

# Canoe England Volunteer & Recognition Awards 2011

Canoe England celebrated its fifth annual awards on November 19th 2011 as part of the BCU's 75th Anniversary Celebrations. Held at the Belfry Hotel, Nottingham, the dinner provided the opportunity to recognise just some of the many thousands of volunteers across the country who have made it possible for our sport to have grown as big and successful as it has done since 1936. Following the introduction of the regional awards for the first time this year, winners from each region were nominated in the national awards, with up to three in each category being invited to attend the dinner for the announcement of the national winners. Awards winners were entered into a prize draw on the night for the chance to win tickets to London 2012 and a number of faces from the past and present announced the winners and presented their awards.



**Young Volunteer** sponsored by the Canoe Foundation - presented by David Belbin & Claire O'Hara  
James Duckmanton, Slough Sea Cadets

At 17 years old, James has volunteered with the cadets since 2004. James was successful in bidding for a grant of £13,806.45 from Youth Capital Fund and inspires other cadets to gain participation and coaching awards.

*Runners Up: Carl Sunderland (Trentham Canoe Club) & Jason Bailey (Reigate Sea Cadets)*



## Paddlepower Award

Ian Whitehead, Clacton Canoe Club - presented by Ginny Coyles and Kathryn Grieves

As a level 3 coach and chairman of the club, Ian developed a junior club in Clacton after recognising the lack of opportunities available. The club is flourishing and Ian introduced the Paddlepower scheme to bring young people into the sport.

*Runners Up: Nic Perryman (Shepperton Canoe Club) & Alison Longhurst (Cheltenham Canoe Club)*



## Event Volunteer

Janet Gillespie, Adventure Dolphin - presented by Jon Schofield and Liam Heath

Janet is the Paddlesport Coordinator for the Southern Region and organiser of the region's paddlesport series, which attracts 70 young people. Janet volunteers at local regattas and is coach to the club's paddlers.

*Runners Up: Maureen Bruce (Herts Young Mariners Base) & Rob Smith (St Austell Canoe Club)*



## Waterways and Environment Volunteer

Chris Cleaver, Macclesfield Canoe Club - presented by David Lawrence

Chris, who is regional Waterways and Environment Advisor for the North West region, has been a strong advocate for the access campaign in his area. He has also organised the Mersey Tour over the last few years, and has worked tirelessly to develop canoe trails in his region.

*Runners Up: Vic Brown (North East) & Ken Harrap (Yorkshire)*

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## Impact on Disability Canoeing

*sponsored by the Canoe Foundation - presented by Patrick Mahoney*

Pangiota Angelopoulou, Surrey Canoe Club

Pangiota is the driving force behind the development of Surrey Canoe Club. She works with organisations to offer opportunities and has secured funding to run free pool sessions for disabled people.



## International Impact on Disability Canoeing

*sponsored by the Canoe Foundation - presented by Nicki Brockhurst*

John Court, Trentham Canoe Club

John has been involved in the Paddle-Ability programme since its beginning. He is key in the development of disability Va'a competition and in our bid for canoeing to become a Paralympic sport from 2016.



## Community Volunteer Award

*in memory of Ruth Holdway - presented by Robert Holdway*

James Roden, Stafford & Stone Canoe Club/Trentham Canoe Club

James is treasurer, committee member, event organiser and a general volunteer. He also enlisted the support of friends to organise events at Ironbridge to enthuse more people into the sport.

*Runners Up: Jackie Ward (New Forest Kayak & Canoe Club) & Ann Slator (Devises Canoe Club)*



## Male Coach of the Year - presented by Eric Farrell & Richard Ward

Ian Dallaway, Birmingham Canoe Club

As a level 4 coach, Ian is the West Midlands Regional Coaching Organiser. Ian is supportive of other coaches in the region and ensures opportunities are available to develop their coaching skills. Ian has been a volunteer for over 20 years.

*Runners Up: David Barton (Cambridge Canoe Club) & Tony O'Connell (Bradford & Bingley Canoe Club)*



## Female Coach of the Year - presented by Eric Farrell & Richard Ward

Beth Ettinger, Laburnum Boat Club

Beth runs a youth programme, giving young and disadvantaged people the opportunity to gain personal and professional paddlesports qualifications to assist them in seeking employment. She is a BCU UKCC temporary director and is chair of the London Regional Development Team.

