



## SCOTTISH CANOE SLALOM 2023



### Races

Slalom Racing in Scotland covered all Divisions P-Div4. There were 12 race weekends with a great selection of races across the country in 6 venues.

We are delighted about reinstating a race at Fairnilee in 2024 and will continue to look for other venues.

There is the same issue as the rest of the country in terms of numbers of participants.

### Kayak Cross

Pinkston Watersports have some kayak cross boats and so we are looking to introduce some sessions open to anyone over the winter and potentially holding a race at Pinkston. Unlikely to be able to have 4 boats in one race. Looking for support from GB Canoeing re Gates.

### Selection and internationals

Once again Scots performed well in selection at J18, U23 and Senior selection. This was followed up by medal performances in several international races including World Championship Gold for Sam leaver in U23 Kayak Cross.

### UK Rankings

3/5 National champions are Scottish and numerous other age group champions.

### Volunteers and Collaboration

The clubs in Scotland are a fantastically close knit and supportive group and in particular really good at supporting other clubs in race support. Autumn selection at Lee Valley was also very well supported by Scottish volunteers. Big thank you to all volunteers

### Summer 2023

The cross club collaboration is evident in the Summer France trip this year with over 60 paddlers and 15 coaches at St Pierre de Boeuff. A fantastic trip for paddlers from Prem to Div 4.

### Grandtully

As has been well publicised Grandtully Races in August had to be cancelled due to cancellation of the lease. We are working with SCA staff to re-instate the lease and are optimistic that this will be completed ahead of the 2024 race season.

A big thank you to the Pinkston Watersports team who went above and beyond with very short notice to enable the Division 1 race to be relocated to Pinkston.

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