

British Canoeing AGM, Stronger Clubs Conference, and Awards Dinner 2020

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Eastwood Hall, Mansfield Rd, Nottingham, NG16 3SS



Providing the latest insights from across paddling to keep clubs up to date, better informed, and stronger together.

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British Canoeing invites you to the
**AGM, Stronger Clubs Conference and the National
Recognition Awards**

The 40th Annual General Meeting - 10:00

The Annual General Meeting is open for all British Canoeing members to attend. The Agenda and Voting by Proxy form can be found on British Canoeing's website. Please come with your British Canoeing membership number to register from 9:00.

[Click here for more information.](#)

The Stronger Clubs Conference - Opening session 12:30

The conference aims to bring together club officers, club coaches, event organisers and volunteers who all contribute to the growth and development of paddlesport in England. The day will provide the latest insights from across paddlesports to keep your club up to date, helping your volunteers to feel better informed, better equipped and even stronger together. Key workshop themes will include: updates on personal performance awards and the online club portal, safeguarding, the club experience, marketing your club, recruiting volunteers and the new access charter. Most importantly, the day will encourage clubs to take the opportunity to learn from each other, share best practice and develop networks.

[Book your place at the conference here - FREE for BC members and associate members.](#)

National Recognition Awards Dinner - 19:30

The evening is all about celebrating the amazing commitment and service our volunteers and leaders have given to the sport over the last year. Ten awards will be presented during the evening with videos highlighting the stories of the awardees.

[Book your place at the awards here - £30.](#)

The layout of the day will be as follows:

09:00-10:00	Arrive and Register
10:00-12:00	British Canoeing AGM
12:00-12:30	Break
12:30-13:00	National Conference Opening Session
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-17:30	National Conference Workshops
19:30-22:00	Awards Dinner



British Canoeing Stronger Clubs Conference

The conference will run from 12:30 and aims to provide the latest insights from across canoeing in England to keep your club up to date. The day will include key notes, workshops, updates and networking opportunities.

The aim of the day is to enable clubs to share, learn and get up to date on the latest topics such as the new Paddle Awards.

The day will include the following:

Welcome: David Joy, Chief Executive of British Canoeing

Key note speakers:

Marianne Davies - Motivation Specialist with Dynamics Coaching
Creating Fields of Dreams

Ben Seal - Places to Paddle Manager with British Canoeing
The Future of the Earth - what are you going to do about it?!

Workshops: There will be interactive workshops with leading experts and 'sharing of practice' panels from across the club network. Delegates will have the option to attend three workshops that are most relevant to their role.

Drop-ins: Delegates have the opportunity to engage in a semi-formal way by networking and engaging in discussion. Just pull up a chair and join the conversation.

Cost: FREE registration to British Canoeing Members and Club Associate Members (£45 for non-members)

Please make sure you register onto the workshops as there are limited numbers available on the day. The drop-in sessions are more casual and are first come first serve on the day.



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12:30 - Opening Session - David Joy, CEO and Key Note Speakers

13:00 - Lunch

14:00- Workshop A (1hr)

15:15 - Workshop B (1hr)

16:30 - Workshop C (1hr)

17:30 - Conference finishes

Workshops available

- She Paddles
- Clear Access, Clear Waters
- Talent Development
- Developing Independent Young Paddlers
- Developing Coaches and Leaders
- Running a Safe Club
- Recruiting & Retaining Members Using Social Media
- Using the Paddle Awards to Develop Confident and Competent Paddlers
- Safeguarding & Protecting Children - Please note this workshop will take place from 14:00 - 17:00 and will run across workshop slots A, B and C
- Regional Waterways Advisors Forum - Please note this is a session open to existing advisors and will run across workshop slots A and B.
- RECENTLY ADDED - Sprint Competition Review: Exploring the Impact on future sprint regattas

British Canoeing 2020 Stronger Clubs Conference Key Note Speakers

Marianne Davies - Motivation Specialist with Dynamics Coaching *Creating Fields of Dreams*

For many years I reflected deeply on and tried to understand, the motivation and passion that inspires people to engage in paddlesports. As a mother, enthusiastic participant, practitioner, coach developer, coaching manager and academic; these musings were founded from multiple perspectives and toward an abundance of different goals.

In this keynote, we will explore the wonderful opportunities and experiences that being part of a paddling club can provide to individuals, families and communities. The challenges to clubs of becoming more engaging and inclusive without losing what works for those already involved. And how clubs can create the fields our dreams are built on, whatever our ability, motivation or particular discipline/s.

