

MACCLESFIELD AND DISTRICT CANOE CLUB

Mersey Descent Canoe Race. 21 October 2007

The first Mersey Descent Canoe Race was a success attracting 32 paddlers from as far as Runcorn, Liverpool, Huddersfield and Coventry. The weather was a mixed blessing with the warm dry spell giving low river levels and hard work for the paddlers but relaxing sunshine for the spectators and supporters. The course covered 9.2 mile of the River Mersey from Burnage Rugby Club, Heaton Mersey to Trafford Metrovick Rugby Club, Sale. The section includes the large weir at Northenden and several rubble weirs. The fastest time was 68 minutes for the 9.2 miles giving an average speed of 8 miles an hour including a stop to repair the rudder. The results are as follows.

| | | Club | Time |
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| K2 | Racing double Kayak | | |
| 1 st | Jamie Mayers & Maggie Dilai | Runcorn. | 68m00s |
| 2 nd | John Kavanagh & Ned Price | Macclesfield | 68m37s |
| 3 rd | Robert Jefferies(J) & Matthew Bowley(J) | Pennine | 74m01s |
| 4 th | Adrian Fisher & Sarah Fisher(J) | Freestyle | 83m15s |
| K1 | Racing single kayak | | |
| 1 st | Rod Steele | Macclesfield | 69m22s |
| 2 nd | Alistair Randall | Chester | 76m22s |
| 3 rd | Andrew Mayland | Macclesfield | 86m35s |
| WWR | White water racing kayak | | |
| 1 st | Chris Davison | Macclesfield | 78m35s |
| 2 nd | Mark Davies | Manchester | 86m42s |
| 3 rd | Victoria Palmer | U.H.C.C. | 93m35s |
| Open Canadian canoe | | | |
| 1 st | Alan Pashley & Ralph Walker | | 99m10s |
| 2 nd | Rob Barlow & Josh Barlow(J) | | 101m48s |
| 3 rd | G.Carlisle & W.Carlisle(J) | Manchester | 119m45s |
| 4 th | Richard McEvoy & Kendal(J) & Tanica(J) | | 120m31s |
| General Purpose Kayak | | | |
| 1 st | Adam Caris | Friends of Allonby | 92m17s |
| 2 nd | Neil Evans | Macclesfield | 94m21s |
| 3 rd | Mary White | Macclesfield | 95m32s |
| 4 th | Margaret Huyton | Macclesfield | 97m30s |
| 5 th | Henry Cole(J) | Macclesfield | 105m33s |
| 6 th | Steven Stringer | Macclesfield | 105m47s |
| 7 th | Mark Royal | | 129m16s |
| 8 th | Libby Foster | | 129m19s |

The Stockport Paddler Trophy for the best Stockport paddler was presented to Chris Davison of Romiley by Bill Fox, MADCC Chairman. See photo.

The race will be run next year on Sunday 12th October 2008, visit www.madcc.co.uk for details nearer the time. Thanks to the two Rugby clubs and all those who helped.