

Ravenglass Seaquest 12th April 2008

On Saturday 12th April, 67 canoes and kayaks with 84 people from all over the north took part in the 2nd Ravenglass Seaquest, organised by Annette Morris from Gosforth and Phil Cheek from Macclesfield. This was an orienteering event in which competitors had to visit as many check points as possible in 3 hours in the estuaries of the Irt, Esk and Mite in west Cumbria.

Weather was perfect and views of sunny lake district peaks were magnificent. We have had good feedback from competitors so we'll organise another next spring.

Several people got all the controls! Phil Davies and Julia Tucker (famous Adventure Racers) from Penrith and Keswick, in a lightweight go-faster double, won the event, closely followed by solo kayaker John Willacy from Anglesey. Julia and Phil did Irt, Mite and then Esk where-as John surprisingly did the Irt, Esk and then the Mite!

Alastair Hornsby and Mike Gregson in a double came in 3rd probably assisted by local knowledge - Alastair cleared a slightly shorter course last year on the Sunday. Alastair and Mike were seen running across the mud banks
With their kayak on shoulders! From Duddon Canoe Club in south Cumbria Mac Knowles came in 4th place - he was 2nd last year.

And fantastic result again from Sean and 6 year old Lojska in a double - 7th over-all - cleared the course but came in 15 minutes late. It was great to see so many youngsters out there. Dave Williams and family won the Canoe family category and Copeland Canoe Club won the junior team and the team category.

Now to the other Canoe categories - two teams (Mark Ollis & Ben Allen and Shane Rogers & Vicky Stabler) were seen with sails up going like speed boats from the Irt in to the Mite.

Fastest solo lady was Jane Hornsby from West Cumbria Canoe Club who also came in the closest to 3 hours - seconds away.

Captain Leon Gauldwater, the Chairman of St Bees RNLI, presented the prizes at the Holly House Hotel after the event. The event raised £250 for the St Bees Lifeboat, in addition to the £600 already donated from previous Seaquests and Trailquests.

On Sunday several paddlers enjoyed a circuit of the very scenic Wastwater below the snow covered Sca Fell Pike

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Seaquest Results – 12th April

(Version 2)

					SCORE	Finish Time Pm	Penalties	FINAL SCORE	POSITION IN CATEGORY (and over-all)
Philip Davies	Julia Tucker	2	B Ky - double - mixed	Borrowdale Fell Runners	360	6.17	0	360	1 st (& 1 st over-all)
Alastair Hornsby	Mike Gregson	46	C Ky - double - male	West Cumbria CC & SCA	360	6.27	0	360	(1 st) (& 3 rd over-all)
Pete & Barbara	Nelson	16	B Ky - double - mixed		360	6.40	10	350	2 nd (& 5 th over-all)
Sean & Lojska	Jesson	11	E Ky - double - family	NWSK	360	6.45	35	325	(1 st) (& 7 th joint over-all)
John & Jean	Hollows	51	B Ky - double – mixed		240	6.08	0	240	
John	Willacy	1	A Kayak – solo – male	RAFCA	360	6.20	0	360	1 st (& 2 nd over-all)
Mac	Knowles	23	A Kayak – solo – male	Duddon CC	360	6.34	4	356	2 nd (& 4 th over-all)
Rob	Hitchmough	32	A Kayak – solo – male	Duddon CC	360	6.42	20	340	3 rd (& 6 th over-all)
Mike	Jesson	12	A Kayak – solo – male	NWSK	360	6.45	35	325	(4 th) (& 7 th joint over-all)
Rob	Jones	38	A Kayak – solo – male		290	6.19	0	290	
Pete	Hamilton	10	A Kayak – solo – male	Tri Lakeland	290	6.29	0	290	
Tim	Taylor	9	A Kayak – solo – male	Cumbria Canoeists	290	6.29	0	290	
Andy	Benyon	4	A Kayak – solo – male	Bury CKC & NWSK	280	6.15	0	280	
John	Bunyan	34	A Kayak – solo – male	NWSK & BCU	280	6.33	3	277	
Glen	Parry	14	A Kayak – solo – male	NWSK & Bolton CC	270	6.18	0	270	
Alan	Clowes	27	A Kayak - pair - male	Ribble CC	260	6.26	0	260	
Chris	Cripps	31	A Kayak – solo – male	Tri Lakeland & SCA	250	6.07	0	250	
Matt	Ball	19	A Kayak – solo - male	West Cumbria CC	250	6.20	0	250	
Peter	Knowles	36	A Kayak – solo – male	West Cumbria CC	250	6.25	0	250	
Mike	Alters	13	A Kayak – solo – male	Friends of Allonby CC	230	6.20	0	230	
Josh	Kroll	5	A Kayak – solo – male	Bury Canoe & Kayak C	220	5.57	0	220	
Leo	Kroll	6	A Kayak – solo – male	Bury Canoe & Kayak C	220	5.57	0	220	
Kevin	Jones	48	A Kayak – solo – male	NWSK	220	6.15	0	220	
Paul	Irving	35	A Kayak – solo – male	OAG Fleetwood	190	6.15	0	190	
Ian	Sayer	50	A Kayak – solo – male	Teeside	170	6.27	0	170	
Steven	Heald	30	A Kayak – solo - male	Castlegate Quay CC	140	5.50	0	140	
Janos	Kovacs	29	A Kayak – solo – male	Castlegate Quay CC	140	5.50	0	140	
Phil & Jacob	Fleming	51	A Kayak - pair - male		140	6.08	0	140	
Mike	Bell	21	A Kayak – solo – male	NWSK & FOACC	140	6.16	0	140	

