

Slalom Annual Consultative Meeting.

Divisional Development Report.

The focus this year has been on Division 2; what was it, what is it, what do we want it to be? We have looked at all the division 2 venues in use back to the mid 1980s and identified sites and clubs that are no longer involved in slalom and also those that have come onto the calendar, or reappeared on the calendar after several years.

The next step is to talk to paddlers to find out what they want; there are 3 main types of paddler in the division that we have identified. There are those paddlers that are passing through the division on their way up the rankings with an aim to eventually achieve promotion to premier, those paddlers who have achieved promotion into division 2 and are happy remaining there, and there are those who may choose to take the division 2 open/officials entry route into slalom to apply for ranking status. The views from each will be sought out by a survey early in 2018.

During 2018 we will look at the survey responses, and also the courses in use now and in the past, and start formulating a plan to try and make the division, and hopefully the discipline as a whole, more attractive to all three of the identified types of paddler.

If anyone has any views about division 2 already and would like to put them forward, please email steve.linksted@britishcanoeing.org.uk