

## **Scottish Athletes making a splash in the British Team Slalom and Sprint trials**



We are very pleased to announce that Scotland will have a strong representation in the British Canoeing Team participating in Major international events (World cups, World and European Championships) this summer.

Back in late March and early April the Slalom trials took place in Nottingham (for the Juniors) and Lee Valley for the Junior, U23 and Senior team.

The Sprint trials took place with a crew boat trial held at the first National regatta on 14/15 April and then a separate trial for individual selections both held at Holme Pierre point, Nottingham.

A total of 17 Scottish athletes have been selected for British Squads this season.

Of those 17, 8 athletes were selected for Canoe Sprint teams and another 9 for Slalom teams. The almost even split between the disciplines combined with the range of distances and crafts displays the strength and depth of competitive paddlesport in Scotland. There is also almost an equal split of men and women as 10 men and 8 women from Scotland have been selected.

This summer Scottish Athletes will have accounted for almost 60 race starts across World Cups, European and World Championships. There is also potential for this to increase with the Sprint selections for the later World Cups and World Championships occurring later in the year.

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*"It's fantastic to see so many Scottish athletes competing in British Teams this summer. It is great to see that our Scottish leaders training with the British Canoeing World Class programme are continuing to be very competitive. This inspires the younger ones and it is delightful to see new names making the junior team.*

*The Scottish Squad had a strong winter programme, with coaches and athletes embracing ambitious development programmes. It's motivating to see all of their hard work paying off.*

*Finally, a massive thanks to all the parents, coaches, the helpers in the clubs for their amazing work and their openness to work together."*

*Remi Gaspard - SCA Head of Performance and Pathways*

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### **Canoe Sprint Squads achievements:**



The Sprint Senior Squad athletes are to race in the World Cup 1 and 2 in May whilst the U23s will participate in the European Championships in late June. The Junior Squad will also race in the European Championships and the

Piestany International Regatta in early June.

Final selections for the World Championship will depend on World Cup results for the seniors and European Championship results for the U23 and Juniors, and therefore will be confirmed later during the season.

**ICF Canoe Sprint Senior World Cup 1 Szeged, in Hungary 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May  
&  
ICF Canoe Sprint Senior World Cup 2, Duisburg, Germany 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May**

There were three athletes from Scotland selected for that event.

**Men's K1 200m**

Lewis Fletcher (Linlithgow KR)

**Women's K2 500M**

Deborah Kerr (Strathclyde KRC) with ...

**Men's K4 500M**

Boat 1 - Lewis Fletcher (Linlithgow KR) with ...  
Boat 2 – Ieuan James (Forth CC) with. ...

**Women's K4 500m**

Boat 1 - Deborah Kerr (Strathclyde KRC) with ...

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I would like to thank all the athletes for the way they engaged with the winter training and their approach to the trials. They behaved as a team, supporting each other and they put some hard work as individuals. I would also like to thank the parents for their support. As always the teamwork of the whole group made for a great weekend of racing, which means that all of the athletes had the opportunity to perform at their best?

I am looking forward to the international season!

*Martin Chorvath, SCA Performance Coach (Sprint) - Lead Performance Programme*

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**Junior and U23 ECA Canoe Sprint European Championships  
Auronzo, Italy 28<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Two Scottish athletes have been selected in the U23 Team and another two have been named reserves.

**Men's K1 200m**

Ieuan James (Forth CC)

**Women's K1 200m**

Deborah Kerr (Strathclyde KR)

**Men's K4 500m**

Ieuan James (Forth CC)

In addition, both Ben Gallacher (Forth CC) and Rachel Kneen from (Forth CC) have made the Junior team for that event.

**Men's K1 200m**

Ben Gallacher (Forth CC)

**Women's K4 500m**

Rachael Kneen (Forth CC)

**Men's K1 500m**

Ben Gallacher (Forth CC)

**Piestany International Regatta**  
**Piestany, Slovakia 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.**

Along with Rachael Kneen and Ben Gallacher there were three other Scottish athletes chosen for the

**Men's K2 1000m**

Jack Brockway (Linlithgow KR)

**Men's K2 1000m**

Matthew Kowal (Linlithgow KR) /  
Maksymillian Sielicki (Forth CC)

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These are great results for all the Scottish athletes and this reflects the progress made over the last months of training. This should inspire the younger paddlers and their coaches training in the clubs in Scotland. This shows that with dedication Scottish athletes can make it to the international scene. I am very much looking forward to continue the work initiated this winter to streamline our progression pathway and cascade in the local environment the work we do with the performance squad.

*Anton Vazquez, SCA Performance Coach (Sprint) - Lead Performance Pathway*

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**Canoe Slalom Squads Achievements**



It will be another full-on summer for the Slalom teams with racing across Europe and a big final in Rio, on the 2016 Olympic course for the Senior World Championships. The Slalom Senior Squad athletes compete in the World Cup events and also race in the European Championships in Prague, Czech Republic.

