



Wey and Scottish Performance women's K4s over 500m. That saltire drogue could not have helped.

Bennett winning from Lydia Dowling-Clarke. The senior title went to Fitzhenry with a 4 second lead over Chloe Bracewell.

A headwind began to pick up as the K4 races started. The senior men's win went to Beavers/Robinson/Bowley/Fletcher. Of the four crews, only Chelmsford had a club boat, placed 3rd. Girls' under 18s and under 16s went together, Churchill/Clark/Dale/Kneen with the fastest time and only Addlestone filling a boat, placed 7th of the eight. Cawthorn/Lewis/Simon/Walker took the senior K4 to a 9 second lead.

Switching to K2s, the under 16s saw Atkins/Kereszturi take a 3 second win before a photofinish for 2nd place, Greaves/Kemp taking it by 0.08 sec from Brockway/Nightingale. James/Leishman were half a second up on Cadell/Urquhart in the under 18s but Cresser/Lusty took a 3 second win over Duffield/Russell in the seniors.

The women's C2s of all ages were to be run with the women's masters A and B but the kayaks cried off, still leaving an assorted age group which Fitzhenry/Gill won from Bracewell/Tomos. The men's race was much simpler, just the senior C2s, except for the mixed C2 of Reid/Weir, taking an 8 second win over Kleta/Phillips.

The final set of races were over 1km. Hipkins won the under 16 from fellow Longridge paddler Hutchinson, herself 7 seconds clear of Hurrell. Martyn took 4 seconds off Kneen in the under 18s.

Rachel Cawthorn was the woman to beat in the senior final but she went off the start like a rocket and was two lengths up after 250m. She held this for the rest of the race, finishing 4 seconds clear of Lee-Smith. This was as it should have been, having taken the world championships bronze medal in this event the previous week, but it is heartening to see a top competitor standing up to the challenge from her peers, allowing them to pace themselves against her. After all, not contesting the race would make the national title a hollow win so her participation was essential.

The final race was for seniors and under 18 men in K4. Chelmsford and National Talent crews led away and Chelmsford continued to progress, being a length up at the midway point and 3 seconds ahead at the finish. Banbury, Wey, Royal Leamington Spa and Pangbourne also had full club crews, to be welcomed.

Paracanoes results were based on scores in repeated races although the complex categories meant a shortage of directly comparable performances. Emma Wiggs and Jeanette Chippington were among those taking part although Jonathan Young had to undertake his races as solo time trials with nobody else on the course.

Fitting a schedule of races together can be fraught although Lois Leaver had more problems than most, working her crew boat races around taking runs in the adjacent slalom. At least it gave more value for the petrol money from Edinburgh.

While there were many excellent performances, there was a worrying lack of strength in depth in some important classes.



Reid/Weir win the men's open C2 500m.

200m: K1GU14: 1 A Armstrong, Scottish Performance, 52.72. 2 A Roghi, Norwich, 53.94. 3 G Anderson, Norwich, 54.84.

K1GU16: 1 Z Clark, Royal, 47.76. 2 E Dale, Falcon, 48.31. 3 E Churchill, Seren Dwr, 49.80.

K1GU18 - Phillips Plate: 1 R Kneen, Scottish Performance, 49.24.

2 A Burgess, Holme Pierrepont, 49.74. 3 B Holden, Norwich, 51.06.

K1W - Lendenkamp Trophy: 1 A Hannah, Banbury, 43.67. 2 R Cawthorn, Wey, 44.24.

3 E Lewis, Worcester, 44.42.

K1WMasA/B: 1 E Golder, Seren Dwr, 57:18. 2 J Fooks, Devizes, 1:04.76.

3 M Huisman, Southampton, 1:09.73.

K1BU14: 1 T Booth, Norwich, 44.60. 2 B Want, Norwich, 45.76.

3 X Hives, Southampton, 47.72.

K1BU16: 1 E Nightingale, Wiltshire Y, 41.58. 2 F Kemp, Reading, 41.74.

3 J Brockway, Scottish Performance, 43.25.

K1BU18 - Henry Thelan Trophy: 1 I James, Scottish Performance, 38.63.

2 B Gallacher, Scottish Performance, 40.77. 3 S Armstrong, Devizes, 40.00.

K1M - Ken & Eileen Phillips Memorial Trophy: 1 J Schofield, Soar Valley, 37.01.

2 M Robinson, Cardiff Bay, 37.75. 3 L Fletcher, Scottish Performance, 37.91.

K1ML3/L2.1: 1 J Young, Paracanoes, 40.90. 2 R Oliver, Paracanoes, 41.45.

