**Copeland Canoe Club – Nov 2023**

We achieved the British Canoeing Quality club accreditation earlier in the year and have been re-accredited in Oct.

We continue to work closely with The Outdoor Partnership (TOP) to support events such as females into paddlesport, SUP’s, club coaching and development. Four females within the club have achieved the Paddlesport instructor award.

We ran the 17th annual Sea Quest event in Sept over the three estuaries at Ravenglass with over 64 competitors taking part. The event raised £400 with the proceeds going to the Cystic Fibrosis charity.

Our pool sessions have recently restarted over the winter months and are proving popular across a wide variety of ages, with a high number of females participating. We have successfully introduced an on-line booking and payment system - SPOND.

We have seen a steady rate in members over the last 12 months to around 100 members.

The club continues to run a busy summer and winter programme of trips to cater for all levels of kayaking across rivers, lakes and sea paddling with on average 25 paddlers participating per trip.

Slalom has been popular within the club with five members from Junior level upwards participating in a number of events, with three in Div 1, one in div 2 and one in div 3.

Several coaches / members have led and attended the Cumbria Canoeist sea kayaking events over the last year. We have a number of new and active coaches which is helping to spread the load across the volunteer network.

The role of “ShePaddles coordinator” over the last 12 months continues to be an active and enthusiastic group to encourage more females to participate in the sport. This has achieved a significant increase in the numbers of females participating across a wide age group.

Looking forward over the next 12 months, areas of focus remain on:-

* Coach and members development / retain / recruit as a priority
* Continue to provide structured training / event plan for the sessions to align club activities to members needs development and wide varied activities.
* Continue to close out our club development action plan.
* Continue to have fun in a safe environment!!

The success of our club and thanks is down to the support we get through the committee members, coaches, volunteers and parents who have and continue to support the club which is recognised and very much appreciated.

Mark

Club Chairman