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GB Canoeing and British Canoe Union

GB Canoeing is the World Class Performance division of the British Canoe Union (BCU). It currently supports 20 UK athletes in their training and competition with the aim to win medals in significant international competitions now and within the next 4 years, particularly at the 2012 Olympics in London.

In the 2004 Athens Olympics, Canoeing was one of Team GB's most successful sports with medals for Ian Wynne (Bronze), Helen Reeves (Bronze) and Campbell Walsh (Silver).

In the 2008 Beijing Olympics, GB Canoeing went one further and claimed their first ever Gold medal. Tim Brabants won a Gold and a Bronze medal in Flat Water Racing and David Florence won a Silver medal in Canoe Slalom. Tim's double win in one Olympic Games was a first for British Canoeing.

The BCU was set up in 1936 to send a team to the Berlin Olympics, and is the lead body for canoeing and kayaking in the UK. In 2000 the BCU federalised to become the umbrella organisation for the Home Nation Associations in Scotland (SCA), Wales (WCA) and Northern Ireland (CANI). In England, Canoe England was set up, on a par with the other National Associations, as a division of the BCU, to support the development of canoeing in England.

The BCU is responsible for leading and setting the overall framework for the National Associations; including representing canoeing interests through coaching, competition and campaigning for increased access to Britain's waterways for paddlers. Today the BCU has a membership of over 60,000, including over 450 affiliated clubs and 145 approved centres.

According to the RYA Watersports survey there are an estimated 1.5 million people who take to the water in a canoe each year. The vast majority do so under a watchful eye of one of the 11,000 BCU Qualified coaches or as part of an affiliated organisation.

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