



## **2017 U23 British Canoeing 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. Please follow the link to read the policies in full [HERE](#)

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 U23 European and World Championships.

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 Development Program” (ODP) in the May, June and July National Regattas and crew boats to represent Great Britain in the aforementioned events.

The criteria which will be used to identify crew boat composition will include, but is not limited to: a) Individual K1/C1 rankings from National Regattas; b) Availability for the crew training; c) Athlete compatibility with other crew members (technical, physiological, and psychological); d) Crew speed

### **Athlete Inclusion in the process**

Athlete availability to attend crew boat training and development sessions will be a factor in deciding crews. Athletes will be expected to make themselves available for training and assessment events necessary to develop crews capable of selection to the World and European championships.

U23 athletes ranked in men/women A or B who would like to be considered for kayak crew boats need to contact Nick Fowler ([nick.fowler@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:nick.fowler@britishcanoeing.org.uk)) or Canoe (from all senior divisions) need to contact James Train ([james.train@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:james.train@britishcanoeing.org.uk)) to register their interest within 3 days of the national regattas of April or May.

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

It is an athlete's choice whether they register their interest in crew boats. However, 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.

Athlete availability to attend crew boat training and development sessions will be a critical factor in preparing the U23 crews. Athletes will need to be available to prepare crews during the following periods to be considered for squad boats.

- April 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> in Nottingham for initial crew boat trials – to prepare boats for the May regatta
- Appropriately organised training sessions before the May National regatta (subject to athlete availability and location)
- May 13<sup>th</sup> TBC if further trials are required following the May regatta
- Available for preparation for U23 European Championships prior to competition w/c 19<sup>th</sup> June
- Further opportunity to strengthen crew boats if required w/c 3rd July following the July regatta (as per the selection policy)
- Pre World Championships Camp and World Championships – 18<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July



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