

PADDLE-ABILITY

The BCU are keen to encourage and support anyone with a disability to participate in competitions. Below are some of the opportunities available in sprint racing.

Sprint Regattas – Paddle-Ability events are held at National Regattas in Nottingham from April to September. Racing is based on ability (in time bands) and boats, equipment and coaching can be provided.

The International Canoe Federation (ICF) have recently adopted the term Paracanoeing for international canoeing competitions for Disabled paddlers. Paracanoe Sprint races are currently included in European and World Sprint Championships with races for kayak and va'a (outrigger canoes).

GB Paracanoeing Team. Selection to represent GB at International Para-canoeing events will be based on the ICF disability classifications* and classes. Athletes, who wish to be considered for selection must meet the GB Canoeing eligibility selection criteria, be willing to be assessed and able to use the boats which meet the ICF regulations. Selection will be based on results from the 2010 national regatta series and will take into consideration any health issues.

Further details of the selection procedures for 2010 will be available at the April regatta and from the BCU website.

*ICF classifications are Leg Trunk Arms (LTA), Trunk Arms (TA) and Arms (A).