

## Halifax Canoe Club - Slalom News - June 2011

### Sowerby Bridge Div 3/4

So it's just 3 weeks to our next race at the club on **18/19 June**

As usual we are looking for helps to run the event:

- We'll be putting the course up on the Saturday before (**11th June**)
- Over the weekend we need people to help with safety, running the office, running start and finish, in the kitchen

As this is not as busy an event as our other two there is plenty of scope to help out and fit runs in - although it may mean being flexible and doing both runs in the morning or afternoon

To offer your help, signup on the list on the notice board at the club or speak to Vicky or Les

#### Racing:

For those in Div 3 this is the ideal chance to race with home advantage.

Those of you in other Div's why not have a go at a different class? You know you want to do C1 or C2 really. But if you are going to race C1 you should get ranked or your results will get cancelled! (to get ranked use the following link <http://www.canoeslalom.co.uk/emails/reinstatement.htm>)

**Above all get organised and get you entries on to me!**

#### Practice:

We'll be training on the race course on the Wednesday before the race. And on **Sunday 12th** we have a Slalom Club Sunday - extra training and introducing other club members to slalom - come along for a 11am start.

### Racing Round Up

**Wagon Lane:** A small but dedicated turn out for the race at Wagon Lane. Due to the total absence of rain the top of the course was a scrape, but the usual tangle of gates beneath the bridge was missing.

Improving results and a clean run saw Sam in mid table, ahead of Brian for the first time. While Gill's C1 career continue to make steady improvements. Sam also got introduce to nutty world of team races paired up with a couple of paddlers from Kingston. Overnight rain lifted the levels for Sunday, helping Gill to a 2nd place in C1.

**Holme Pierepont:** a bit of a hectic weekend of racing.

**On the main course for Saturday's the Div 1/2 race:** Gill was pleased with her race, saying it was possibly the first time she'd enjoyed racing at HPP. Less please were Les and Russ with below par results. Jess had a great first run, but just got pushed the wrong side of a gate which robbed her of a placing.

**Meanwhile down on the 'Darleks' section (Div 3/4 race):** Mandy, Brian and Roger were all coming to terms with a course on more continuous and boilly water than is usual at this level, resulting in nothing that would trouble the clean run chart!

**Sunday:** no club interest in the Div 3/4 and only Les racing in the Yorkshire team and English Champs and proudly wearing stretchy 'bib 1' and briefly leading the championships!

#### Clean Run Chart 2011

Here's the early season chart:

- 5 = Brian
- 4 = Ade
- 1 = Roger, Sam, Vicky, Christine, Gill (C1)

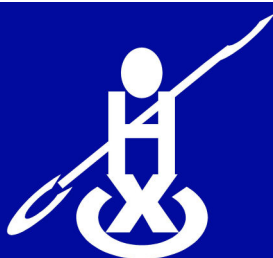
It's early days, but some of us need to start playing catch up or event getting a score on the board. The full sheet with percentages etc is attached.

**Top to Bottom:** Jess running the 'muncher'. Les trying to punch 'the office'. Les 'slightly' off line doing an up on the 'muncher'



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### Upcoming Races

Get the dates of these upcoming races in your diaries:

- Rhug Div 3/4 - 11th/12th June
- **Sowerby Bridge Div 3/4 - 18th / 19th June**
- Washburn Div 2 & Open - 2nd / 3rd July
- Stone Div 3/4 - 9th / 10th July
- Washburn Div 1 - 16th / 17th July
- **Howsham Weir Div 2/3 (4) - 23rd / 24th July**
- Abbey Rapids Div 2/3 (4) - 30th / 31st July

See [www.canoeslalom.co.uk](http://www.canoeslalom.co.uk) for the yearbook for further details.

As everyone seem to like going to slaloms with a good group of us for that club atmosphere, so I'm going to declare some events as 'HXCC slalom social weekends' (**the ones with dates in bold**). Come along to these, and if they aren't your division you can always do a judges run or enter in a different class!

### Howsham Weir 2/3 (4) - 23/24 July

Howsham Weir slalom (just past York) is a great social weekend and you can just about cheer people all the way without moving. Camping is available in the field by the event for a small charge.

On the water, the course has a big weir (think Puzzle weir with a chute to channel the water) and then the remainder on the outflow from this providing a good challenging course for this level of event. The slalom is a Div 2/3 plus a Div 4 short course - meaning Div 4 starts below the weir, missing out the first 4 or 5 gates of the full course. Plus they are sure to repeat the fiercely competitive Topo duo event that runs after the conclusion of the main event on Saturday.

Yorkshire Club Championship: This event again takes place on the Saturday of the Howsham slalom. We will be entering a team, so need paddlers - anyone interested needs to speak to Les. Any div 2 and 3 paddlers can race both days in their normal divisional event and their Saturday result count for the Championships. Others enter as judges or in an open class. Speak to **Les or Sarah Ford** for more details of the weekend on ☎ 01484 854099 or [lesford@ntlworld.com](mailto:lesford@ntlworld.com).

### Help - Washburn safety Team

I've been asked to organise safety for the Washburn Div 2 slalom on **2/3 July**. *The event is run collectively by Yorkshire clubs.*

I'm looking for 3 or 4 competent people each day to provide safety boat or throw line cover on each day of the event. The more people I can get the better as we can have shorter stints. There be free camping on site for those helping and you can have a judges run if you want one - plus free tea /coffee while doing safety tea. And almost guaranteed throw line practice - with a special prize for landing a club paddler no doubt!

**Please get in touch with Les if you are available to help.**

### National Interclubs

As the name suggest this is the club championships - but also a big social event, with disco and bar etc on site at Cardington on 10/11 September.

Clubs attending fall into two categories:

- the few seriously wanting to win,
- and the rest there for a good time!

A team needs paddlers from across the divisions, but you can fill the team by putting in paddlers from lower divisions to any gaps in higher divisions. Plus you need C1M, C1W and C2's.

HXCC haven't been for a good few years, but I've in for us to go - although at the moment we are on the waiting list. So watch this space.

**About Cardington:** It's a artificial course on a flood relief channel off the river. It's a short, tight Div 2/3 course - basically its a concrete channel into which they bolt plastic hippo's! (*see below*) and there's camping right by the river too.



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