Joe	Stalker	40	A Kayak – solo – male	Copeland CC	140	6.34	4	136	
Brian	Chambers	22	A Kayak - solo- male	Copeland CC	20	6.26	0	020	
Chris	Jones	7	A Kayak - solo - male	OAG Fleetwood	0	6.14	0	0	
Mac & Jen	Horne	47	F Kayak - pair - mixed	AOG Fleetwood	240	6.15	0	240	(1 st)
Greg & Joanne	McGusker	13	E Kayak - pair - mixed	Friends of Allonby CC	230	6.20	0	230	
Elizabeth & Phil	Newton	26	E Kayak - pair - mixed	West Cumbria CC	200	6.23	0	200	
Penny Excell	Andy Biggs	8	E Kayak - pair - mixed	NWSK	190	6.20	0	190	
Anita & Raf	Goldsworthy	15	E Kayak - pair - mixed	Tri Lakeland	120	5.43	0	120	
Alison & Tony	Riley	37	E Kayak - pair - mixed	Copeland CC	120	6.16	0	120	
Jane	Hornsby	49	F Kayak - solo - female	West Cumbria CC & SCA	260	6.29	0	260	1 st
Laura	Nightingale	17	F Kayak - solo - female	West Cumbria CC	170	6.17	0	170	2 nd joint
Angela	Ball	18	F Kayak - solo - female	West Cumbria CC	170	6.17	0	170	2 nd joint
Gillian	Collins	52	F Kayak - solo - female	West Cumbria CC	170	6.21	0	170	
Jenny	Hynes	3	F Kayak - solo - female	Bury CC	140	6.14	0	140	
Karen	Hetherington	41	F Kayak - solo - female	Copeland CC	140	6.34	4	136	
Dave	Williams	20	H Canoe – family of 3		170	6.20	0	170	1 st
Andy & Lucy	Brock	25	H Canoe – family of 2		150	6.08	0	150	
Nancy & Ben	Lawton	24	H Canoe – family of 2		130	6.08	0	130	
Walton	Family of 4	28	H Canoe – family of 4		100	6.08	0	100	
Mike Hayward	Tony Gray	33	J Canoe - male	Lakeland CC	270	6.15	0	270	(1 st)
Mark Ollis	Ben Allen	44	J Canoe - male	WCMC	270	6.27	0	270	
Shane Rogers	Vicky Stabler	45	I Canoe - mixed		240	6.22	0	240	(1 st)
Andy Bennion, Stephen Atkinson, Louise Buttery		42	T Kayak – team (4)	Copeland CC	200	6.25	0	200	1 st
Tom&Ceri Storer	Richard&RobStalker	39	S Ky – Junior team (4)	Copeland CC	140	6.28	0	140	(1 st)
Gavin & Alan	Bunyan		W Walkers		60		0	60	1 st

* positions in brackets – categories combined – no prize awarded.