

■ Boulogne regatta 19-20 April

Our annual trip to early season Boulogne regatta brings success

British women enjoy success

A small squad of 11 junior and senior British athletes travelled to Boulogne to take part in their annual early-season regatta and bagged a total of 9 gold's in 10 events entered. With the senior French women and junior paddlers absent (its their main selection event on Sunday 27 April in Paris) it was a bit of a 'win fest' for the GB group who also took 1st and 2nd places in the 200m Sprint Australian event held on the Saturday evening. Abi Coulson (Reading) and Angela Hannah (Nottingham) were the successful athletes in this instance.

Highlights of the weekend during which the weather was very changeable on finals day, included Amo King (Reading) who was comfortable in her junior K1 1000m win, while Abi Edmonds (Wey) took the top spot in the 500m K1 race in a time of 2.00.03, beating Amo into second place.

In the womens K1 events, Lucy Wainwright dominated the field, looking strong in winning both 500 and 1000m distances. The K2 racing saw Rachel Cawthorn & Hayleigh Mason put down a convincing race to the first podium position in a time of 1.46.7, while Abi Coulson & Louisa Sawers took the 1000m event in 3.50.9.

This event gave the womens squads the opportunity to get in more valuable race practice and deal with difficult conditions, before the final senior selection show-down at the National regatta on 3/4 May.

There was a sprinkling of other French Olympic athlete in the mens canoe and kayak classes along with the Dutch European Championship team and we hope that this regatta will be well supported next year,

Selected Results

JWK1 1000m	SWK1 1000m
1. A King	4.18.7
	1. L Wainwright
	4.11.74

JWK1 500m	SWK1 500m
1. A Edmonds	2.00.3
2. A King	2.02.3
	1. L Wainwright
	1.50.6
	2. R Cawthorn
	1.51.3
	4. H Mason
	1.54.9

SWK2 500m

1. R Cawthorn/ H Mason 1.46.7
2. L Sawers/ A Couson 1.49.2
3. S Braithwaite/ L Wainwright 1.49.9