Marianne's Bio

Marianne has been involved in adventure sports of one sort or another her entire life. Her father was a very keen mountaineer and climber, her mother passionate about horses. Marianne soon added water sports to the list and has spent over 30 years engaging in all these activities; from personal participation, to working in outdoor education centres, management training and for national governing bodies.

Her work in the sector has ranged from developing participation right through to coaching, training and assessment. In addition, Marianne has been active in mountain rescue, leading expeditions, and working at Canoe Wales; latterly as the Coaching Manager.

Ben Seal - Places to Paddle Manager with British Canoeing *The Future of the Earth - What are you going to do about it?!*

Every day, people across the country are getting active outdoors – walking, swimming, paddling, camping and climbing. Fundamental to all our outdoor adventures are safe, clean places to access the countryside. However, our waters are increasingly clogged with plastic pollution and invasive non-native species, and our legal right to be on the water remains frustratingly unclear to most. The challenge to paddlers to preserve and improve the environment has never been greater and requires action now to protect our waterways for generations to come.

Our paddlesport clubs can be the catalyst to cleaner, greener, healthier places to paddle- so how will you and your club be involved in the movement for Clear Access, Clear Waters?

Ben's Bio

Growing up on the edge of the Peak District instilled a deep passion for the outdoors in Places to Paddle Manager, Ben Seal. Scouting and family adventures developed his love of the natural environment, leading to a career as an outdoor instructor. A job which allowed him to share with young people the opportunity to get out in the countryside and have an adventure!

In his current role at British Canoeing, Ben is able to draw on his knowledge and dedication to the great outdoors in a new way. Managing a team covering access, environment and facilities and leading a national campaign championing the case for opening access on rivers and protecting the environment.

Ben is an active member and Trustee of Midland Canoe Club, as well as a Trustee of the Derwent Valley Trust. He also works closely on a volunteer led initiative, 'PaddlePeak, cleaning the River Derwent and campaigning for improved access for recreation.

British Canoeing 2020 Stronger Clubs Conference Workshops



1 - She Paddles

This workshop will explore ways in which clubs encourage more females to take part in paddling activities. Amongst other factors, participants will be asked to share their experiences of good practice in recruitment, activity provision and the development of female leaders and coaches.

2 - Clear Access, Clear Waters

Access to paddling and the quality of the paddling environmental are becoming increasingly important issues for every club. This workshop will look at ways in which clubs can contribute to making our waterways accessible and safe for future generations.

3 - Talent Development

Is your club creating the right environment for developing the potential of your young paddlers? Participants in this workshop will hear about examples of good practice in developing sessions, creating an environment and improving communications that improve the opportunities for young potential to develop.

7 - Recruiting & Retaining Members Using Social Media

Social media can be the most effective way of recruiting new members and promoting the good work that goes on in your club. This workshop will provide you with guidance in why, what and how to use social media safely and effectively in your club.

4 - Developing Independent Young Paddlers

How do we encourage a life-time love recreational paddling in young people? In this workshop participants will share examples of ways in which they have empowered and developed young people which lead to a life-time of enjoyment and fun in paddling.

5 - Developing Coaches and Leaders

Coaches and leaders are critical to the quality of the opportunities provided in our clubs. In this session you will hear of updates to British Canoeing coaching and leadership programmes, hear of examples of good practice and share ideas on how you can further develop the people in your club

6 - Running a Safe Club

This workshop is designed to highlight and provide guidance for you in running a safe club. Content will include guidance, advice and examples of making sure the club environment and equipment is safe, the people running sessions are safe and members are able to enjoy fun, challenging paddling experiences.

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8 - Using the Paddle Awards to Develop Confident and Competent Paddlers

The recently introduced Paddle Awards are designed for clubs to inspire, motivate and encourage safe, competent club paddlers. This workshop will provide you with guidance on what's involved in delivering the awards, ideas on how the awards can be used in clubs, including examples of good practice from a number of clubs.

9 - Drop Ins Problem Solving Session

This session will provide an opportunity for delegates to meet with staff from British Canoeing and other clubs to identify individual issues or problems such as insurance, waterways licences, membership recruitment and retention, challenges and events.

10. Safeguarding & Protecting Children

The workshop is suitable for club welfare officers and coaches alike and fulfils the training requirements for both roles.

It will raise your awareness of the tell-tale signs of abuse, and give you the tools and confidence you need to deal with any issues sensitively, appropriately and effectively should the need ever arise.

11. Sprint Competition Review: Exploring the Impact on Future Sprint Regattas

This workshop provides you with an opportunity to discuss the key recommendations with the SRC. Focusing on the major recommended change to the programme to age-group racing. We want to dive deep into the pros and cons of age group racing versus ability class racing to really understand its impact on both performance and participation outcomes from your perspective.

