

Senior Men & Women Crew Boat Development Process and timeline

The British Canoeing Sprint International Panel is responsible for selecting athletes to represent GB at Championships and specified international competitions in accordance with the 2017 Sprint Racing Senior Selection policies.

As stated in this selection policy, the Senior International Squad (SIS) is a pool of athletes who have demonstrated the ability to achieve a B final result or higher in major international championships.

Only athletes in the SIS will be eligible to take part in the Senior Crew Boat Development Process or represent Great Britain in senior international competitions.

The purpose of the Crew Boat Development Process is to facilitate the creation of the fastest possible boats to challenge for selection to represent Great Britain at the 2017 World Senior Championships in August 2017

This document explains the timeline and how British Canoeing will decide the composition of the crew boats it will enter into the 2017 National Regattas under "Olympic Racing Squad" (ORS) in the May, June and July National Regattas and crew boats to represent Great Britain in the 2017 World Cup Series.

Any additional crew boat trials required to form crew boats for the Senior European or Senior World Championships following the July Regatta will be as set out in Section 5 of the 2017 Senior Selection Policy.

The criteria which will be used to identify crew boat composition will include, but is not limited to and in no specific order : a) Availability for the crew training; b) Athlete compatibility with other crew members (technical, physiological, and psychological); c) Crew speed d) Individual K1/C1 rankings from National Regattas.

Athlete Inclusion in the process

SIS athletes who would like to be considered for crew boats need to contact the relevant section coach to register their interest by the April Regatta or within 3 days of being added to the SIS.

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Men's Kayak: Paul Darby-Dowman paul.darby-dowman@britishcanoeing.org.uk

Note there will not be a crew boat process for the men's canoe class. SIS athletes wishing to be considered for crew boats in this class will be responsible for forming their own crews and competing for GB Team selection in accordance with the 2017 Senior Selection policy.

Crew boat development is an evolutionary process and to create the fastest boat for the World Championships it is necessary to balance building confidence in a crew through consistent and effective training and ongoing assessment and crew changes.

Therefore, while it is an athlete's choice whether they register their interest in crew boats, if an athlete does not register their interest as described above, the BC coaching team is not obliged to trial that athlete in squad boats later in the season just because they are in the SIS.

The ability to train regularly in a crew is a significant factor in the development of a crew therefore Athlete availability to attend crew boat training and development sessions will be a critical factor in preparing senior crews. Athletes will need to be available to prepare crews during following periods to be considered for squad boats.

- April 18th – 20th in Nottingham for the initial trials
- 3 days prior to the May Regatta (for crews aiming for World Cup selection)
- If required between 10th -14th May for any additional trials with new SIS athletes included from the May regatta [consideration for WC2 and WC3 only]
- Dates of Selected World Cups [WC1 17th – 21st may, WC2 24th – 28th may, WC3 31st May – 4th June]
- 5 days between June and July regatta dates TBC – For any further crews preparing for July Selection event
- Dates of the Senior Europeans Championships (11th – 16th July) + 4 days preparation (exact days TBC)

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- Further opportunity to strengthen crew boats if appropriate post European Championships
- Minimum 6 days between 16th July and 10th August
- Pre World Championships training camp and World Championships 10th – 27th August