*Runners Up: Triona Macley (Gravesend Sea Cadets) & Alison Holland (Clevedon Canoe Club/Nomads Coaching)*

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**Education Award** - presented by Campbell Walsh  
Edmund Edwards, Stoke Row Primary School in Oxon

Edmund teaches at a primary school in Oxon and is a level 3 coach. He developed an after-school club to encourage more young people to go canoeing and has successfully made the link between school and centre for numerous years.

*Runners Up: Rob Wright & Martin Taylor (McAuley Canoe Club, South Yorkshire)*



**Performance Coach** - presented by John Anderson  
Daniel Ellis, Westminster Boating Base

Daniel is a UKCC Level 1 coach at the club. At the age of 19, Daniel coaches a range of sessions for different levels. He has been instrumental in the improved performance of the clubs paddlers in national events and the London Youth Games.

*Runners Up: Eric Jamieson (Wey Kayak Club) & Vicky Metcalfe (Pangbourne Canoe Club/Adventure Dolphin)*



**Outstanding Contribution for Club Development** - presented by Tim Brabants  
Jackie Ward, New Forest Kayak and Canoe Club

Jackie formed New Forest Kayak and Canoe Club in 1997 and has thrown herself into numerous roles to develop and ensure the club membership flourishes.

*This award is new for 2011 in recognition of volunteers who have made an exceptional contribution to the development of their club.*



**Outstanding Contribution for Club Development** - presented by Tim Brabants  
Ann Slator, Devises Canoe Club

Ann was instrumental in setting up Devises Canoe Club in 2009. In just three years, the club has 80 members and Ann has taken on numerous roles to ensure the success of the club.

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**Outstanding Contribution for Club Development** - presented by Tim Brabants  
Christine Norris, Tandridge Canoe Club

Christine founded Tandridge Canoe Club after identifying the need for a place for young people to paddle safely. Under the leadership of Christine, they were the first club to achieve Top Club.

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**Outstanding Contribution** - presented by Tim Brabants  
Chris Masters, Reading Canoe Club

For many years, Chris coached the GB Under 16 slalom squad. He also served as Southern Region slalom representative and is well known for his interest in constructing slalom courses at the most difficult of venues.



**Outstanding Contribution** - presented by Tim Brabants  
Tom Armitstead, Devises to Westminster Canoe Race

Volunteering for over 30 years, Tom is the longest serving member of the Devises to Westminster Canoe Race as a committee member and organiser. Over the years, he has taken on every position on the committee.



**Outstanding Contribution** - presented by Tim Brabants  
Peter Bedingfield, Tandridge & Shepperton Canoe Club

Peter is south east slalom representative and coach at his club. He set up the London and South East region Grand Prix to help encourage juniors to participate in and try slalom.



**Outstanding Contribution** - presented by Tim Brabants  
Brian Greenaway, Fowey River Canoe Club

Brian was coach to the GB marathon team for numerous years. He now coaches young people at his club and guides them to success in national sprint and marathon events.



**Outstanding Contribution** - presented by Tim Brabants  
Jack Henderson, Tynemouth Canoe & Waveski Club

Jack is chairman and coach at his club. Over 25 years, Jack has encouraged many young people into the sport. Despite recent health problems, Jack is one of the most active members of the club being on the club polo team and is a great role model.

**Outstanding Contribution** - presented by Tim Brabants  
Mike Moffitt, Friends of Allonby Canoe Club

As a Level 5 polo coach, Mike is a stalwart of canoe polo in the UK. He coaches five days a week at the club and has inspired many polo paddlers for over 20 years.

**Pictured from top to bottom:** Chris Masters, Tom Armitstead, Peter Bedingfield, Brian Greenaway, Jack Henderson.

# Canoe England Club of the Year Awards 2011



## Winners - Halifax Canoe Club:

Halifax Canoe Club provides a wide range of disciplines for all abilities. They are members of the Calder Futures partnership, which brings together local groups to improve the local environment.

They actively care for the local environment and hold three river clean ups a year and offer any unwanted equipment to other canoe clubs.

In recent years, the club have run women-only taster sessions for International Women's Day and sessions for over 50's.

Halifax Canoe Club were presented with a cheque for £500 by Ed McKeever who is 2010 World and European K1 200m Champion and 2011 World Silver and European Bronze Medallist.

## Below:

Joint Runners Up Duddon Canoe Club and Adventure Dolphin both received £250 each presented by Ed McKeever.

