

Overview

- Entry into the Personal Performance Awards can be at any point, dependent on skill and experience
- There are overlaps and links between awards for participants who wish to progress

THE AWARDS

START

A fun experience in any paddlesport craft, covering core fundamental skills and safety messages.

READY TO

The 'Ready To' paddler is able to decide when and where to paddle within their limits. They have a level of skill to manoeuvre their boat and go on a trip or compete safely with other paddlers. The paddler would be able to make informed choices to rent/hire a craft or be given access to the keys to the club boat store.

SPECIFIC PADDLER

This is where the paddler shows an interest to a specific discipline(s) 'I paddle a Canoe' and such levels would be specific to the discipline chosen based on safety and competence in an environment.

- A Sea Kayaker could have the appropriate skills in a non-tidal environment.
- A White Water paddler takes part in trips/events in Class 2/3.
- A polo player can catch and throw with one hand.

ADVANCED PADDLER

Showing an advanced competency of skill and knowledge in their chosen discipline/environment.

- Racing paddlers are able to achieve specified distances within a designated time, whilst maintaining a high standard of technique.
- A Surf Kayaker displays a high level of competence in advanced surf conditions.

ELITE PADDLER

A high level of knowledge and performance within their chosen discipline and environment.

- Freestyle paddlers perform linked, complex manoeuvres on a multitude of features.
- Marathon paddlers show a high level of performance in competition.
- Sea Kayakers embarking on journeys or expeditions, including complex tidal planning and navigation, open crossings and advanced sea environments.