K2	Jamie Cox/Derek Campbell	2:39:47
Junior Mes K2	Mike Rees-Clark/Ed Dawson	2:26:52
	Jason Dyer/James Taylor	2:40:56
Ladies K2	Isobel & Naomi Smith	2:37:52
Veteran Men K2	Jason Ashwell/Nigel Cole	2:52:44
	Mark Evans/Neil Matthews	2:58:03
Mixed K2	Sam Rees-Clark/Jack Clarke	2:42:03
Veteran/Junior K2	Paul & Andrew Jeffs	3:00:05
Senior Men K1	James Freemantle	2:29:42
	Jon Freemantle	2:49:42

Isobel and Naomi are currently second in the four-race series.



Sam Rees-Clark



Neil and Mark on what looks like a staggeringly good portage



James and Jason approach the portage



A busy portage for Isobel and Naomi to negotiate



With so many portages skilful portaging is key to a good result and from these pictures it looks as if James Freemantle (top) and brother Jon have got on the water and away quickly.

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