3 S Wood, Paracanoes, 45.25.

K1ML3/L2.2: 1 J Young, Paracanoes, 41.63. 2 R Oliver, Paracanoes, 43.22.

3 S Wood, Paracanoes, 45.31.

K1WL3/2/ML1.1: 1 I Marsden, Paracanoes, 51.26. 2 E Wiggs, Paracanoes, 52.11.

3 N Paterson, Paracanoes, 55.86.

K1WL3/2/ML1.2: 1 E Wiggs, Paracanoes, 52.29. 2 N Paterson, Paracanoes, 54.01.

3 J Chippington, Paracanoes, 59.84.

K1MMasA/B: 1 D Pringle, Salmon Leap, 45.42. 2 P Lowe, Nottingham, 50.16.

3 P Brookes, Gailey, 50.43.

K1MMasC/D: 1 G Speirs, Kirkcaldy, 47.84. 2 H Blackman, Burton Phoenix, 50.18.

3 M Villaruel, Ealing, 50.24.

K1MPSat: 1 J Fisher, Glasgow, 58.41. 2 J Mansfield, 4As, 1:00.61. 3 O Jackson, Lincoln, 1:01.15.

C1GU18/U16: 1 R Bennett, Fladbury, 55.62. 2 L Dowling-Clarke, Scottish Performance, 57.20.

3 A Aitchinson, Holme Pierrepont, 1:00.88.

C1W - Sam Rippington Trophy: 1 K Reid, Holme Pierrepont, 49.42.

2 A Fitzhenry, NI, 51.30. 3 C Bracewell, Holme Pierrepont, 51.73.

C1BU16/U14: 1 T Lambert, Lee Valley, 47.18. 2 A Marasa, Bridge 8, 47.44.

3 D Kleta, Richmond, 53.44.

C1BU18: 1 A Leech, Richmond, 49.26. 2 O Cook, Solihull, 53.79.

3 H Kirk, Holme Pierrepont, 55.31.

C1M - Dewar Cup: 1 D Bogsnovs, Norwich, 45.56. 2 O Bartusik, Bridge 8, 45.72.

3 C Calvert, Fladbury, 46.28.

V1WL3-1.1: 1 C Henshaw, Paracanoes, 1:03.14. 2 J Chippington, Paracanoes, 1:03.94.

3 J Warren, Paracanoes, 1:10.83.

V1ML3.1: 1 J Young, Paracanoes, 51.12.

V1ML3.2: 1 J Young, Paracanoes, 52.69.

K2GU14: 1 Groves/Roghi, Norwich, 48.72. 2 Armstrong/Clarkson, Linlithgow/Glasgow, 49.84.

3 Anderson/Walker, Norwich, 51.62.

K2GU16: 1 Clark/Dale, National Talent, 44.43. 2 Davison/Ede, Banbury/Norwich, 47.23.

3 Carter/Hills, Royal/Richmond, 47.63.

K2GU18: 1 Burgess/Burgess, Holme Pierrepont, 47.26.

2 Holden/Martyn, Norwich/Wey, 47.63. 3 Ball/Freeman, Wiltshire Y/Devizes, 48.36.

K2W: 1 Brown/Hannah, Wiltshire Y/Banbury, 39.39. 2 Lewis/Walker, Worcester/Royal, 41.16.

3 Kerr/Syme, Scottish Performance, 45.15.

K2BU14: 1 Booth/Want, Norwich, 43.14. 2 Cabrera/Hives, Fowey/Southampton, 46.23.

3 Betts/Tonkin, Reading, 46.85.

K2M: 1 James/Schofield, Scottish Performance/Soar Valley, 36.46.

2 Russell/Duffield, Chelmsford, 38.41. 3 Clive/Beavers, Gailey/Wey, 38.80.

K2MMasA/B: 1 Martinkevics/Soregi, Hemel Hempstead, 40.25.

2 Devriadis/Molner, Maidstone, 49.92.

K2MMasC/D: 1 Speirs/Toovey, Kirkcaldy/Linlithgow, 47.02. 2 Dodson/Pemble, Addlestone, 48.73.

3 Doran/Simmons, Lincoln, 49.37.

K2MPSat: 1 Hage/Jackson, 4As/Lincoln, 59.08. 2 Marshall/Warwick, 4As, 1:05.47.

3 Chettle/Mansfield, 4As, 1:09.03.