

Report on Scottish Canoe Slalom for the 2018 BC Slalom ACM

A full calendar of slaloms, from Premier to Division 4, has run in Scotland this year and many thanks to all the clubs and individuals who have put immense effort into running these events. A non-slalom club, Leithen Water Paddlers, repeated their successful race at Fairnilee and have applied to run another in 2019. Two new sites are in the process of being developed, Bridge of Earn in Perthshire and Persley in Aberdeen.

There has been lots of good racing from Scottish paddlers, at home and internationally, in the last twelve months. Nearly 40 Scottish club paddlers participated in the summer training camps in Europe, coached by volunteer coaches. The performance trip involving the Performance squad visited 4 venues and competed at 2 competitions.

In addition to the 7 Scottish athletes in the GB squad there are 9 athletes in the Scottish Performance Squad for 2017-2018.

New headsets, timys and a newly built interface to work with Jim McPherson's computer timing programme were successfully used at the Scottish Championships on October 20th. The Tay at Grandtully was at a perfect level for the Championships having been in spate the week before and over 70 boats competed from Premier to Division 3, and some with no ranking.

The SCA slalom ACM was held after the Scottish Championships and was well attended. The SCA slalom committee for next year are Tony Leaver, Bill Gerrie, Gary Gibson, Calum McDiarmid, Maddy Jennings and Will Fotheringham.

Veronica Milne has taken over as Scottish Pan Celtic team manager for 2019.

In closing, I'd like to thank all volunteers working in Scottish slalom at club and national level, at grass roots and performance. Many thanks to you all.