

4th Ravenglass Seaquest, Saturday 17th April 2010

109 sea farers in kayaks and canoes enjoyed the glorious weather and beautiful scenery for the 4th Ravenglass Seaquest on 17th April. After a mass launch at 12.45, the armada of competitors navigated to as many controls as they could up the Irt, Mite and Esk estuaries in 3 hours, using the tidal flows to assist (or not!). The event attracted top racers in super-light boats, eight families in canoes, every type of kayak you can think of, a fisherman, teams out just for the scenery and a picnic, etc..

Annette Morris from West Cumbria Canoe Club, supported by Phil Cheek, organised the event and were delighted with the generous donations allowing £567 (plus gift aid) to be donated to the Search and Rescue Dogs (SARDA). This follows on from previous Seaquest donations of £437 to Wasdale Mountain Rescue and £600 to St Bees Life Boat. A big thank you to all Seaquesters and the event helpers.

Despite a big tide and a longer course than previously, only a few visited all controls. John Willacy from Anglesey in a Rockpool Taran was the winner, after doing the Esk first. The other top teams did the Irt and Mite first. Macclesfield's Ned Price and John Kavanagh in a skinny K2 (usually seen on the Devizes to Westminster Race) were a close second, and would have been first back if they had not missed a control and had to go back for it. John Bunyan also from Macclesfield, was the next solo home, in his new EIC 18X. Landing at the same time was the famous Adventure Racers and Borrowdale Fell Runners, Julia Tucker and Phil Davies in a kevlar double. Julia and Phil won the event outright in 2008. In the ladies Pascale Eichenmuller in a stylish red, gold and yellow sparkly Rockpool had the highest score.

Copeland Canoe Club, as always, supported the event en masse. Ben Smith had the highest score in his junior category. Kevin Goode and Amanda Lewin were prize winners in their kayak category, coming in just behind Penrith's Rhiannon George and Stu Mair. Duddon Canoe Club were the best represented club but despite having a strong contingent of solo kayakers and several previous winners were not quite fast enough.

The locals dominated the canoe category - four teams from St Bees and two from Whitehaven, with the Williams crew achieving the highest score. But again Sean and 8 year old daughter Lojska Jesson from Manchester won their category and also were the highest scoring Canadian Canoe in the event.

The Glow Stick Award was presented to Richard Kitson of Tri Lakeland, for his pristine unmarked punch card and the longest picnic stop.

4th Ravenglass Seaquest - Results

	Name	Club/Home	Actual Time in	Check points	Penalty Points	Total	Final Position
Kayak Male	John Willacy	Anglesey	15:24:00	360		360	1
	John Kavannagh, Ned Price (Double)	Macclesfield CC	15:37:00	360		360	2
	John Bunyan	Macclesfield	15:41:00	360		360	3
	Andy Conn	Cleveland	15:17:00	330		330	4
	Ant Lomas	Ravenglass	15:35:00	330		330	5
	Chris Packman		15:33:00	320		320	6
	Mac Knowles	Duddon CC	15:16:00	310		310	7
	Mike Douglas	Duddon CC	15:19:00	310		310	8
	Rob Hitchmough	Duddon CC	15:19:00	310		310	9
	Andrew Willacy	Garstang	15:39:00	310		310	10
	John Shepherd	Cockermouth	15:41:00	310		310	11
	Andy Benyon	Bury CC	15:43:00	310		310	12
	Gordon Furness	Duddon CC	15:49:00	310	4	306	13
	John Patterson	Duddon CC	15:51:00	310	7	303	14
	Chris Roberts	Duddon CC	15:37:00	300		300	15
	Andy Rushton	Pendle Paddlers	16:00:00	330	40	290	16
	Alistair Hornsby	West Cumbria CC	15:44:00	280		280	17
	Clive Nuttan	Shipleigh	15:46:00	270	1	269	18
	David Blake	Ribble CC	15:26:00	240		240	19
	Stuart Burgess	St Bees	15:36:00	240		240	20
	George Everett	Kaskazi Owners Club	15:26:00	220		220	21
	David Thompson	Copeland CC	15:44:00	220		220	22
	Alistair Stuart	Brampton	14:47:00	200		200	23
	Simon Everett	Kaskazi Owners Club	15:43:00	200		200	24
	Michael Bell	Liverpool CC	15:38:00	180		180	25

