

24th Liverpool International Canoe Polo Tournament

Dukes Dock 2013

June 8th and 9th saw the Mersey River Festival return to the Waterfront. The 24th Liverpool Canoe Polo Tournament was invited to join in the Waterfront celebrations and to showcase the sport.

Having returned to the Dukes Dock the previous year the setting up of the pitches was coordinated with rapid precision over the last few days before the event began.

The campsite had been extended following an increased interest in camping- nothing to do with the club house on site of course!! Paddlers started arriving on Friday night welcomed by club members. The campers had the option this year of packing up on the Sunday afternoon rather than the usual dash- waking, packing and playing by 8.30 on the Sunday morning. We thank the staff at St Francis Xavier School for welcoming the club and our guests once again.

With the Game Plans set the Captains reported on the Saturday morning and the Dock water became animated. From Novices (paddling for only a few weeks) to Class 1 National Champions the game fascinated many, many visitors to the dock complex. An estimated 100,000 visitors came to the Waterfront event.

The Pitch co coordinators kept the game sessions running smoothly. Thanks to Paul and Mark who found some pronunciations difficult at times but fed the pitch results back to Ian. Ian kept the players up to date throughout the weekend with results and placings.-
Well done Ian

Thanks to the FOA members who kept the Junior team on time and encouraged them on the water, those who acted as safety cover and timekeeping for that pitch most of the weekend I think! Thanks to Keith, Jane, Rebecca and Claire.

The 'Paddlers Rest' was visited by many for sustenance either hot, cold, sweet or plasters! We thank all of those who supported us in the circumstances.

The event was supplemented by the spectacular setting under the Liverpool Wheel, Street entertainment and Carnival parade, Mersey River Speed boat racing , A fly past by the Russian acrobat planes, helicopters, Wakeboarding championships and I' m not sure many of us saw the Tall ships arrive on the Mersey.

The weather did play a huge part in a very successful weekend. The paddlers should be proud of their competitive but sporting behaviour which was commented on by many onlookers. The Onlookers having watched pushing, skinning, shouting and vigorous play to you all then shaking hands at the end of every game – a comment by all generations.

For some of us it's taking a few days to recover. We hope Eric from Kamikazee is recovering well and commented on an excellent NHS service, something we all take for granted. For most us this weekend was a very memorable start to the Canoe Polo International Season in Great Britain.

We hope you all enjoyed your visit to Liverpool,

See you next year

Good Luck to you all

Friends of Allonby Canoe Club



24th International Canoe Polo Tournament Awards Gallery

Youth Trophy awarded to **Friends of Allonby Canoe Club Liverpool**



Ladies Trophy awarded to **London University Ladies**

Sorry no photo. They'd started for home.

Class 4

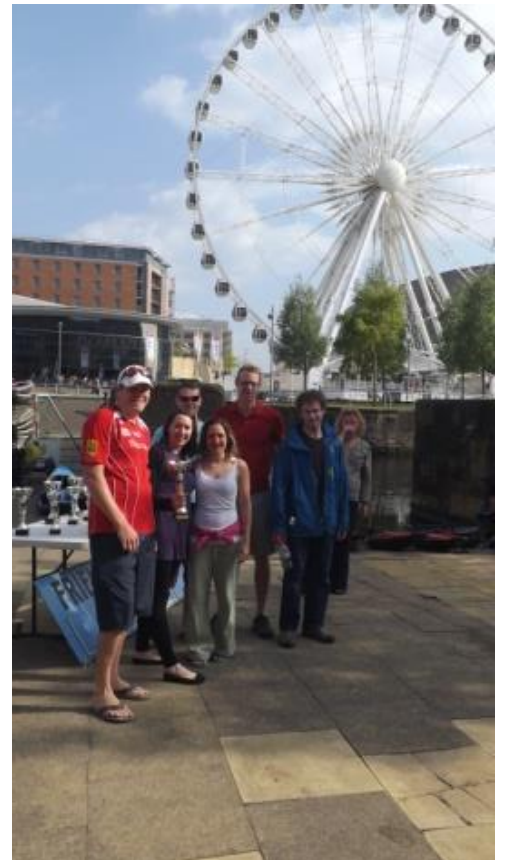
Winners Manchester Wildcatz C



Runners up Dragon Ladies



3rd Place Meridian Z



Class 3

Winners Trentham CC



Runners up Manchester Wildcatz B



3rd Place Red Rose



Class 2

Winners

Friends of Allonby



Runners up Team 225



3rd Place GB Ladies B



Class 1

Runners up

Viking

Winners

Dragon

3rd Place

Friends of Allonby



Well Done and Thank You to
Everyone who took part in the
weekend, playing and supporting.