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Being selected for the British team is a great achievement, with British selection races getting tougher at all levels, and it's great to see Scottish athletes representing Team GB throughout the teams, from Junior through to Senior level. We have athletes who have narrowly missed out on a team place and who have been named first reserves for a place in the team.

This strong Scottish representation in Team GB is down to the coaching support, and the support from clubs, volunteers and parents; and, of course, the commitment of the athletes. With this continued support and commitment, the future looks good for Scottish Canoe Slalom.

*Mark Delaney, SCA Performance Coach (Slalom) and Coach Mentor*

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The BC senior team have 5 World Cup events this summer, where 7 Scottish athletes will be competing a total of 21 races across the 5 events. Below is the breakdown of each World Cup.

**World Cup 1 - Liptovsky Mikulas (Slovakia)**  
**22 - 24 June**

Bradley Forbes Cryans (CRCats) - K1 Men  
Sophie Ogilvie (CRCats) - K1 Women  
Sophie Ogilvie (CRCats) - C1 Women  
David Florence (Lloyds Register) - C1 Men

**World Cup 2 - Krakow (Poland)**  
**29 June - 1 July**

Fiona Pennie (CRCats) - K1 Women  
Amber Maslen (Pinkston Panthers) - K1 Women

**World Cup 3 - Augsburg (Germany)**

**6 - 8 July**

Bradley Forbes Cryans (CRCats) - K1 Men  
David Florence (Lloyds Register) - C1 Men  
Fiona Pennie (CRCats) - K1 Women  
Amber Maslen (Pinkston Panthers) - K1 Women  
Eilidh Gibson (Strathallan CC) - C1W

**World Cup 4 - Tacen (Slovenia)**

**31 August - 2 September**

Sophie Ogilvie (CRCats) - K1 Women and C1 Women  
Amber Maslen (Pinkston Panthers) - K1 Women  
Lois Leaver (Edinburgh Schools) - K1  
Eilidh Gibson (Strathallan CC) - C1W

**World Cup 5 - La Seu d'Urgell (Spain)**

**7 - 9 September**

Bradley Forbes Cryans (CRCats) - K1 Men  
Fiona Pennie (CRCats) - K1 Women  
David Florence (Lloyds Register) - C1 Men  
Sophie Ogilvie (CRCats) - C1 Women  
Eilidh Gibson (Strathallan CC) - C1W

The **ICF Senior World Championships** will be held in **Rio, Brazil** on the 2016 Olympic course. While **ECA Senior European Championship** held in **Prague, Czech Republic**, from the **1st to the 3rd of June**.

3 Scottish Athletes have made the team for those 2 major events.

Bradley Forbes Cryans (CRCats) - K1 Men  
Fiona Pennie (CRCats) - K1 Women  
David Florence (Lloyds Register) - C1 Men

The **Junior and U23 ICF World Championships** will take place in **Ivrea, Italy 17th – 22nd July**. 6 Scottish athletes have been selected for that event.

In Junior **Lois Leaver (Edinburgh Schools)** selected in **Women's K1** and **Peter Linksted (Stirling and Falkirk CC)** qualified in **Men's C1**.

Three U23 Scottish Athletes will be competing.

**Men's K1**

Bradley Forbes-Cryans  
(CRCats)

**Women's K1**

Sophie Ogilvie (CRCats)

**Women's C1**

Sophie Ogilvie (CRCats)

Eilidh Gibson (Strathallan CC)

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We had an excellent winter training with the squad, working extremely hard individually and collaboratively to make every session count on and off the water. We have had time now to reflect on our journey so far and look forward to continuing our exciting progression to become world class.

*Stuart Gerrie,, SCA Technical Coach (Slalom)*

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The **Junior and U23 ECA European Championships** will take place in **Bratislava, Slovakia** from the **16th to the 19th of August**.

6 Scottish athletes have been selected for that event.

**U23 Men's K1**  
Jonny Dickson (CRCats)

**U23 Women's K1**  
Sophie Ogilvie (CRCats)

**U23 Women's C1**  
Sophie Ogilvie (CRCats)  
Eilidh Gibson (Strathallan CC)

In the Juniors, **Lois Leaver (Edinburgh Schools)** was selected in **Women's K1** and **Peter Linksted (Stirling and Falkirk CC)** qualified in **Men's C1**.

There will be a lot to watch this summer and we wish the team all the best for the international racing season.

We would like to share a massive thanks you to all the people involved with this success, in particular the athletes, parents, club coaches and volunteers.

We would also like to acknowledge our partners for their ongoing support to enable Scottish paddlers and our performance system to go from strength to strength. A special recognition to :

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