

Paddle UK Marathon Racing Committee

Selection Note for the World Championships and French Nationals 2025

Following the conclusion of the National Championships at Norwich Canoe Club, the Selection Committee met to select the World Championships and French Nationals teams. The Selection Committee would like to thank Norwich Canoe Club for hosting the final assessment at their well organised National Championship event.

Selections for the French Nationals were completed first. This was done by selecting the top 4 performing available U16 K1s and top 2 U14 K1s in both boys and girls to create a balanced team. K2s were created from the travelling K1s to maximise the racing opportunity at the event. This year saw one of the largest and strongest fields of athletes to select from. We would like to congratulate all the junior athletes for some tight racing.

The World Championships team of up to 20 was then selected. This included paracanoe which is a championship event for this year's worlds. Firstly the 7 preselected athletes were confirmed onto the team. Then the top 2 canoes were benchmarked and confirmed onto the team. As there were 4 paracanoe athletes also preselected, there were no further paracanoe selections at this stage. The third phase of selection was to confirm the kayaks onto the team who had won their classes (where there were no preselected athletes) and made performance standard. Only 2 athletes were confirmed onto the team at this stage. It was disappointing that so few kayaks made the performance standard. The Selection Committee would like to remind athletes that winning the race is not enough in isolation and that selection to championship events requires athletes to also demonstrate they can compete at the required performance standard.

The final stage was to select for the release places, of which there were 9. As per the policy, release places are secured by benchmarking across all classes, using all data from the 2025 assessments. The Selection Committee received and accepted one exceptional circumstance from an athlete representing the Canoe Sprint Junior World Championship Team. As per section 21.1.4 of the policy, they were considered for a release place which was secured. Paracanoe and Canoe athletes were also awarded a release place. The final 6 places were filled by kayak athletes using results from the 2025 season to select the best team whilst also considering the team balance across the kayak classes.

We would like to congratulate the athletes on their selections to their respective teams.

TEAM FOR 2025 FRENCH NATIONALS

Class	Singles	Doubles	Non-Travelling Reserve
U16 Women Kayak	Imogen Field (ELM) Kyla Holt (RIC) Johanna Milbradt (CAM) Jocelyn Allan (WEY)	Imogen Field (ELM) / Kyla Holt (RIC) Johanna Milbradt (CAM) / Jocelyn Allan (WEY)	Sienna Green (WOL) Emma Sumner (ELM)
U14 Women Kayak	Ruth Shephard (RDG) Ariana Manley (WEY)	Ruth Shephard (RDG) / Ariana Manley (WEY)	Emma Saunders (WEY)
U16 Men Kayak	Marcell Nagy (RDG) Henry Pitt (ROY) Ben Eskriett (GAI) Owen Attwood (WEY)	Marcell Nagy (RDG) / Henry Pitt (ROY) Ben Eskriett (GAI) / Owen Attwood (WEY)	Finn Taylor (ELM) Oliver Pearce (RIC)
U14 Men Kayak	Finn Meredith (ELM) Edward Stroud (WEY)	Finn Meredith (ELM) / Edward Stroud (WEY)	Fergus Barnett (RDG)

TEAM FOR 2025 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Class	Singles LC	Singles SC	Doubles
SMK	James Russell (CLM) Matt Johnson (NOT)	James Russell (CLM) Charlie Smith (NOT)	James Russell (CLM) / Charlie Smith (NOT)
U23MK	Joe Enoch (NOT)		
SWK			Jessie Urquhart (NOT) / Brynde Kreft (FOX)
U23WK	Katie Brookes (RIC)		
JMK	William Short (ELM) Will Roeser (WEY)	William Short (ELM) Will Roeser (WEY)	Will Short (ELM) / Alex Worgan (RIC)
JWK	Dianora De Billo (ROY) Kamila Sklenarova (NOR)	Dianora De Billo (ROY) Kamila Sklenarova (NOR)	
SMC1		Owen Chisholm (RIC)	
U23MC1	Owen Chisholm (RIC)		
SWC1	Beth Gill (NOT)	Beth Gill (NOT)	
JWC1	Isabella Keane (RIC)	N/A	
Class	Men		Women
KL2	Jon White (EXE)		
KL3	Tim Lodge (WEY)		Charlotte Creamer (LBZ)
VL2	Shaun Cooke (NOR)		Jeanette Chippington (BPC)

REQUESTS FOR REVIEW

As per the 2025 Selection Policy (published [here](#)), any requests to review the selections must be made in writing to the Chair of the Selection Committee, Nanette North at Marathon Selectors marathon.selectors@vol.paddleuk.org.uk within 48 hours of the publication of this document, i.e. by 6pm on Thursday 31st July 2025.

Kat Wilson, on behalf of the Marathon Selection Committee

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