



*Amathus take the women's S14 race from Powerhouse, Bristol Empire and Wraysbury.*



*Wraysbury take the S14 masters' title from Amathus by 0.07 second.*



*Amathus take the open S20 title from Notts Anaconda during heavy rain.*



*Wraysbury's S20 open crew see off Amathus and Notts Anaconda.*

problems for years. In addition, despite the wind still from the northeast, the sky was blackening from the south. There were lightning strikes within 2km of the regatta course so crews were called off the water and racing was abandoned for the day.

On Sunday morning, after a wet night, the breeze was still from the northeast but by this time it was cold, bringing a steady drizzle, and there was foam streaked across the boat loading area at the end of the course.

Racing began with the 2km time trial, two laps, held over from the previous day. Nineteen crews took part, well over 400 people in one race.

After the odd collision, Amathus were fastest by over 6 seconds, followed by Wraysbury Open, exactly 20 seconds clear of Notts Anaconda.

The programme of 500m races had to be slashed because of the shortage of time remaining and lane 7 had to be used again

Amathus won the S20 mixed grand final from Wraysbury but third place was very tight, going to Three River Serpents from Kingston Royals by 0.02 sec.

The next race, the first heat of the S14 women, saw the first two places go to Powerhouse and Kingston Royals but Three River Serpents lose the third spot to Bristol Empire by that same 0.02 sec. There was no third heat or minor final but Amathus took the grand final by over 4 seconds while second place went to Powerhouse from Kingston Royals by 0.03 sec.

The S14 men had a straight final with no preliminaries, Wraysbury winning by 0.07 sec from Amathus. By this time fog was beginning to develop. The S14 seniors did not happen at all. Instead, there was an S20 open, just two heats and then a final, which Wraysbury took from Amathus.

Although Wraysbury remained on form, Amathus were back on top with marginally better results.

**200m: S14W:** 1 Powerhouse, 57.12. 2 Amathus, 58.84. 3 Wraysbury, 58.96.

**S14M:** 1 Amathus, 50.50. 2 St Neots, 51.41. 3 Shadwell, 51.45.

**S14S:** 1 Wraysbury O, 52.40. 2 Notts Anaconda, 53.38. 3 River Serpents, 53.41.

**S200:** 1 Wraysbury, 48.77. 2 Amathus, 49.81. 3 Typhoon, 49.93.

**500m: S14W:** 1 Amathus, 2:28.23. 2 Powerhouse, 2:32.76. 3 Kingston Royals, 2:32.79.

**S14M:** 1 Wraysbury, 2:10.20. 2 Amathus, 2:10.27. 3 Kingston Royals, 2:12.37.

**S20Mix:** 1 Amathus, 2:09.56. 2 Wraysbury, 2:10.42. 3 River Serpents, 2:12.11.

**S200:** 1 Wraysbury, 2:05.96. 2 Amathus, 2:07.42. 3 Notts Anaconda, 2:08.48.

**2km: S200/Mix:** 1 Amathus, 10:08.32. 2 Wraysbury O, 10:14.99. 3 Notts Anaconda, 10:34.99.

### More ICF skulduggery

The ICF have set up an agreement with a Chinese car manufacturer to promote dragon boat racing. The agreement does not mention the International Dragon Boat Racing Association, the sport's governing body, or that the sport is so popular that the Chinese have a public holiday for the national championships. This behaviour by the ICF is simply resulting in confusion over a sport which already has the largest world following without the ICF's unwanted intrusion.

Qualification for the 2025 World Games dragon boat racing will be via the ICF championships again. This means that the world's leading crews will be excluded automatically and makes a mockery of the World Games as such.

### And I quote...

... Mark England, GB Olympic team Chef de Mission, ahead of the 2024 Olympic Games, 'Team GB has also been consistently successful on the water, winning 147 medals in sailing, rowing and canoeing events...

'In canoe slalom events Scotland have won the most medals, with David Florence collecting silver medals at the 2008, 2012 and 2016 games...