Kayak Ladies	Pascale Eicenmuller	Anglesey	15:36:00	330		330	1
	Margaret Huyton & Mary White (double)	Macclesfield CC	15:30:00	310		310	2
	Joanne McCusker	Friends of Allonby	15:47:00	300	2	298	3
	Debra Johnson	Millom	15:38:00	270		270	4
	Jennifer McDonald	West Cumbria CC	15:43:00	230		230	5

Kayak Mixed Pair	Rhiannon George, Stu Mair	Penrith	15:40:00	330		330	1
	Kevin Goode & Amanda Lewin	Copeland CC	15:40:00	270		270	2
	John & Penny Lynch	Copeland CC	15:39:00	260		260	3
	Manuale Schiele, Jackie Furness	Duddon CC	15:45:00	260		260	4
	Gillian Collins, Nigel Cunningham	West Cumbria CC	15:35:00	250		250	5
	Alison & Tony Riley	Whitehaven	15:40:00	220		220	6
	Vikki Saunders , Tom Johnson	Accrington	15:26:00	180		180	7

Kayak Double Mixed	Phil Davies & Julia Tucker	Borrowdale Fell Runners	15:41:00	360		360	1
	Pete & Barbara Nelson	Cleator	15:38:00	330		330	2
	David & Helen Buglas	St Bees		250		250	3
	Tony Duncan & Linda Tee	West Cumbria CC	15:39:00	180		180	4

Canoe Mixed	Laura Nightingale & Matt Bailey	West Cumbria CC	15:41:00	200		200	1
	Hazel and Cliff Carter	Wellington	15:44:00	160		160	2

Canoe Male	Paul Brown & Phil Andrews	Cockermouth	15:50:00	310	5	305	1
	John Shuttleworth & Paul Hartley	Duddon CC	15:24:00	280		280	2
	Richard Kitson & Martin Pickavance	Tri Lakeland	15:40:00			0	3

Kayak Team	Tim Burne team of 4 (Rob Tuley, Amie Young, Sophie Coke)	Leeds	15:53:00	340	11	329	1
	Barry Curley Team of 4 (Steve Pugh, J Aiten, Sue Spence,)	Duddon CC	15:41:00	310		310	2
	Greg McCusker Team of 3	Friends of Allonby	15:46:00	300	1	299	3

Canoe Generation	Sean & Lojska Jesson	NW Sea Kayakers	15:48:00	310	3	307	1
	Williams crew (Hannah, Katie & Yvonne)	St Bees	15:31:00	230		230	2
	Lawton team (Andy, Ben)	St Bees	15:25:00	220		220	3
	Brock team (Lucy, Amy, Nancy)	St Bees	15:25:00	220		220	4
	Barbara Harris team of 3 (Paul Clarke, Tim Harris)	St Bees		210		210	5
	Ollis family (Mark, Sarah, Jacob & Henry)	St Bees	15:23:00	180		180	6
	Winter family (Viv & Anna)	Whitehaven	15:32:00	130		130	7
	Little family (Rob & Molly)	Drigg	15:32:00	130		130	7

Kayak Generation	Al Yates, Ben Smith (junior)	Copeland CC	15:45:00	250		250	1
	Green Team of 3 (Nathaniel & Michael Green, Josh Havlin)	Copeland CC	15:15:00	170		170	2
	Andy Bennion Team (Grace Briggs, Amber Trevaskis & Eloise Marsland)	Copeland CC	15:29:00	170		170	3
	Malcolm & Christopher Clayton	West Cumbria CC	15:35:00	160		160	4
	Mike Sunderland & Team of 3	Sedburgh	15:04:00	100		100	5

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